



**Empowering  
and uplifting  
young people  
in our  
community!**

## Uplifting News – July 2024

Instead of focusing on all the problems of the world, be encouraged by the positive impact being made in the lives of our youth.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph 4:29, NIV)

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### Kingdom Center is meeting the needs of the youth where they are...

#### Prom 2024

We had several youth take advantage of our **Kingdom Closet** to dress their best for the formal dance. We were blessed to host a 360° Photo Booth free of charge, provided by R&N Ent!



#### Graduations

So grateful to be a part of the celebration as so many of our youth graduate from high school and the Youth Challenge Program.



#### Summer School Assistance

Our Education Center was available along with lunch and volunteers to assist with any technical issues as Beauregard Parish went online-only this year.

#### **KINGDOM CENTER SUMMER SCHOOL ASSISTANCE**

Mon - Fri, 1-5pm June 3-27

We have air-conditioning, internet, and devices for 8-12 students to use!

Devices will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students can bring their own device or come work on something else until a device becomes available.

- Students must be registered by a parent at Kingdom Center before services can be provided.
- Students must arrive between 12:30-1:00pm, otherwise the facility doors will be locked until our regular opening hours at 3:00 pm.



### **SAVE THE DATE: November 2, 2024 PEDAL TO EMPOWER TEENS!**

You can participate by riding your bike, sponsoring a youth rider, or volunteering with us as we provide a family-friendly event, bicycle safety workshop, and fund-raise for our ongoing programs. Let us know how you'd like to be involved!

Kingdom Center is open 5 days a week and relies on volunteers to help us make a difference in the lives of our youth in DeRidder, Leesville, and surrounding communities.

**Please consider how you can support our efforts with your valuable time or financial resources.**

#### Office Hours (flex):

Mon, Tu, Thu: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Saturday: Office closed

#### Youth Services:

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
3:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
1:00 pm – 10:00 pm

#### Website: [www.kingdomcenterla.info](http://www.kingdomcenterla.info)

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**Phone:** (337) 221-1383

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# Kingdom Center is preparing youth with life skills for the future...



Life skills are gained in a variety of ways. This time of year, using tools for lawn care and building a new raised bed garden with a self-watering system will help youth with their home life or employment! Special thanks to John Hendrix from God's Temple of Refuge -- a regular volunteer and Master Gardener -- providing instruction!

Bible Study with Turning Point provides a spiritual foundation!



Kingdom Center Leesville continues to grow and reach youth where they are with the addition of our Kingdom Cuts program at this location. Special thanks to Lauren the Barber for donating her services to the program!

## Youth Activities & Events:

- Pre-Prom 360° Photo Booth (4/13)
- High School Graduation (dates vary)
- YCP Graduation (6/8)
- Covered Arena Food Tent Fundraiser (6/8)
- Christ Church Concert (6/15)
- Fishing Trip (6/22)
- Watermelon Festival Food Booth (6/27-29)
- Drug Awareness Presentation (4/2, 5/7, 6/4)

## Community Outreach Event: 8/10/24



## Impact statistics:

(2nd Quarter)

|       | <u>DeRidder</u>          |                   | <u>Leesville</u>         |                   |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|       | <u># of youth served</u> | <u># of hours</u> | <u># of youth served</u> | <u># of hours</u> |
| April | 205                      | 391               | 25                       | 152               |
| May   | 147                      | 429               | 18                       | 92                |
| June  | 106                      | 405               | 20                       | 70                |

## Kingdom Center Sponsors and Contributors

recognizing some of our new and regular supporters...

We want to thank all our sponsors and donors for their generous support of our mission!

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