

HOPE

must be real and followed by FAITH! Even the smallest light illuminates the darkness. When we visit the darkness and provide that message of HOPE with just a spark of light, futures change. Destinies are altered. Generational curses are broken. The DREAMS of the next generation are FREED to become what the Lord has intended for them to become. **Isaiah 9:2 says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelled in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone".** That is the message we have been called to share – in prisons, in gymnasiums, in camps, and in our daily lives.

2024 has been a rollercoaster ride – from the highs of seeing lives eternally changed through a personal relationship with Christ, great wins on the basketball court, and a profitable year of Airbnb rentals, to the lows of taking a direct hit from Hurricane Helene. Through every single event there has not been a time where we have not fully leaned upon the promise that we belong to a loving God that cares intimately for our every need. We have that HOPE, that light in spite of darkness that might surround us.

A quick synopsis of the year:



Our Airbnb rentals continue to bring a steady flow of income that helps with our operational costs. Yes, Hurricane Helene put a damper on that, but within three weeks we had Lakepoint on the Saluda back up and running. Our guests have had the opportunity to experience lake life with stunning views and remarkable sunrises over the water. A quick shout out to our pickle ball friends from South Cove County Park (Seneca, SC) for their incredible help in getting



TEN loads of debris hauled off the property after Helene. We could have never accomplished in years what they did in 3 hours. Beyond grateful!



Our Crusader Club teams had a great season – we had two MS girls teams, one MS boys team, and one Junior Crusader boys team. They played in 6-7 tournaments over the course of their season, highlighted by three of our teams placing in the top 3 in The Great Smokies



Shootout. These athletes are not just basketball players, they are leaders in their schools and churches.





Dribble for Destiny hosted 4 spring basketball tournaments that included teams from SC, NC, GA, and TN. We could not do this without an amazing team of coaches that run and oversee our Crusader teams as well as our staff that run gyms across the city of Greenville and Easley. These are long week-ends and we know we have the best of the best working with us! We are full of gratitude for their professional commitment!



Our summer camps were incredible! Not only did we have some amazing campers, we had several of our former athletes back in the gym with us as CITs. It is always fun to see them pour into younger lives. We also had them share their testimonies which gave them training ground for other opportunities.



We had the privilege to share not only in Upward programs, but also Awana programs this year as they celebrated both the beginning and ending of their seasons/programs. These are always a joy to be a part of – so much fun in a festive atmosphere. We have met some awesome people through these organizations.



Last, but certainly not least, our calendar was jam packed with 15 prison ministry events which included a program behind the prison walls and then a second program in a nearby local church. We see the light often in all of our work, but in a prison it is more vivid. Prisons, by nature, are dark places. To see incarcerated men and women reunited with their children for a day is an experience unlike any other. We enter with a message to share about a loving God who longs to have a relationship with each of us. That message is so often received and lives are forever changed. We urge the prisoners to become Dream Guardians of their children's dreams, to make sure their hopes and dreams are realized. Even behind bars that



can be accomplished. Part of prison event is spent with the caregivers (those spouses, grandparents, aunts, and uncles) who are responsible for the children while a parent is incarcerated. The stories we have heard from these heroes are blessings. They are overcomers and have had to walk through difficult and dark days. It is impossible to come away from one of these events without feeling more blessed than when we came in.

Thank you for praying for Dribble for Destiny and giving sacrificially so that we can carry out the mission and message that we have been called to share. We do not take one thing for granted. It is a privilege to share and we will continue to bring HOPE and LIGHT!

WAYS YOU CAN BECOME A PART OF OUR MISSION:

PRAY FOR US!

**GIVE OF YOUR TIME AND RESOURCES.
JOIN IN OUR WORK – VOLUNTEER IN ANY
CAPACITY.**

SPONSOR AN ATHLETE, TEAM, OR PROGRAM.

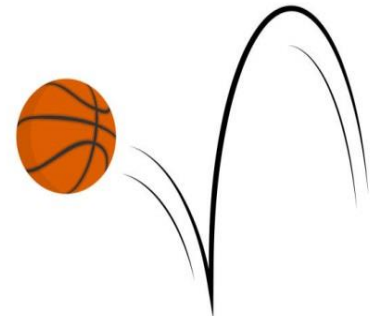
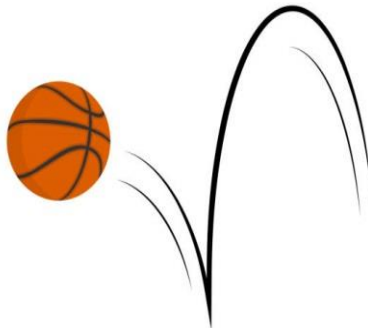
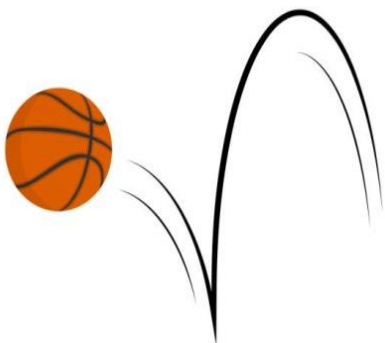


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2025 CALENDAR

JANUARY 7, 9, 14, 16	IN THE ZONE TRAINING
JANUARY 20-24	WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 28, 30	IN THE ZONE TRAINING
FEBRUARY 4, 6, 11, 13	IN THE ZONE TRAINING
FEBRUARY 18, 20	CRUSADER CLUB TRYOUTS (JR. CRUSADERS, MS/JV BOYS) (MS GIRLS – GRADES 5-8)
FEBRUARY 27	CRUSADER CLUB TRYOUTS (CRUSADER JV GIRLS)
MARCH 1 OR 8	TOURNAMENT TO BE DETERMINED
MARCH 15-16	JOURNEY TO THE TOURNEY
MARCH 29-30	CAROLINA CRUSADER CLASSIC
MARCH 5-9	WOMEN'S NCAA SEC TOURNAMENT – GREENVILLE, SC
APRIL 3-6	WOMEN'S NCAA FINAL FOUR – TAMPA, FL
APRIL 26-27	SPRING FLING FOR THE BLING
MAY 23-25	GREAT SMOKIES SHOOTOUT – HICKORY, NC
MAY 31-JUNE 1	SUMMER SLAM



2025 D4D PRISON CALENDAR

[ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN WITH BACKGROUND CHECKS]

FEBRUARY 8-9	WAKULLA CORRECTIONAL – CRAWFORDVILLE, FL
FEBRUARY 22-23	FRENCH ROBERTSON – ABILENE, TX
MARCH 1-2	TROUSDALE CORRECTIONAL – HARTSVILLE, TN
MARCH 7-8	WHITWORTH WOMEN’S FACILITY – HARTWELL, GA
MARCH 21-22	NASH CORRECTIONAL – NASHVILLE, NC
MAY 2-3	ALEXANDER CORRECTIONAL – TAYLORSVILLE, NC
MAY 16-17	NORTHEAST CORRECTIONAL – MOUNTAIN CITY, TN
JUNE 13-14	WILKES CORRECTIONAL – WILKESBORO, NC
JULY 18-19	CRAGGY CORRECTIONAL – ASHEVILLE, NC
JULY 25-26	TORRES UNIT – HONDO, TX
AUGUST 1-2	NCCIW – RALEIGH, NC
AUGUST 15-16	JEFFERSON CORRECTIONAL – MONTICELLO, FL
AUGUST 22-23	METRO RE-ENTRY – ATLANTA, GA
SEPTEMBER 20-21	FORGIVEN MINISTRY 25TH ANNIVERSARY – TAYLORSVILLE, NC
SEPTEMBER 26-27	WHITEVILLE CORRECTIONAL – WHITEVILLE, TN
OCTOBER 10-11	CHILLICOTHE CORRECTIONAL – CHILLICOTHE, OH
OCTOBER 17-18	WAKE CORRECTIONAL @ CROSS – RALEIGH, NC
NOVEMBER 7-8	MCCONNELL UNIT – BEEVILLE, TX
DECEMBER 5-6	CATAWBA CORRECTIONAL – CATAWBA, NC
FOOTHILLS CORRECTIONAL AND ORANGE CORRECTIONAL - TBD	