

Good Sam Academy

Free the Family and Staff Spiritual Growth



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Good Sam Academy is the umbrella Education and Spiritual growth ministry arm of Good Samaritan Ministries. Part of the culture of The Good Samaritan is the focus on giving our neighbors the best opportunity to be successful in this life with our helping hands in combating poverty through Education, Mentoring, and Social Services.

By partnering with our community business and church leaders, we aim to offer access to foundational needs in education for the parent and the mentoring and edification for the entire family through relationships with the local churches. Some of our partners include Regions Bank (Financial Education), Krystall Flowe (Recognizing Trauma and Suicide Prevention), Stop Light Program w/ Dr. Deborah Defrieze, Healthy and children and family courses with Appalachian Promise Alliance and Ballard Health, College Prep tutoring Dr. Lillian Owens, and more.

VISION and MISSION Statements:

VISION STATEMENT: Combat Poverty. Change Lives.

MISSION STATEMENT: to provide for those in need through education, mentoring, and social services.





Free the Family

Free the family takes a select group of motivated families that are right on the cusp of moving to the next level. Often what is found to be holding families in poverty is lack of access due to lack of education. At Good Sam Academy, we work with local businesses to help provide some of the base education many are missing. Financial planning, budgeting, healthy habits, parenting help, mental and emotional intelligence counseling, etc. The program works to help free 300 families from the bonds of poverty with the education program by 2030. Beta Launch Day celebration will be Feb 24th 2024!



Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth is a foundational need for every Christian. At Good Sam Academy this is vitally important for the leadership and staff. Growing deeper in our relationship with Christ is what allows us to truly and fully be used by GOD to do his work in the community. Spiritual mentoring, prayer, and devotion are all the pillars of our ministry. (Col. 2:6-7)

Mentoring

Good Sam Academy partners with church and ministry leaders in the community to come alongside the neighbors in the program to edify, intercede for in prayer, and help guide toward successful application of new skills and spiritual growth.



Leadership Training

Leaders of Good Sam Academy and the entire mission will undergo continual spiritual growth training and leadership training via Professional Development courses led by Dr. Lillian Owens, regular devotion time every morning, and monthly Bible Study lead by local ministers.

Kingdom Agenda

The Kingdom Agenda is the focus of the believer to usher in the will of God by maintaining a position of humility in our work in the community. It is all for the glory of God and the edification of his people! We provide a hub for all churches to carry out their mission and vision for serving the community. Good Sam Academy furthers this by being a medium for intentional discipleship and education. (Eph 4:11-13).



Good Sam Academy Partner Structure (Growing List)

| Healthy Finances. | Trauma Informed Practices | Healthy Relationships. | Healthy Habits/Bodies/Children | College Prep Advisory |
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| Regions Bank | Frontier Health | Stop Light Program | Ballad Health/App Promise | Dr. Lillian Owens |
| Yesenia Viramonte | Krystall Flowe | Dr. Deborah Defrieze | Strong Starts/Strong Families | Phillippi MBC |
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Educational Program Beta Schedule Details:

Launch Date: February 22nd, 2025, Celebratory Breakfast

First Courses: Financial Basics w/ Regions Bank March 1st & March 15th 9am-12pm.

Second Course: Krystall Flowe: Suicide Prevention & Recognizing Trauma April 5th & April 26th 9am-12pm.

Third Course: Healthy Relationships Stop Light Approach May 3rd & 17th 9am-12pm.

Fourth Course: “Healthy Habits” App Promise/ Ballad health Strong Starts 7th & June 21st 9am-12pm

Celebratory Luncheon June 21st.

Discipleship and Skill Application Ministry Partners (Growing List):

Northridge Community Church:

Phillippi MBC:

Thankful Baptist

Our Savior Lutheran:

Grace Fellowship:

Unity Fellowship:

Sinking Creek Baptist Church:

Johnson City has a 2024 population of 73,426. Johnson City is currently growing at a rate of 0.99% annually and its population has increased by 4.04% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 70,576 in 2020. The average household income in Johnson City is \$76,061 with a poverty rate of 21.58%.

