

# BEYOND THE BALL

## MEMPHIS ATHLETIC MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

### Giving Light to Others

See the light in others and treat them as that is all you see.

**“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” - John 15:12**

Summer is in full effect here in Memphis and even though ‘school’s out for the summer,’ MAM’s doors are open for our annual Summer Academy. Our boys and girls spend the summer in a fun-filled atmosphere by participating in field trips, Bible studies, life lessons and free play while engaging in reading, math and science classes to keep their academic skills from sliding.

Even though Summer Academy is a wonderful way to welcome fresh faces to our ministry, we rejoice as we welcome back some familiar ones. This year several former MAM kids are walking back through the doors, except this time taking on new roles as MAM youth coordinators.



**“MAM is great! I learned to believe in myself and how to get out of my comfort zone.”**

Delora explains that before she started coming to MAM in tenth grade, she was shy and distant, which is so hard to believe as she just wrapped up her first year of college as a communication major! Delora started working at MAM through the career readiness program in high school and was hired this summer to work at the MAM Grizzlies Center.

**“The kids are my favorite part. I want to be a role model for them in any way I can.”**



Kaylin started attending MAM in the Berclair neighborhood in second grade. **“It was a home for me. It was a safe place.”** Kaylin is a recent Central High School graduate who will attend Southwest Tennessee Community College this fall. From an early age Kaylin knew she wanted to lead, encourage, and disciple younger girls just like her MAM mentors did.

**“I love ministry and I love helping people. I am so excited to be a part of Summer Academy and to work with children. I want to pour into the kids and let them pour into me. I want to be an example.”**



Calvin attends Arkansas State University as a sports management major on a rugby scholarship. Calvin began coming to MAM Bethel LaBelle in sixth grade. Although this is his first time working as a MAM coach, he sees himself being involved with the ministry far past this summer. After he graduates from college, he aspires to start a rugby sports league for MAM kids.

Calvin explains how his past experiences - growing up in Orange Mound and going to MAM - have inspired him to give back to others. **“I want to build a relationship with the kids and have them feel like they can call me and talk to me about anything.”**