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### Relationships Are THE Key

Teenagers are one group that are often difficult to get to know individually. They often have this tough outer shell that they use as a way to assert their own independence. However, as we adults know, the teen years are often rough and many are just looking to know that someone cares about them and accepts them unconditionally. This is the case with a 17 year old young man in the Raleigh community who lives across the street from the Raleigh Community Church of Christ building and has been coming to the church on Wednesdays for over two years. He has all the mannerisms and appearance typical of the urban hip-hip culture and on the surface it may appear that he would not want to open up to any adult outside his family.

Recently, a member of the Raleigh Community church of Christ has been getting to know him by demonstrating love and concern. One Wednesday night this adult approached the young man and asked him if he would like to get together once every week for encouragement and conversation. The young man agreed and they decided upon a weekend time to get together. As the young man ran to the basketball court he shouted, "I can tell you care."

This was one of those moments of joy in ministry. We try to communicate the Gospel and love our young people, but rarely do we get to know where they are. I am glad this young man, who is a father at age 17, has one more person he knows cares about him and his future. I am praying this relationship grows to the point that this young man will surrender his life completely to Christ.

Dorn Muscar—Outreach Minister

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11:30 am

White Station Church of Christ  
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Imagining Memphis Book Club  
**November 14**

Turkey Giveaway  
**November 23**



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**URBAN FARMER**  
"Growing Community"

This may seem like an odd time of year to be talking about planting a garden with Thanksgiving around the corner. However, now is the time for the work to begin on our newest community development project so that we can be ready to plant when spring comes. We need individuals who can help prepare the lot for spring. Our garden lot is located next door to our downtown facility on Vance Ave. We need workers on **December 6th** and **13th** from 10am until noon each day. For more information about the garden or to sign up as a MUM "Urban Farmer" please [email Ryan Fowler](#) or call 901.312.3486.

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