

Dear Galloway Friends,

As you know Jackson Public Schools are only meeting virtually this semester. This will create many challenges for the students in our city's school system.

Galloway and other churches in the area have partnered up with JPS to find ways that we can help.

One of the many ways you, as a Galloway member, can help is through teaching a child basic sight words that he/she needs to know for basic reading skills.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Our church is looking for volunteers who will commit to meeting with a child twice a week for 30 minute sessions to improve reading skills. This will all be done online so you don't have to leave your house. It also holds the flexibility of you connecting anywhere you have internet access. If you are not technologically savvy, that's okay. We will have two adults working together on each session—we will pair you with someone who can do the technical part.

IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE, plan to join us for a Zoom training session on Wednesday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. It would be helpful if you would email Mechelle.stockett@gmail.com to sign up for the meeting, voice an interest or get more information.

We will not actually begin the program until October. It would involve you meeting with your student (a third grader from Clausell Elementary) for two 30-minute sessions after 1:30. As a Arise 2 Read Coach, you would have all the materials planned for you. You would review words with your scholar, play games to reinforce the words then read a book with your student.

Arise 2 Read is a program designed by a minister's wife in Memphis that has been used in every school in the Memphis Public Schools. They have seen a 300% increase in their students' vocabulary. It is estimated that 300 basic sight words make up 65% of the words in print. So, these words are vital to good reading.

Below is a link telling more about the Arise 2 Read program. We hope you will prayerfully consider this as a way that you can help a child> help a school> help a community.

<https://arise2readjackson.org/home> Jackson's Arise 2 Read program

<https://arise2read.org/> Memphis/Central A2R website

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In His Grace,

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