

# Kids for Christ Performing Arts wins national awards



Pictured are Olyvia Thornton, Caitlyn McNamee, Ashley Duke, Brooks Rutland, Claire Gordon, Natalie McLaurin and Audrie Sifford. Not pictured is Gracie Tucker.



The Cheer Team included Addison Ferguson, Viv Davis, Sarah Lynn McCoy, Adalyn May, Avana Brown, Sarah Grace Clark, Lindi Grace, Meredith Jones, Teriah Hamilton, Kaitlyn Sellers, Anna Grace Mazy, Hallie Bell, Julia Brundige and Jova Smith.



Pictured are Addison Ferguson, Adalyn May, Eliana Nohra, Suzanne Hoffman, Jessie Moak, Lillian Mayfield and Layni Saintsing.



Pictured are Suzanne Hoffman, Sophie Carlock, Maddie Fox, Hannah Adams, Layni Saintsing, Riley Burnside, Riley Sellers and Taylor Briana Wells.



Lauren Kimbrell, Addisyn Barrett and Aubrey Stanton

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Kids For Christ Performing Arts dance and cheer teams wrapped up their competition season with a bevy of awards and recognitions.

"We were so proud of all of our performers. For many, this was their first season of competition, and their hard work was rewarded," said Debbie Cashion, owner and Director of Kids For Christ.

"On average, we enter twenty performances in competitions ranging from the age of 6 to 16," said Cashion. She adds, "This year, we had overall

winners in virtually every competition and numerous second place finishes."

Overall winners in this year's competition season included soloists Aubrey Stanton, who won her overall in all three competitions, Olyvia Thornton and Addison Ferguson. In addition, the Petite Trio of Aubrey Stanton, Addisyn Barrett and Lauren Kimbrell won their overalls, as well.

All of the Kids For Christ performance teams also won their divisions, as well.

The competition cheer squad, the KFC Halos, won a local competition and received a bid to the Nationals,

where they competed in the youth level one recreation division. They won that competition, received their championship rings, and the video of their performance will be judged against all others in that division from all over the country. The finals results will be revealed later in June.

"The progress these ladies made was nothing short of exceptional," said Cashion. "We had a choreographer come in last summer and create a difficult routine that had all the elements necessary to compete at the highest level within their division. It was hard, but our coaching staff did

a tremendous job; and, after months of practice, it all came together on stage."

This year also saw a first for Kids For Christ, with the Junior team performing a dance to "On My Knees" and earning a platinum and first place overall. They were also awarded an invitation to perform that dance at the National Dance Championships to be held in New Jersey this summer. They will represent Clinton this August.

For more information about Kids for Christ summer camps, or to audition for competition teams, visit [www.KidsForChristPA.com](http://www.KidsForChristPA.com)