



Be Blessed by Serving and Feeding the Poor

The Bible is exceptionally clear about our obligation to the poor. Our local Food Bank is in exceptional need. It's time for us to help out in an exceptional way!

I am challenging every family in our exceptional church to pitch in!

You can join in by dropping off food at the church on Monday to Thursday from 8:00 - 4:00, or at the Food Bank Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00-2:00. If you need the food picked up at your home, let the church know and we will make arrangements.

Why? Hear these words of Scripture:

When you feed others you are feeding Christ.

Matthew 25:34 "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, my Father has blessed you! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.

Are we supposed to help the poor?

Isaiah 58:7 Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

Matthew 10:42 I tell all of you with certainty, whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple will never lose his reward.

Proverbs 19:17 The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deed. God blesses us so we can help others.

True faith in Christ will result in good deeds.

James 2:15-17 Suppose a brother or sister does not have any clothes or daily food and one of you tells them, "Go in peace! Stay warm and eat heartily." If you do not provide for their bodily needs, what good does it do? In the same way, faith by itself, if it does not prove itself with actions, is dead.

Feeding your enemy.

Romans 12:20 Rather, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in doing this you will be heaping burning coals on his head.

Serve the poor.

Galatians 6:2 Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Philippians 2:4 Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well.

Blessed:

Psalms 37:25-26 I once was young and now I am old, but I have not seen a righteous person forsaken or his descendants begging for bread. Every day he is generous, lending freely, and his descendants are blessed.

Due to not being in church regularly for several months, our food bank project has certainly become less and lost. We are doing a church wide Food Bank Drive for the month of January. The needs in our community continue to increase each day. We are proposing everyone make an all out effort to catch up the food bank.

The following items are most needed, but anything non-perishable is fine: **Canned Fruits, Canned Meats, Crackers**



Special Dates

ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY - January 3 & 10

Epiphany - January 6

Baptism of the Lord - January 10

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 18

Inauguration Day - January 20

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25

Good Neighbors

Cooks & Driver Schedule



Route 1: Rebel Hill
Route 2: East End Dr.
Route 3: Men's Shelter
Route 4: Hardaway St.
Route 5: Beta St./Country Club
Route 6: Beersheba Tower
Route 7: Spangler Tower

January 7

Week 1: Mary Stubblefield Koelbl,
Mrs. Moffit, Betty Troop, Paige Chastain,
Sarah Ford

Route 1: Sandlin
Route 2: Sandlin
Route 3: DRIVER NEEDED
Route 4: Pierce
Route 5: Wanamaker
Route 6: Ford
Route 7: Bro. Dick

January 21

Week 3: Kronlage

Route 1: Sandlin
Route 2: Kronlage
Route 3: DRIVER NEEDED
Route 4: Prater
Route 5: Ford
Route 6: Spanjer
Route 7: Bro. Dick

Bible Quiz

Epiphany is the last of the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the wise men seeking the holy family at the time of Jesus' birth. "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?" They asked.

This interesting story is found in only one of the four gospels. In which Gospel is the story told?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: A

February 4

Week 2: McWhirter

Route 1: Stanley
Route 2: Hinds
Route 3: Woodiel
Route 4: Miller
Route 5: Ford
Route 6: Dodson
Route 7: Bro. Dick

February 18

Week 4: Brock

Route 1: Saylor
Route 2: Ford
Route 3: H. Roberts
Route 4: Sandlin
Route 5: Sandlin
Route 6: Young
Route 7: Bro. Dick

March 4

Week 1: Lead Cook Needed

**** If no cook secured by 2/1/2021 this week will not cook****

Route 1: Sandlin
Route 2: Hinds
Route 3: DRIVER NEEDED
Route 4: Pierce
Route 5: Hall
Route 6: Ford
Route 7: Bro. Dick

March 18

Week 3: Kronlage

Route 1: Sandlin
Route 2: Kronlage
Route 3: Ford
Route 4: Prater
Route 5: Hall
Route 6: Spanjer
Route 7: Bro. Dick

April 1

Week 2: McWhirter

Route 1: Stanley
Route 2: Hinds
Route 3: Woodiel
Route 4: Miller
Route 5: Ford
Route 6: Dodson
Route 7: Bro. Dick

April 15

Week 4: Brock

Route 1: Saylor
Route 2: Ford
Route 3: H. Roberts
Route 4: Sandlin
Route 5: Sandlin
Route 6: Young
Route 7: Bro. Dick

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him. They were too far behind the times, with tiresome tunes and meaningless words. His father, tired of his complaints, challenged him to write something better. The following week, the adolescent Isaac presented his first hymn to the church, "Behold the Glories of the Lamb," which received an enthusiastic response. Isaac was a prolific and popular hymn writer and is credited with some 750 hymns.

One of the best ways to start off the New Year is by spending time in prayer. Look back on God's many blessings during the completed year and ask for his guidance in the one to come. Also consider starting the tradition of praying for people around the world on New Year's Day.



2020 Christmas Poinsettias



**In Memory of Harry Camp
In Memory of Sam Sims
In Honor of Jane Camp
In Honor of Chancel Choir**
Given by Charlie and Donna Campbell

**In Memory of Wesley and Nell Bryan
In Memory of Charles and Pauline Norton**
Given by Pat and Wes Bryan

**In Memory of Harry Camp
In Honor of Jane Camp**
Given by Harry and Nancy Burck

**In Memory of Preston Huckleby
In Memory of Sam Sims**
Given by Mac and Susan McWhirter

In Memory of Sara Noblin, Alma Young
Given by Jack & Mary Ann Noblin

In Honor of Jack Puckett
Given by Cynthia Hamrick

**In Memory of Barbara Shelton
In Memory of Chris Shelton**
Given by Larry Shelton

**In Memory of Melvin & Virginia Maxwell
In Honor of Oakley Hinds**
Given by Susan Maxwell

**In Memory of Gladys and Richard Staub
In Memory of Jimmie Laws
In Memory of Everett Brock**
Given by Everett and Sally Brock

In Honor of Dr. John and Rebecca Purdue
Given by David and Julie Holt

In Honor of Peggy Bratcher
Given by Diane Stanley

**In Memory of Mary Danhoff
In Memory of June Sandlin**
Given by Rick and Cecilia Murphy

**In Memory of Ben Thaxton
In Memory of Sam Sims
In Memory of Harry Camp
In Honor of Darlene Duggin,
In Honor of Dennis Kronlage**
Given by Jane Camp

**In Honor of Thetis Keel
In Honor of Jimmy & Lori Pierce
In Honor of Bill & Neva Boyd
In Honor of Sam & Linda Young
In Honor of Bobby & Charlotte Boyd
In Honor of Peggy Bratcher
In Honor of Dana Mullican
In Honor of Bruce & Cerissa Smith
In Honor of Joe Harvey Family
In Honor of Bill & Jenny Mullican**
Given by Marsha Newman

In Memory of Andy Anderson
Given by Peggy Bratcher

In Honor of Dot Briggs
Given by Jimmy Dean Bush

Thank you for giving gifts

TO:
General, Good Neighbors, Vets Christmas,
Pastor's Disc., Meals on Wheels

IN MEMORY OF:
Ben Thaxton, Mark E. Bell, Jr., Louise Robinson, Debbie Jeter

BY:
Ronnie & Debbie Dunham, Donna & Charlie Campbell, Tom & Dianna Thaxton Jr.,
Wes & Pat Bryan, Max Bell, June S. Lindimore, Family of Charles & Nancy Ware,
Mikell & Dorothy Thaxton, Jane Camp, Jim & Nancy Glenn, Woody & Becky
Woodiel, Odis Sandlin & Family, Bobby & Charlotte Boyd, Jeff & Jimmie Dean
Bush, Larry & Ann Layne, Bill & Jenny Mullican



Thank you to those that have contributed to the Veterans Christmas 2020:

Dr. Harry & Nancy Burck
Phyl & Whit Taylor
Jeff & Jimmie Dean Bush
Jane Camp
Vivian Dodson
Ronnie & Debbie Dunham
Jim & Nancy Glenn
Charlie & Diane Grove
Linda Horne
Diane Stanley
Helene Vickers
Thomas & Peggy Bratcher
Tom & Kathleen McCoy
Wes & Pat Bryan
Ryle & Paige Chastain
Mac & Susan McWhirter
Stephen & M'Liss Miller
Mike & Gayle Roberts

The Staff would like to thank everyone for the generous gifts you gave us this Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness and kind words brighten our days.



On behalf of the missions committee, I would like to thank everyone who graciously volunteered to fulfill the "wish lists" for the Generations residents. The Generations staff is very appreciative of our efforts for their residents. In this upended year we are fortunate to be able to spread the Joy of Christmas.

Gayle Roberts



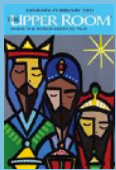
To Methodist Congregation: Your kindness is tremendous, and I'm truly appreciative. Thank you for the gift cards for veterans.

David and Joan Roberts



Wishing you health and happiness this holiday season and prosperity in the new year. We are thankful for your continuous support. Because of people like you we are making a difference with our efforts to protect the children in Warren and Van Buren Counties. Happy Holidays!

**Children's Advocacy Center
31st Judicial District Staff & Board**



January/February
Upper Room
devotionals are
available to pick up.



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| 1/3 Sheila Lulfs | 1/17 Sarai Ruiz |
| 1/3 Raelyn McCormick | 1/18 Winket Tramel |
| 1/8 Jane Camp | 1/18 Keelie Reed |
| 1/10 Lester Sullivan | 1/19 Vivian Dodson |
| 1/12 Hannah Wellman | 1/19 Alice Rush |
| 1/13 Nancy Wade | 1/20 Dr. Harry Burck |
| 1/13 Dalton Pack | 1/20 Kathleen McCoy |
| 1/13 Chris King | 1/20 Mike Neal |
| 1/14 Thelma Masey | 1/21 Bobby Boyd |
| 1/14 Dianne Glidden | 1/21 Matt Campbell |
| 1/15 Linda Young | 1/21 Gracie Holt |
| 1/16 Donna Money | 1/22 Tricia Bell |
| 1/17 Caroline Catey | 1/24 Finley MacDonald |
| | 1/26 Colby Wellman |
| | 1/27 Robert Rampp |
| | 1/27 Madison Stewart |
| | 1/27 Maddie Smith |
| | 1/29 Eulalia Jones |
| | 1/29 Emily Phillips |
| | 1/31 Molly Davis |



Anniversaries

- 1/2 Charles & Karen Ethridge (50 Years)
- 1/15 Josh & Sara Dodson (10 years)
- 1/27 Wes & Pat Bryan (31 years)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- John Jr. White - in ICU from recent major surgery
- Wanda Johnson - home care and will have surgery in January
- Gretchen Angus- Recovering from surgery (Mary Richardson Wanamaker's mother)
- Jimmy Pierce & his family - loss of father on Christmas Eve
- Stephanie Walls - Surgery scheduled on January 5 (Emily Walls mother)
- Charlie Campbell - Recovering from back surgery
- Robbie Mitchell - recovering from heart valve surgery
- Bunny Jones-COVID (Cerissa Smith's Grandmother)
- Wink Tramel - COVID
- Family of Dakota Nunley - Dakota killed in car wreck incident (visitors from church)

