

SURE NEWS



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Message from the Founder

Pastor Timothy Bash

Giving Season Has Begun

The Christmas season is on its way and the gift giving has already started. As we enter the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, God knows exactly what we need. The season kicked off with a few generous and unexpected donations to help see us through the meals we have already prepared for Thanksgiving and the meals we will prepare for Christmas.

On Sunday November 20th, Grace Baptist Church held a service Sunday. Instead of having a usual church service, the parishioners were



given the opportunity to serve in a handful of unique ways to help the community. One of those ways to serve was preparing blessing bags filled with toiletries and basic necessities for us to hand out when we serve in the streets. These blessing bags will certainly be a blessing.



A few days later on Tuesday November 22nd, Rock Life Church called to offer a food donation for the holiday meals. I

showed up in my car to receive the donation and it was all I could do to fit it all in the car. There was enough to fill the trunk, the whole back seat and even in the front passenger seat next to me. It was much more than expected and much appreciated. This will go a long way to serve those in need.

The following week a generous cash donation was made with the specific intent to pay for what we need for the next meal preparation.

All of this happened in about a week and a half. It is not even December yet and our Christmas meal is already been provided. These are just a few examples of how God used our supporters to provide what we need at just the right time.

Outreach Update

Brian Fullerton, Outreach Coordinator

Season of Change

After twenty years of serving in Philadelphia, we have made the decision to end our outings to the city due to changes caused by the pandemic. The most significant change was the number of people served during our outings. We learned that there are many new organizations serving in the city. Many of the people we had been serving regularly were now being served by those other organizations. Due to these changes, the leadership team spent much time praying about whether to continue in Philadelphia or to seek out opportunities to serve "closer to home" in Gloucester County. We eventually concluded that it was time to end our outings to Philadelphia. The people in Philadelphia will always hold a special place in our hearts and we continue to pray for them daily, but we are excited about an opportunity that has come up for us in Gloucester County.

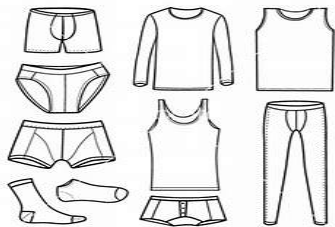
First United Methodist Church in Williamstown, used to hold a monthly dinner for anyone in their community that needed a hot meal. The pandemic caused the church to stop holding these dinners. These monthly dinners came to mind. I thought that if we could find a church with a kitchen and social hall, we could hold our own monthly dinners for those in need in that community. I happened to be brainstorming this idea with my mom one day. She mentioned it to her pastor the next morning. He very quickly told her to have me contact him so we could discuss the possibility of partnering with them to hold these dinners. After speaking with him and some members of their church it was decided that we will hold our first community dinner in January of 2023. **We** are very excited about this opportunity and are currently working with a team at Williamstown Methodist on the details of the dinner. Our hope is that other churches will come along side us to work together to make this happen. We will provide more information as it becomes available, but we ask for continued prayer as we work on the details. This is an exciting opportunity for us and one we have been praying about for a long time.

CLOTHING DONATIONS can be accepted by calling someone from the leadership team at 1- 866-924-2677 to arrange for pickup. Anyone willing to have a clothing or supply drive please contact Brian.



As Winter is coming, we are in need of men's pants, hoodies and other weather suitable clothing. We could also use men's shoes, hats and gloves.

As a reminder, undershirts, socks and new underwear are always appreciated.



As we greatly appreciate all donations we receive. Please note that we request that donations be screened for items that are Sure house friendly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Outing

This years Christmas outing will be on December 17th in Camden. We will be doing the same set up as we just did for Thanksgiving. Seems to work well. Plan to join us for a great time.



RECENT EVENTS

Connecting with our partner churches

Straight Line Church 9/17, 11/19
 Barnsboro Methodist 9/25
 First Baptist of Swedesboro 11/19

Thanksgiving Outing

Our Thanksgiving meal was served on November 19. The meals were prepared by three of our partner churches. Those churches were Straight Line Church of Westville, Barnsboro Methodist and First Baptist of Swedesboro. Each church prepared 30 meals to give us a total of 90 meals. Those meals were stored until very early that morning (6am) when they were heated up by Alicia and

Esmeralda from Cicontes Pizzeria of Swedesboro. Thanks to all of our partners to make it all work out for a fabulous event to share a HOT meal with our friends.



JOIN US!

We are always looking for volunteers to serve with us. If you have an interest in serving with us, here is a reminder of our outing schedule:

Camden Outings are on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings. We meet at 8:15 AM and return at 11:30 AM.

Details are coming soon for our new Gloucester County events. Keep an eye out for more information.

All outings originate at GCCC parking lot. Hope to see you soon!