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Message from the Founder

Pastor Timothy Bash

Arguing the Gospel?

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit London on a Sunday. I parked the car and went to check out the city. After day of touring, I returned to the car and saw a nearby crowd. I went to check out the crowd to see what was happening. Within the crowd there were small groups having debates on different topics. After working my way through the crowd and listening to each topic of debate for a few minutes, I saw two police officers nearby. I walked over to the officers to ask a few questions.

I found out that I stumbled upon Poets Corner. Poets Corner is where people can go to freely debate any given topic. Most topics of debate are related to religion. The officers were there to keep the peace as things sometimes get out of hand.

Upon hearing this, I was reminded that someone once told me that you cannot argue someone into Heaven. Even if you win the argument, it will leave a bitterness in their heart. This bitterness in their heart can be a roadblock between them and God. When we share Jesus with others, it is important to be assertive by not backing down from the truth but speaking the truth in Love. With good intentions to spread the Gospel, arguing with people can do more harm than good.



Outreach Update

Deaconess Rosa Clarke, First Baptist of Swedesboro

Mission to Serve Others

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

Volunteers from the First Baptist Church of Swedesboro, in partnership with volunteers from Sure House Mission, engaged in an awesome opportunity to serve the homeless population in Camden, New Jersey, on Saturday, July 16, 2022. What a beautiful time it was to be able to share with those less fortunate than ourselves! Clean, gently worn clothing was collected and given to those were in need. What a joy it was to see the smile on their faces as they chose various items of clothing and shoes. In addition to clothing, they were given sandwiches and hygiene products. Volunteers were also on hand to lend a listening ear and offer pray to those who needed and requested prayer. To say they were just appreciative would be a gross understatement. They were really appreciative! We were blessed to be a blessing. It is much better to give than to receive!

At First Baptist Church of Swedesboro, our Mission Statement is “Cultivating a Covenant Community by living out the mission of Jesus Christ” which was the focus for our church by our former Senior Pastor, Dr. Philip J. Ginyard. He pushed, strengthened, led and encouraged us to do things that might have felt uncomfortable to some. But with that guidance and leadership, we have grown in our Outreach Mission Ministry. Our Outreach Mission Ministry reaches across different areas and communities. We will continue to develop and maintain a network of organizations and supporters to help us provide and assist those in need as we advocate with and for people experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness.

Please continue to pray for those less fortunate than ourselves and for the love of God to be displayed as it was on July 16th.



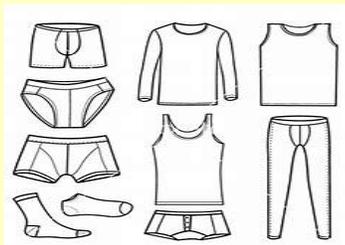
CLOTHING DONATIONS can be accepted by calling someone from the leadership team at 1- 866-924-2677 to arrange for pickup.



Anyone willing to have a clothing or supply drive please contact Brian.

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

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

Sleep Out For Homelessness

Last October, we had a Sleep Out hosted by GCCC. where a group of us spend the night in the parking lot to get a small taste of what it could be like to experience life on the street. We will do this again on October 14th. Join us for this eye-opening experience. Watch for more details.



RECENT EVENTS

Connecting with our partner churches

Straight Line Church 6/18 & 7/2
First Baptist of Swedesboro 7/16

Has it been a while since your church or group has been out with us? Maybe your church has not been out with us but you are interested. Whatever the case, give us a call. You will be glad you did.



Generous Donation

We often have the desire to do something special for our summer outings. We always have food but sometimes we want to have food hot off the grill. The problem was that it was a bit of a hassle getting a grill there. One of our volunteers made it much

more possible by donating a table top grill. It is compact and easy to use. We have already used it several times this year. Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation.

GCCC Fun Day

We were invited by GCCC to have a ministry table for their Anniversary celebration. A great time was had by all. This allowed us to make valuable connections within the community.



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.

Philadelphia Outings are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons. We meet at 1:15 and return at 4:30 PM.

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