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Faith in Action!



Samaritan's Purse

The days are getting shorter, school buses arrive early each morning before the sun rises, leaves are falling, and the weather gets cooler every day. Before long, we will be sitting by the fire opening gifts under our Christmas trees and enjoying the happy smiles and giggles of children and grandchildren as they discover yet another long-awaited present. Imagine being in a third-world country on Christmas morning. Perhaps there is no Christmas dinner. Your home may have a dirt floor, or you may live on the streets searching for warmth and something to eat. That will be Christmas for millions of children around the world this year. What a hopeless thought!

But there is something that each of us can do to make Christmas Day the beginning of a relationship of love with Jesus Christ for these children and their families. It is as simple as packing one or more shoeboxes with small toys, candy, school supplies, socks, underwear, gloves and other gifts to be opened on Christmas morning. Samaritan's Purse will pack a booklet that tells the story of Jesus birth, death on the cross for our sins, and His resurrection proving He is God. As we join with thousands of Christians across America and in many other countries, through our gifts and the story of salvation, this can be the best Christmas in the lives of children around the world.

How can you be part of this exciting ministry? Just stop by the Operation Shoe Box table in the church lobby and pick up a brochure with information on what to pack, a label for the child you want to receive your gifts, and an envelope for your donation to help with shipping. Wrap a shoebox with Christmas paper and fill it with goodies. If you are not good at wrapping shoeboxes, we will even provide a box for your use. Bring the filled boxes back to church by Sunday, November 8. We will dedicate all of the boxes on November 15 before sending them on their way to the children. Let's help provide even more than the nearly 8 million boxes that were sent around the world in 2008. We can with your help!



Oakleaf Village - "Be the Church" Sunday

by Kathy Hess

I was one of the KRBC church family who went to nearby Oakleaf Village (a retirement community for seniors) on Sunday, October 4 as part of the Faith in Action community outreach. We were all blessed - the residents and those of us who went to sing praise music. My husband, Tom and I sang several gospel music numbers. We all sang songs together from the church hymnal while Michael (Martin) played the piano. Mike even treated us to a solo piano medley after some coaxing! We heard beautiful violin selections from Ginny Christopherson's students (ages 5-15). We had many who told us how blessed they were and that they would remember this day for a very, very long time. Here are some of the stories that touched our hearts:

Floyd wanted to sing the first verse of "Amazing Grace" ...and that he did holding onto his walker! He was accompanied by Mike Martin. On the last note and with the biggest smile on his face, Floyd held up both arms, letting go of his walker, and sang the last note with all his breath!

Flora Scona was touched by a lady named "Lola." She had only been at Oakleaf for six months, having suffered a stroke. Flora extended an invitation to Lola to visit KRBC and told her there was a bus provided that could bring her. Lola was so impressed and blessed that our church would take the time to minister to them. Flora



Flora, Margie, Tom, Credia & Kathy

Margie Mullen and Creida Lahut talked to "Floyd" who was a pastor for 43 years. Margie said he was a delight to talk to and before they knew it, they were all singing "Jesus Loves Me" right there in the dining room! Not only then, but later when we all returned to the lobby,

herself was very blessed by the experience. She didn't really know what to expect since she is a new KRBC member and had never had the opportunity to minister in this way before.

My story is about Carmela (Carmen as she likes to be called - "like the movie" - she said.) Carmen was sitting at a back corner table all alone. I noticed her across the room and my husband, Tom, and I thought we would go talk to her while she was waiting for her lunch. She told us her name and said she was from Naples, Italy. She spoke with an accent yet had very good English. Carmen met her husband while a young girl in Italy. He was in the Army. They fell in love and he brought her to the U.S. on a "big ship" she said. She has one daughter who lives here but doesn't see her very much. She talked some about her daughter but mostly about how she wants to go back to Naples where it is sunny and warm most of the time. She was a lovely person and I felt she enjoyed talking to us as much as we did her.



Thanksgiving Word Search

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 PIE
 PILGRIMS
 PLYMOUTH
 PUMPKIN
 SAIL
 SETTLERS
 SICKNESS
 SQUASH
 STUFFING
 THANKSGIVING
 TURKEY
 YAMS

Scholarship Help

by Randy Hochstetter

As Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, we are facing a potential shortage in the LC Peterson Scholarship Fund for 2010. I have discussed this potential shortage with the Ministry Council and they recommended we do an article in the bulletin and newsletter telling the congregation of this situation. There currently is \$278 in this fund and the interest earned from 2010 will not be enough to cover projected scholarship requests, which might be as much as \$6,500. The 2009 requests we approved were \$6,500.

In the way of background, the LC Peterson Scholarship Fund provides partial scholarships for KRBC young people approved by the Scholarship Committee. These students are attending accredited secular and church-sponsored colleges and universities in a given school year. These scholarships are based on availability of funds on an annual basis. If there are not sufficient funds available, then there are no scholarships awarded—or a smaller scholarship is awarded. Past scholarships have been \$500 per student. These funds are not part of the general operating fund, but funds set aside in the Reserved Fund Accounts.

If you feel led of the Lord to contribute, designate any contribution to the LC Peterson Scholarship Fund. I also shared with the Ministry Council that if we did not have sufficient funds by January or February 2010, we will need to notify the parents of those students who applied in 2009 and might apply for 2010 scholarships, that there would not be funds available this year. This would enable these parents to have enough advance notice to plan otherwise.



Upcoming Message Series

by Pastor Rick Breusch

During the month of November, I will conclude my series of eight messages on the book of Proverbs entitled *How to Live Wisely and Well*. Proverbs doesn't tell us how to become followers of Jesus. Instead, it gives us a wealth of information on how we should live once we've decided to make Jesus the Lord of our everyday lives.

November 15 *Wise Friendships*
 November 22 *Wise Words*

It's hard to believe that the Advent season is just around the corner, but what a joyful, wonderful time of year it is! It represents one of the great, annual high points in our church's life and worship. This year I will be preparing a series of messages on just one verse in the Bible entitled *The Christmas Verse*. That verse may well be the best known one in all of the Bible: John 3:16.

November 29 *A Measureless Love*
 December 6 *An Indescribable Gift*
 December 13 *An Essential Condition*
 December 20 *Advent Choral Presentation*
 December 27 *A Glorious Result*

WOW Women of Wisdom Brunch

Saturday, December 5
 10 a.m. til Noon
 KRBC Fellowship Hall
 Cost \$5

Theme

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

The birth of Christ is celebrated around the world. Traditions from selected countries will be shared along with a delicious brunch and some special treats. All ladies 12 and up are invited to join the festivities of this annual event. Please join us for a time of celebration and be sure to invite a friend. Register at the Welcome Center, complete the bulletin registration form, or on the KRBC website www.karloadbaptist.org

Food Pantry



Our food pantry supplies food to those who are in need all over Columbus. This is made possible through the donations of those in the church and through our affiliation with FirstLink. FirstLink connects people in need with pantries all over Columbus. If you need a hot meal or a three-day supply of food, call 2-1-1 (free and confidential) or contact the church. By contacting Firstlink or us, we will assess your specific needs including distance from the pantry, time of day, any special dietary needs and provide you with food or connect you to a food pantry or soup kitchen closer to you that can help. Our food pantry was able to serve approximately 245 families in 2008. Thanks to the donations of food and cash from the church family and friends, we were able to stay within our budget from the church.

Want to donate food? Our food pantry fills a food order just about every day for a family in our neighborhood. The following items are needed: plain crackers, chicken noodle soup, canned meats, cereal, vegetables, canned fruits, and apple sauce.