

Guest Editorial

## Meals on Wheels Ministry

In 1972 a busload of Del City church members attended a workshop at the Madison church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee. One of several ministries being discussed at the workshop was the concept of cooking and distributing hot meals to older members of the community. Sisters Betty Fly and Madonna Sullivan took special interest in this ministry. On the way home they visited about this ministry with a couple of elders who had made the trip. Later, they wound up getting it approved by the entire eldership. Thus was born the Meals on Wheels Ministry. With a budget of a whopping "\$25.00 a month," Betty and Madonna, with the help of several other members, began a pilot project by preparing 5 to 10 meals a day in the "Old Kitchen." That kitchen was located in the classroom hallway of the main and only building on the property at the time. In the pilot, these first meals were distributed to older members of the congregation. Later it was broadened to include the entire community.

This ministry is now entering its 49th continuous year and is the oldest continuous ministry in our congregation. To date we have prepared and delivered over 560,000 hot meals, free of charge, to mostly homebound seniors within the Del City community. This has helped to make our church a positive, visible and shining light to all. The Del City City Council has recognized this ministry for its long-term effectiveness in the Del City community. A Family Life Center building was constructed in the mid 70's and its new kitchen became the permanent home for Meals on Wheels. Over the years, two large monetary gifts have been willed to this ministry. These gifts have been used primarily for the purpose of enlarging and making ongoing and necessary kitchen improvements.

Today, approximately 40 volunteers donate their time each week in distributing 45 meals, 5 days a week, 50 weeks a year, to these individuals, most of whom are not members of our congregation. All volunteer assignments are important: from buying food stuffs and paper goods, to making deserts and salads at home, to preparing and delivering the finished meals. Finally, the kitchen has to be cleaned and sanitized each day.

This ministry is truly a labor of love. Meals on Wheels volunteers have a special bond with those they serve, although some may never personally see them. These heartfelt memories are lasting ones. Over these many years, many of our recipients and their families have told us how their love for the Lord has increased because of this ministry. **We currently need cooks and cake bakers.** If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, contact Jack Cooper at (405) 990-5226 or (405) 733-3912.

—Jack Cooper, MOW Coordinator



**We need you to make our new all church family album complete!**

### Photography Dates

**Wednesday, May 19, 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Sunday, May 23, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Wednesday, May 26, 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Sunday, May 30, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

### Sign up for your photography session:

**Call the office at 405.672.1311 to schedule or sign up after Sunday Worship in the Foyer.**

**For more information contact the office at 405.672.1311 and ask for Liz or Ivan.**

## Sermon Notes

### Passion or Compassion Luke 10:25-37

Passion in life keeps us interested, but it is self-focused. Compassion keeps us interested in others and coming to their aid. Selfless compassion is challenging. Jesus shares three distinguishing qualities we must have to become people of compassion.

- I. C\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:33).
  - A. The priest and Levite suffered from hardening of the A\_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. To learn genuine compassion, we must be S\_\_\_\_\_ to the N\_\_\_\_\_ of those around us.
  
- II. C\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 10:34-35).
  - A. Just as F\_\_\_\_\_ without W\_\_\_\_\_ is dead, C\_\_\_\_\_ without C\_\_\_\_\_ is dead.
  - B. We need to help C\_\_\_\_\_ and A\_\_\_\_\_.
  
- III. C\_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. The Samaritan realized the entire W\_\_\_\_\_ was his N\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The demands of humanity in M\_\_\_\_\_ cannot be R\_\_\_\_\_ to social caste, color or creed.

The question is not so much who is my N\_\_\_\_\_?  
Rather, W\_\_\_\_\_ neighbor am I?

## Announcements

- ➔ IF YOU HAVE A KEY FOB to the magnetic door access system, come to the office during regular hours this week so your FOB can be programmed into the new system.
- ➔ We are missing many family pictures in our online directory, which we will be printing soon. Please help us make sure we have a current picture of your family by signing up today for a photography appointment.
- ➔ The Green Sheet Prayer List and May Birthday list is available at the Connection Point desk in the lobby.
- ➔ Remember our Community Cupboard Ministry! Items needed: shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, bar soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, any other items you can think of PLUS monetary donations.

### Potluck Today!

There is a Potluck Luncheon today in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room. Bring your dish and join in the fellowship.

### It's a Boy! Congratulations to:

Freddie and Marta Walker on the birth of their new grandson, Luke Andrew Walker. He was born May 12, 2021, measuring 21 3/4" and weighing 8 lbs 11 oz. Mother and son are doing well!

### Bridal Shower:

There will be a bridal shower for Mackenzie Goolsby and her fiancé, Elias Rameno, on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 2 PM in the Garden. They are registered at Target.

### Dates To Remember:

- May 18 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in Coffee Shop
- May 19 @ 8-10 AM Men's Breakfast @ Madison's
- May 19 @ 5:30 PM Supper in the Family Life Center
- May 19 @ 4:00-8:30 PM Picture Sessions for Directory
- May 20 @ Noon Women's Bible Study and Lunch
- May 20 @ 2-5 PM Community Cupboard
- May 22 @ 2 PM Bridal Shower for Mackenzie Goolsby and Elias Rameno in the Garden. Registered at Target.
- May 22 @ 5 PM Hispanic Women's Ministry
- May 23 @ 11 AM-1 PM Picture Sessions for Directory
- May 30 @ 2 PM Bridal Shower for Sam Day and Cara Cecil. They are registered at Target, Amazon and Bed, Bath & Beyond.
- June 4 @ 6 PM Keenagers Game Night in FLC
- June 6-11 Camp Rock Creek Session; pick up registration forms at Connection Point

## Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Welcome To Our  
**Sunday Morning  
 Family Worship**  
 May 16, 2021

## Order of Worship

Song, *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* ..Ivan Gonzalez  
 Welcome .....Jeff Gardner  
 Prayer .....Rob Weaver  
 Song #60, *He Is Exalted* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Song, *Come Share the Lord* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Communion Thoughts .....Mark Carr  
 Scripture Reading, *Luke 10:25-29*.....James Philips  
 Song #103, *He Has Made Me Glad* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Message .....Jeff Gardner  
 Song #453, *Love Lifted Me* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Closing Announcements and Prayer .....Chris Dillinger  
 Song #705, *A Common Love* .....Ivan Gonzalez

## Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday		Saturday	
Worship	10:00 AM	Hispanic Women	5:00 PM
Classes	11:15 AM		
Hispanic Class	5:00 PM		
Wednesday			
Early Class	4:30 PM		
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM		
Thursday			
Ladies Class	Noon		

**Attended Nursery** from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday. For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call 405-672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.