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-Matthew 25:40b

HOW YOU CAN REACH OUT & HAVE AN IMPACT

Donate Goods such as:

- Diapers
- Clothing
- Shoes (especially casual or work boots)
- Canned Goods (pop-tops for homeless)
- Hygiene Kit Items

Donate your time! Invest in lives for the sake of seeing Christ transform a person's heart! We have lots of opportunities for volunteers to serve—please contact us with your availability and interest and we can set you up.

Donate your resources. We are a non-profit organization, solely run on gifts from churches and individuals. We respectfully ask that you prayerfully consider financially supporting the Center's ministries.

Remember us in your prayers! Please keep our staff in your prayers as we strive to be a light in a community that is hurting.

Impact of Outreach

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**OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST
IMPACT: BASIC NEEDS MET FOR MANY**

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As I arrived this morning and saw a homeless man sitting on one of the benches in front of the building, I stopped to talk with him about the chill in the air and the beauty of the day. I was reminded how blessed we are to be able to share God's love with someone who has no place to just sit, read and not have to be afraid that he will be asked to move on and not loiter. It is exciting every day to anticipate and then see God at work changing lives for His Kingdom Work. As Alice shared this morning, we are afraid we will miss something that God is doing if we are not here. It is as if the ministry has taken on a life of its own, guided totally by the "Holy Spirit"; touching, growing and changing lives daily. God has a definite plan for the Savannah Baptist Center and he will provide the resources even in a time of economic decline if we are obedient to his will and ask and trust Him to provide for the needs.

We were in dire need for a new phone system; the old one was

donated to the center when the building was renovated in 1996. God knew our financial status would not allow us to purchase one. One evening during the late summer, our phone system was struck by lightning and destroyed. We were able to purchase a wonderful new system with the insurance money. (*God is good all the time and works in mysterious ways*). We use a tremendous amount of paper goods; towels, tissue, plates, cups, napkins, utensils, etc. which cost a lot of money. The center was chosen to be a recipient of "Christmas in August" gifts from GA's and CIA's all over the United States. We have received, from hundreds of churches all over the United States, several truck loads of school supplies which we have shared with schools in this area as well as providing school bags packed with supplies for all of the children who participate in the various programs at the

center. We also received paper goods that have filled three storage rooms and over \$8,000 in Wal-Mart, Office Depot, Home Depot, Target, Staples and Visa gift cards. This will help our budget tremendously this year. The vision for Savannah Baptist Center is to reach the lost for Christ and help meet the needs of those in this community. All of the wonderful things I have shared pales in comparison to the miracle of the souls that have been saved and are being disciplined each week for the glory of God. I ask that you pray for wisdom and discernment for the leadership of the Baptist Center and prayerfully consider us as you prepare your church budgets for the year 2011. I encourage you to visit us and see what God is doing and perhaps come along side us and volunteer with the daily ministry here. There are places of service for all ages.

In His Service
Pearline Burns

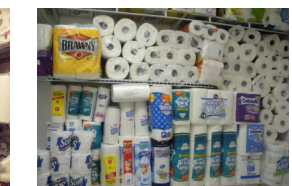
CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST PHOTOS



193 Churches from 19 States Donated Items to the Center as a part of the Christmas in August program



Schools who received truckloads of school supplies: Spencer Elementary, East Broad Elementary, Gadsden Elementary



Closets full of paper goods will help our budget for the next year

OUTREACH: CLOTHES CLOSET & HYGIENE KITS
IMPACT: OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to your donations, we are able to assist approximately 300 people a month with clothing needs including homeless & non-homeless! It is a blessing not only for those who are helped, but also for those who are serving. Because of this great need, we are always accepting donations. Our top requested items that we often cannot fulfill include gently used or new men's work or casual clothes, gently used or new men's work boots and sneakers, and gently used women's jeans or work pants.

Their need gives us a unique opportunity to serve. We rely on a wonderful group of volunteers who assist our clients while shopping in the closet, as well as sort the donated items that come in and straighten up the closet

after dozens of people have been through.

As part of our clothes closet, we also often give hygiene kits away. Items such as tooth care, deodorant, soap, shampoo, washcloths, socks, and underwear are also accepted to make this a possibility.

As Christ Church has recently joined their closet with ours, we are able to serve three days a week. We welcome more smiling faces to encourage our clients as they assist them and to help us keep the closet straight after they visit. For more information on volunteering or to make a donation, please contact Alice White or Hollie Hart, 232.1033.

Hollie Hart
Administrative Assistant



OUTREACH: FOOD PANTRY
IMPACT: ETERNITY



It is our custom when helping someone who comes to us needing food, to take the opportunity to share the gospel and talk about faith matters. One day last month I was called to the front and sat down beside a gentleman who had come for food assistance. I asked, "What's going on?" The man replied with a sad story that concluded with this rapid fire, repeated request, "I'll do

anything! This isn't working!" I grabbed one of the many Bibles we keep available in the lobby and showed him the plan of salvation. In just a few moments he asked me to say the words so he could repeat that life transforming prayer of commitment. He came for food and discovered the Bread of Life!

Alice White
Weekday Activities Coordinator

Many families are assisted with food from our pantry each month

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST CONTRIBUTORS

197 Churches representing 20 states generously donated goods to the Center during the Christmas in August campaign!

Rose Hill, Central, New Canaan, N. Phenix, New Faith, Pleasant Grove, Rock Springs, Rock Creek, FBC Sheffield, Harvest, FBC Florala, Lee Street, Union Grove FBC, Farmstead, New Prospect, Beech Grove, FBC Besmarck, Primera Iglesia Bautista, Glendale, Mountain View, FBC Newberry, FBC Bushnell, Lake Shore, Dunnellon FBC, Restoration, Immanuel, Palm Springs, FBC Warrenton, Lakeside, FBC Richland, Windsor Forest, FBC Colquitt, Center Point Baptist Church, Head of TN, Oak Hill, Ephesus, Sisters, FBC Claxton, Fletcher Memorial, Cloud's Creek, McDonough Road, Old Toccoa, Ten Mile Creek, Graham, Black Springs, New Hope, Dykes Creek, East Newnan, FBC Albany, Rock Springs, Red Oak Grove Church, Northern Heights, New Bethel, Twin Rivers, Byromville, Wesleyan Drive, Cottondale, Pine Grove Missionary, Flat Creek, First Newark, Eldorado FBC, Forsyth, Liberty, Lakewood, Brodhead, Burkesville, Oak Grove, Ohio River Baptist Assoc., Harrodsburg, Mt. Zion, St. Clair, Dundee, FBC Houston, Crossroads, FBC Vicksburg, Shiloh, Madden, Hebron, Siloam, Old

Union, Brookside, Carey Chapel, Flowood, McAdams, Woodville, New Hope, Harrisburg, FBC Sturgis, Pine Grove, Parkway, Tyson's Creek, Ruffin Stacey, Alexis, Somerset, Chapel Grove, Piney Grove, Lea Bethel, Taylor Memorial, Kendalls, Oakley, Grays Creek, Hull's Grove N., Antioch, Zion, Memorial, Southside, Westchester, Laurel Springs, Flippin Memorial, Bethel, Calvary, Scotts Creek, Southside, Green Meadows, Salem, Spray, Missionary, Corinth, Fallston, Mary Niblack Road, Limestone, Immanuel, Glenn Street, Hillcrest, Mt. Pleasant, Holly Springs, Southside, Little River, Heath Springs, Rehoboth, Boldspring, Garden City, Inman Mills, Holland Ave., Seneca, Springvale, Seven Pines, New Prospect, Bethel, Calvary, Sawney's Creek, W. End, Spring Hill, Calvary, Wards Grove, Silver Springs, Trinity, Washington Ave., Ridgeview, Monterey FBC, Piney Level, Bethel, Bethlehem, Trimble FBC, FBC Mtn. City, N. Etowah, Highland, East Athens, N. Cleveland, Salem, Baptist Temple Church, Cedar Lane, Sugar Creek, Samaria, Schoolfield, Sidley, Pleasant View, Childrey, Chattaroy Missionary, Fishing Creek Arbor, Helena, Devereux, Mt. Vernon

OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS STORE
IMPACT: OPPORTUNITY



The 2010 Christmas Store will be held December 6, 7 and 9. Churches and/or groups are encouraged to select at least one of the categories and provide the items requested. These items range from books to toys to sports paraphernalia to bikes. We also have a need for volunteers to set-up, assist the children with shopping and gift wrapping, and clean-up.

The Christmas Store gives us a unique opportunity to assist our neighbors in need- who may not have

much of a Christmas otherwise- showing them the true meaning of Christmas.

For further information on how you can be a part of the impact of this outreach or to sign-up, please contact Hollie at 232.1033 or savannahbaptistcenter@comast.net.

Thank You,
Hollie

About 20- 25 families are blessed by this ministry each year

Be Thankful for All Things

Giving Thanks Always for All Things with God and the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 5:20)

OUTREACH: SAVANNAH BAPTIST CENTER CHURCH

As we come to November we always begin to think of Thanksgiving Day - where are we going, who we will have Thanksgiving Day with and making plans for family to come visit. We are also reminded to be thankful for all God has done for us. We have *much* to be thankful for - we live in a free country where we have just held a free election!

To be sure we are a blessed people we as a country have *more* to be thankful for than any other people in history. But as I began to thank God for all the big and great blessings we have, I'm also reminded of the small, everyday things we take for granted.

I'm thankful for my own bed to sleep in. I'm thankful for my own bathroom. I'm thankful I have a shower and tub and I can spend as much time as I want to enjoy a bath. I'm thankful I have clean clothes to put on and a closet to keep them in. I'm thankful I can sit in my chair and have a cup of coffee each morning.

I'm thankful I have a driver's license and a car to drive. I'm thankful I can walk down the street, visit the many parks and galleries, go in a restaurant and be accepted - and have the money to buy lunch. I'm thankful for my good health, my family to love and care for and who encourages me. The list goes on - of small things we take for granted.

But I'm also thankful for the greatest gift of Salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. And the great blessing and honor to be called by him to Pastor the Baptist Center Church where many of those who attend sleep in tents, under bridges, or in crowded shelters. They don't have a bathroom and must use a "public facility," take a hurried shower while others wait, get that morning cup from someone else if they are lucky, have to walk everywhere they go, or if blessed they have a bicycle. Many don't have clean clothes or a closet to keep them, but carry all they have with them all day - as they move through the streets and parks because they are not desirable!

How thankful I am God has allowed me to serve Him, to help with clothes, bicycles, breakfast on Sunday mornings, but most of all to share the love of God with "the least of these." To see repentance made for sins and God's forgiveness given! To see God work in lives, set free from addictions, from depression, restored self-esteem, renewed hope, renewed faith, renewed relationships with family and loved ones - and new relationships with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I'm thankful for the many volunteers that help at the center, the prayers, for all the contributions that enable the Center to meet the needs of those we serve.

"Praise Him for Great Things He Hath Done"

With a Thankful Heart,
Pastor Harry
Colossians 4:2



Many of those who come to the Center on a weekly basis, looking for help and attending the church, live in make-shift tents

