



Reflections class heads up “Blanket Project”

Reflections Sunday School class is heading up the Blanket Project. They began initially collecting twin size blankets for Greensboro Urban Ministry for homeless shelter guests and for the homeless that don't make it into the shelters.

Recently another request has come for help from the Guilford Newcomers School who are in need of any size blankets to give out to immigrant families in need.

To answer this request, from now until Thanksgiving, Department 7 is collecting any size blanket, comforter or quilt. They can be new or gently used (no stains, rips or tears). Reflections is responsible for the organization and delivery to these agencies. The goal is to bring some warmth to those in need during the cold weather months. Any questions can be directed to Sidonna Black or JaneAnne Hayber.



It's a food fight!

FBC adults have challenged the youth to a food fight! Which group can bring in the greatest amount of canned food (in pounds) for Urban Ministry between now and Sunday, November 22? Let's bring on the “grub” as we continue to minister to the hungry in Greensboro.

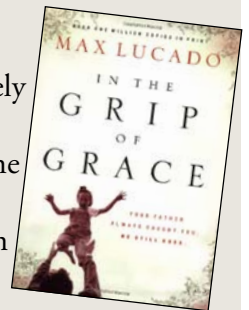
A Gathering Community invitation

This Sunday School gathering is based on short term studies open to all. We invite all interested people to join us for our next study beginning on November 15, 2009. If you would like to take a sabbatical from your usual class, please consider this multi-generational opportunity to study God's word and build relationships with people you may not know. If you are a teacher and are interested in this opportunity, please contact your class members and department leaders to discuss substitute possibilities.

This will be a study of the NT book of Romans using “*In The Grip Of Grace*” by Max Lucado as our study guide.

This study will last approximately 12 to 16 weeks, depending on the discussions.

We gather in room 109 each Sunday beginning at 9:00 with discussion beginning at 9:15. This is a facilitated discussion gathering. If you are interested in more information or in registering and attending this study, please contact Joe Garcia @ 854-1662, or garc200@triad.rr.com via email or come by room 109 on November 1. The books will be ordered on November 2 and available in room 109 on Sunday, November 8 with our first gathering on November 15.



FOOD FIGHT!



Joy class activities

The Joy class contributed \$365 for “The Greater Greensboro Hunger Walk.” They held a pinto bean, slaw and cornbread meal at Bonnie Morrah’s house as a fund raiser. The simple meal was symbolic for the hundreds of people in our community, and the millions worldwide who are hungry every day. Grace Flannagan did treat the group with apple cake.

Food gift packages were taken to five class members who were unable to attend due to illness.

Jean Stanfield and Bonnie joined with others from Greensboro to walk the 5K route Sunday, October 18.

Showing Christ’s love through action

Department 6, with only two classes, Agape and Koinonia, has lots of caring members, who participate in many outside activities, including:

- “Annual Christmas Auction” - this event is more than 20-years-old and finds members sharing generously of items for auction. It is not unusual to have a \$100 bid on a member’s handiwork; or sizeable bid for tickets to a ball game or golf; and food items bringing in hundreds of dollars. All of the funds, thousands each year, are used by the department for worthy needs. Members give joyfully as we gather at the home of a member for fellowship and this worthwhile project.

- Each Sunday morning, rain or shine, members of Adult 6 take our church van to retirement homes to bring members and guests to Sunday school and church. For many of those coming in, it is the only time in a week they get out—for our members doing the driving, it is truly a labor of love.

- Providing food to a food pantry is another labor of love, knowing their gifts help some others who are less fortunate.

- Mary’s House receives good, wholesome bread from Panera Bread thanks to the forethought to make arrangements for the gift of bread as well as the regular effort to pick up the bread and deliver it, all done in Christ’s name.

- Many of our members are taking part in various Team Ministries including a new project to knit scarves to be distributed to the homeless for winter and enlisting and teaching our young people how to knit.

Our overall goal is to share the love of Christ in various, and often unseen ways.



Inspire your Sunday School class to do something sweet!

Department 5 raised \$1,820 for the Christian Assistance Fund in a department cake/bread/cookie auction social. The idea was that members would bake a cake, pie, bread or cookies, wrap half of the baked goods for auction and slice/divide the remaining half for sampling. With a “fun” auctioneer, great theme decorations and lots of sampling, it was a great success... with the result, an offering to the Christian Assistance Fund.



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