



So Feed Them

How many?

At our managers meeting we were recounting the "Christ Sightings" we had experienced during the past week. Almost 600 (200 more than usual) had lined up for the evening meal the night before. The chicken we had prepared ran out before everyone had been fed, but (in true mission style) a catering truck dropped off some pans at the back as we were serving and inside those pans we found more chicken ready to be served so that by the end of the night-- all 600 were fed (and there were even a few leftovers.)

I could not help but see the connection with the story of Matthew 14 where the staff (disciples) came to Jesus asking what to do about all the hungry people. Jesus responded, "You feed them."

Their response was, "We can't do that." Their reason was "There's not enough."

I understand their answer because my answer might have been the same. "We're going to run out of chicken before we run out of hungry people." The disciples took what was "not enough" (five dinner rolls and a couple of fish sticks) and give them to Jesus.

I have learned several things about God-- and about me -- when it comes to feeding the hungry.

I often panic if I think there is not "enough."

I remember when John and I were first married and he made meatloaf for dinner. Although there were just two of us eating, he had used three pounds of ground beef because he wanted to make sure there was "enough." All of this to say that often we humans are not always the best judges of "what is enough?"

The second thing I noticed in the Matthew 14 story is that when Jesus blessed what the disciples thought was "not enough", it became "enough." Sometimes in my own experience it is only when I am at the end of my own resources that I give God enough room to act. When God acts scarcity often becomes abundance.

The third thing I realized was that Jesus, after taking "not enough" and making it into "enough" has the disciples distribute the food to the hungry. When they acknowledged that only God can make "enough" to feed all the hungry people is when they (and we) get to be participants in the miracle. We get to be living witnesses to God's abundance.

Sometimes in disappointment or exasperation when the oven doesn't work or the power goes off as people are lining up for dinner or the meat donation we thought was 500 pounds of steak turns out to be 500 pounds of assorted tongues, livers and ox-tails (we did cook it all), I hear myself repeating a phrase my mother said when she had reached her limit of patience, "enough is enough." I can almost hear Jesus respond using my own words with a very different tone to teach me and remind me and encourage me, Yes, Joy, enough really is enough -- so feed them.



Double Food Blessings

Farmers Sam and Donna Old of Craig County donated over 2,500 lbs of Eggplant to the Rescue Mission. The Kitchen rose to the challenge and served it 13 different ways!

Star Valley Provisions donated 17 pallets of meat valued at \$80,000 just as the Mission had run out of meat to serve.

Lauren Spano was one of 14 ladies who "Stopped Traffic" during the Mission Models on the Market event promoting the Rescue Mission Thrift Store on National Thrift Store Day.

Sept. 8, 5:30 pm
E.V.E. Network Meeting

Sept. 10, 2- 4 pm
2nd helpings
Artist Reception
Ken Stockton & Elane Watson

Sept. 15, 5:30 pm
Bless My Sole

Sept. 16-18, Noon - 7 pm
Greek Festival
at Holy Trinity Greek
Orthodox Church

Sept. 21, 12 noon
Auxiliary Luncheon

Oct. 8, 2- 4 p.m.
2nd helpings
Artist Reception

Oct., Wednesdays
9:30 am - 2nd Helpings
Living Well Series

Oct. 6, 5:30 pm
MENistry

Oct. 17, 12 noon
Pastor's Lunch & Learn
Philip Yancey

Oct. 24-28, 9 am - 4 pm
Christmas Card Stuffing

Nov. 5, 2-4 pm
2nd helpings
Artist Reception

Nov. 14
Drumstick Dash Early
Registration Deadline

For More Information
Call (540) 343-7227
rescuemission.net
drumstickdash.net

2nd Helpings
(540) 491-9405 Gallery
(540) 491- 9409 Cafe
2ndhelpings.org

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BACK 2 SCHOOL BLAST

Thank you Volunteers Back to School Blast.....

- 49 Participating Organizations...
- 160 Haircuts
- 215 Volunteers
- 485 Feet washed with new shoes fitted
- 1,196 New Testaments handed out by the Gideons
- 1,715 School supply kits with book bags distributed
- 3,000+ Smiles on Faces

Very
It was a Good Day.

Thousands of people attended the Back to School Blast



Sophie Rakes



Raleigh Court Presbyterian



To Remember and Honor, to Remember

In Memory of

- Mildred Barnard
- Don Bower
- Cole Brown
- Mr. Billy B. Bumgarner
- William D. (Bill) Clement
- Wanda A. Crable
- Daniel O. Croy
- Mrs. Maggie Davis
- Maggie W. Davis
- Mrs. Judy R. Derr
- Tom & Nell Dooley
- "Dickie" Dudley
- Tony Earls
- Robert J. Elliot
- Frank Ellison
- Brian Floyd
- Elevelny Folks
- Lynwood & Evelyn Glenn
- Mrs. Hilda Gregory
- Irma S. Grider
- Bob Hall
- Hubert H. Hambrick
- Vera Witt Hambrick
- Floyd Harom
- Mr. & Mrs. Claude Henderson
- Liz Hodges
- Edward G. Hoffman, Jr.
- Lucas J. Hunt
- Louise Killeen

Given by

- Carol W. Jensen
- Ms. Judy Bower
- Irving & Barbara Boyce
- Mr. & Mrs. James H. Watson
- Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Clement
- Barbara M. Dickinson
- Ms. Genetta H. Lewis
- Susan & Larry Richardson
- Virgie B. Seay
- Mr. & Mrs. Cranston Williams, Jr.
- Ellen Slocum
- Virgie B. Seay
- Martha G. Edmunds
- Ralph & Barbara McDaniel
- Jim, Susan & Ann Ellison
- Paula & Chip Vail
- Karen S. Carter
- Mrs. Janell Kesler
- Wanda P. Powell
- Charles G. Fuller
- Mr. & Mrs. Garland Bowman
- Ms. Genetta H. Lewis
- Ms. Genetta H. Lewis
- McNeil Asphalt Maintenance, Inc.
- Allan R. Kjeldsen
- Mr. & Mrs. Guy Kidd
- Irving & Barbara Boyce
- Joseph B. Camper
- Mrs. Carol Clower

In Memory of Given by

- Anne Kryzak Korona
- Rebecca and Wayne Todd
- Mrs. Thomas E. Donnelly
- Sophie Korona
- Larry & Judy Dufel
- James Bendel
- Dianne S. Santos
- Elrica Young & David Young
- The Park-Oak Grove Staff & Residents
- Roger & Joan Simpson
- Alice Harrison
- Frances B. Manuel
- Mr. & Mrs. Joel Pack
- Irvin R. Marsh
- Marianne McDowell
- JoAnn Adams
- Raymond Burchett
- Stephen & Marjorie Claytor
- Aaron Cook
- Mrs. Betty C. Payne
- Terry Deacon
- Lawton B. & Bernice S. King
- Alice S. Goodwin
- Thomas & Beverley Boehling
- Mount Pleasant Elementary School
- Tom Nasta & Robert Ford
- Dale & Ann Poe
- G. Scott Shackelford
- Mrs. Elizabeth S. Stanley
- Mrs. Roberta Thompson

...and so much more...

AmeriCorps volunteers were “de-vine” in helping us remove vines and weeds growing on a fence.

Sophie Rakes turned 9 and in lieu of gifts, her friends brought Back 2 School Blast supplies as gifts

Church of the Brethren Camp Youth made beds, cleaned family shelter rooms, washed bric-a-brac at the Thrift Store, served dinner, read stories to kids, and sorted school supplies

Carilion Clinic staff members sorted, packed, and loaded school supplies for Back to School Blast

Wells Fargo spent some team building time at the Rescue Mission slicing watermelon

New Hope Christian Church Crop Lilly ladies donated feminine hygiene products to the Women and Children’s Center

Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church assisted with food preparation

Legacy International assisted with food preparation and Back to School Blast

To volunteer contact Leslie Littlefield:
Leslie@rescuemission.net
(540) 777-7651



Urgent Need...Can You Help Us?
Child Care Helper for Family Shelter Classes:
Wednesdays from 8:45 am – 10:30 am.

- **Christmas Card Stuffers:** October 24-28, 9 am -12 noon and 1pm - 4 pm
- **Drumstick Dash Volunteers** – Thanksgiving morning, Various tasks anywhere from 6 am – 11:30 am
- **Women and Children’s Center:**
Toddler Care during Family Chapel: Mon. - Fri. 6 - 7:30 pm
Children’s Chapel Leaders: Mon. - Fri. from 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Children’s Ministry Assistants: Mon. - Fri. 6 - 8:30 pm
- **Breakfast Club Volunteers:** Weekdays 5:30 - 8 am
- **Bric-a-Brac Thrift Store Volunteers:** - Sort trinkets, gimcracks, knickknacks, baubles, and gewgaws on a regular basis for 2+ hours/week. (In other words, sort house wares “stuff”.)
- **Linens Thift Store Volunteers:** Sort linens on a regular basis for 2+ hours/week.
- **Reception Volunteers:** Answer phones and assist visitors weekdays 1-5 pm, and Tues. 9 am – 1pm

Donation Needs

18 gallon Rubbermaid Roughneck totes for Thrift Store bric-a-brac storage. Prefer navy blue and need 20!
New Pack & Play cribs for the Family Shelter

to Remember and Honor to Remember

In Memory of

- Elsie Milan
- Dalton Miller
- Richard L. “Buddy” Mitchell, Sr.
- Maude & Corinne Moeschler
- Thurston & Ruth Moomaw
- John W. Naff
- Mabel Nalls
- Lorraine Renee Noell
- Roy C. Perdue
- Jack Salt
- Cody Simmons
- James Cotton Simmons
- Kenneth Sanders
- Judy R. Sink
- Raymond & Helen Sippee
- John & Mildred Slocum
- Eva A. St. Clair
- Edith P. Tomlin
- Elizabeth “Liz” Wicks
- Joe Williams
- Ruth Williams
- Mrs. Winters
- Mrs. Minne E. Wirt
- Warren Edward Woodford

Given by

- Robert W. Harper
- Lauraine Kluge
- Suzanne & Craig Dowell
- The Wiggins Family
- Mr. & Mrs. Cranston Williams, Jr.
- Betty J. Mitchell
- Mr. John H. Harris
- Mr. T. M. Moomaw
- Hazel D. Naff
- Kathy St.Clair
- Robert Noell
- Bonnie J. Perdue
- Carol W. Jensen
- Virgie B. Seay
- Ronnie Simmons
- Kerri Pettrey
- Clyde B. Sink
- Jackie A. Riley
- Mr. & Mrs. William Rousis
- Ellen Slocum
- Frederick A. St. Clair
- Dianne T. Wingfield
- Belinda Harris
- Carol W. Jensen
- Jonathan Apgar
- Wanda P. Powell
- Mr. Bobby E. Wirt
- Geri Ann Laiacona
- Carlton & Donna McClure

In Memory of

- Warren Edward Woodford
- Robert W. Woody

Given by

- Moneta Medical Pharmacy
- T. W. Skelly
- Betty B. Woodford
- Charles & Jewel Kelley
- Mr. & Mrs. Lynn R. Hammond

In Honor of

- Dot Baldwin
- Bill B. Bangern
- Starr Cokes
- Richard Cundiff
- Brianna Davis
- Dr. Charles G. Fuller
- Larry Jessee
- Richard Jones
- Sherry Hatfield
- Martha Hartberger
- Nancy W. Karnes
- Brenda Lilly’s Birthday
- John & Evelyn McCormack
- The Rescue Mission
- Doug Powell’s Birthday
- Mrs. Carol Rosenberg
- Will Sawyer
- Mary Linda M. Smiley
- Joanne Thornhill

Given by

- Drew Gibbons
- Mr. & Mrs. James H. Watson
- Julia K. Hudgins
- Mr. Frank Mater, Jr.
- John M. Hughes
- Paula & Chip Vail
- Mr. Frank Mater, Jr.
- Laura Jones
- Mrs. Pearle Thompson
- Mr. & Mrs. R. Throckmorton
- Daniel E. Karnes
- Paula & Chip Vail
- Bonnie Wells-Smiley
- Mrs. James Robert Justice
- Paula & Chip Vail
- Geraldine Brumberg & Family
- Rannie & Cheryl Clifton
- Bonnie Wells-Smiley
- Ann D. Snead

Custom Art for Christmas

Let 2nd Helpings Gallery artists produce pet portraits, sketches of your home or custom jewelry for personalized Christmas gifts that will also help families in the Rescue Mission Shelter.



*Pet Portrait
by Linda Bostic Smith*

Linda Bostic Smith will paint an 8" x 10" oil portrait of your pet for \$65, and can have it ready for Christmas.

Consult with **Nancy Weekly** to create a hand-crafted fused glass (or semi precious stone) piece with custom sterling silver or gold filled wire sculpting.

The popular Roanoke winter theme card sets by **Bill Kohler** are available for mailing or framing.

Durant Vick will be delighted to provide a sketch of your home for framing or personal gift cards.

For more information contact 2nd helpings Gallery at 491-9405

Will You?

I never thought of myself as wealthy, but recently I filled out an estate planning document given to me by Gail Strickler, the Mission's Planned Giving Officer. When I counted the current value of my house and furnishings, my savings account, my retirement account, my life insurance and my other investments, I found that I am actually in much better financial shape than I realized (even with the economic crisis happening in the world right now).

Filling out that form also made me think about what I want to happen to my assets when I no longer need to cover my own living expenses. I wanted to provide for my family, my church and for the Rescue Mission. In all three cases—the gifts I make in my will will be the largest gifts I ever made to these three. I love my kids and grandchildren. I love my church. And I love the Rescue Mission. **I will express this in my will.**

For more information contact Gail Strickler at (540) 777-7687 or Gail@rescue.mission.net

Wish List

- Twin Sheet Sets & Bath Towels
- Deft, Biz & Free n' Clear Laundry Soap
- Large Size Bar Soap
- Large Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pepper, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Powder & Lotion
- Denture Adhesive

Mission Fact:

The Dental Clinic extracted 86 teeth in the month of July and provided \$27,800 in dental services.

Live Your Life Well!

Enjoy creative lectures to encourage healthy attitudes and joyful living as we age
Each Wednesday in October at 9:30 a.m.

For Reservations contact
540-344-0931, mharv@inffionline

(Admission is free but pre-registration is required).

Brought to you by Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley and with support from
The Foundation for Roanoke Valley's *Belonging Initiative*.

Complimentary Brunch by 2nd helpings

CARICATURE STORIES

October 5

Kyle Edgell

T.U.N.E. AGE STORIES

October 12

Summer Matics

CLAY, MANDALAS, AND TOOTSIE POP STORIES

October 12

Kelly Sisson

QUILTING STORIES

October 26

Paula Golden

Meals and More...

These numbers represent lives changed through God's blessings and your generosity!

| | JULY 2011 | YTD 2011 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Meals served | 33,135 | 198,293 |
| Shelter nights | 11,140 | 72,867 |
| Clothing items provided | 1,537 | 12,276 |
| Professions of faith | 91 | 751 |
| Volunteer hours | 10,404 | 66,467 |
| Class hours of instruction | 2,287 | 14,446 |
| Clinic patient visits | 1,137 | 8,459 |
| Value of healthcare provided | \$213,537 | \$1,459,118 |
| Case management visits | 308 | 2,811 |
| Legal clinic visits | 5 | 34 |