

COMMUNITY MEAL BLESSINGS

It's the third Saturday of the month and I stopped by the Church to visit the Community Meal team and take some pictures for the newsletter. I saw a group of dedicated people cooking and preparing meals in the kitchen, gathering cupcakes, and dividing candy hearts in preparation for packing and delivering the meals that would feed approximately 60 people. I have been very impressed by this group of people because they are faithful servants who regularly come to church on the third Saturday of the month. They shop for the food, prepare the meals, pack and deliver the meals. This program was started in 1999!



Later in the morning, I stopped by the Church again to pick up three of the meals for delivery that were prepared by the team. The bags were filled with a warm chicken dinner and side dishes and colorful cupcakes. Each bag was decorated with a card

with a scripture message. Inside the bags, were Valentine's Day cards prepared by our Church youth.

As I delivered the meals, the food made my car smell like a wonderful Sunday dinner. At my first stop, we were greeted in the yard by a nice gentleman who thanked us for the meals several times. As we approached the door, we were greeted by a woman with a big smile on her face. She was very excited to see the meals arrive. As we helped them carry the bags, he again, thanked us. As we were leaving, he stated, "Have a Blessed Day". As we reached

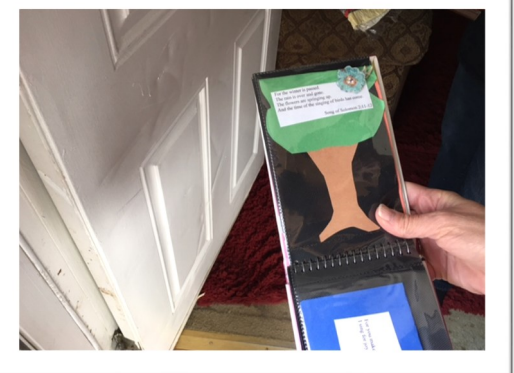


the car, again he said, "Have a Blessed Day!"



At the next stop, we were greeted at the door by a friendly woman with a big smile on her face. She stated, "You don't know how much I look forward to this!" We handed her the bags of food and she said, "Wait a minute- I have something to show you". She went into her home and returned with

several small photo albums. The photo albums had pictures of her children on the front. She asked us to open the albums, and as we did, we saw that they were filled with the messages that have been attached to the



outside of her Community Meal bags that she had received each month. She said, "See this one? It's from Valentine's Day last year." She has kept every message that had been delivered with her meals. She said even when she has been in the hospital, her children know to keep the messages for her to add to the albums. We said good bye and she thanked us again.

I believe this program blesses the people we feed, but even more, those who prepare, package, and deliver the meals. The Mission Team is interested in growing this program to provide food and reach out to more people in our community but we need your help! We need people to cook, package, prepare and deliver the meals. Please sign up in the Narthex if interested in helping with this important Mission, call the church office, or notify myself or any member of our Community Meal Team:

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Thank you to everyone over the years for their time, energy and dedication to this program.

Jan Griffin, Mission Team Elder

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6).

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