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GREENHOUSE NEWS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY 2018 FROM GREENHOUSE MINISTRIES!

As we reflect on this past year we thank the Lord for the blessings he has shown on Greenhouse Ministries. From the food pantry, to the occupational therapy program, to the Garden Patch Thrift Shoppe and even to our furniture pickups, we see the fingerprints of the Lord everywhere. HE has blessed our 2017 more than we can imagine, and we ask the Lord's guidance and provision for 2018 as well. We ask you to join us in this exciting journey for Greenhouse Ministries as we continue to fundraise for our future building. From the staff and volunteers at Greenhouse Ministries (many not pictured), we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Pray.

We are a Christian nonprofit and we believe in the power of God through prayer. Day after day we see prayers answered at Greenhouse Ministries. We thank God that he continues to bless us. We ask you to join us in our thanks, and continue to ask God's grace on our clients and on Greenhouse Ministries.

Volunteer.

With 350 volunteer hours a week, we would cease to exist without our volunteers. Our volunteers meet with clients, they sort donations, they teach our classes, work in the Garden Patch and much more.

Store Rewards.

Did you know some companies such as Amazon and Kroger offer opportunities to support Greenhouse Ministries? Stop in to your local Kroger for more information. For Amazon, shop on their charitable site "Amazon Smiles" and we will receive a percentage of what you buy.

Year End Giving.

The end of the year is when we receive the majority of our donations to last us through the entire next year. You can set up a safe and secure donation through our website or use your bank account to give directly to Greenhouse Ministries. All donations are tax deductible. Give the gift that truly keeps on giving.



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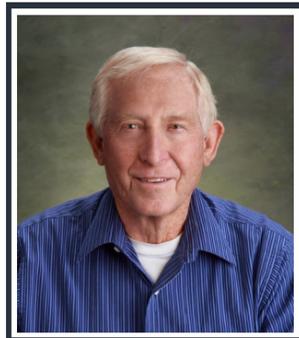
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CLIFF'S NOTES



“Joy to the world the Lord is come.” This saying stirs a special joy around the holiday season, from Thanksgiving through Christmas. There is something in the air that seems to be full of gratefulness and giving. We collected over 650 turkeys this year at the turkey drive. The following day we gave out almost 500 turkeys and food boxes, it was the best ever. I believe we live in the most generous community in the country. THANK YOU!!!

We are blessed that several schools do food drives for Greenhouse Ministries during the holidays to help keep the pantry stocked with food. For the sixth year the Primrose School of Murfreesboro has collected a truck load of food. When they called for us to pick it up I asked if I could come over and say thank you and read to the kindergarten classes. The children were so excited they were able to help someone who might not have anything to eat. I shared poems, rhyming stories, and how reading poems would stretch their vocabulary and make them smarter. I then had them practice saying “I have an attitude of gratitude.” After we all repeated it several times I told them to go home and tell their parents thank you for all you do for me, and “I have an attitude of gratitude.” One of the little boys raised his hand and said, “What if I forget?” He won’t. We then talked about the first Thanksgiving and their difficult struggle and the help they received from the indians. They were excited about both giving to help others and being thankful for people helping them.

As we look toward Christmas and the “Reason for the Season” I pray that each of you will take time to share with your family the the great event of the reason for Jesus’ birth. Without it we would not have access to the Love, Grace, and Mercy of God. We also would not have the pattern of Jesus to show us the abundant life that is available for all.

While reading the Christmas story recently I was reminded of the importance of the Magi in the scheme of the story. They came from the East, probably Persia. Many years prior, Daniel introduced his God to the Wise Men and also saved their lives by interpreting the king’s dream. When the star appeared, they left on a long and dangerous journey to pay tribute the the child to be born King of the Jews. When they found that the child would be born in Bethlehem the star went before them and they were over joyed. When they saw the child with his mother they bowed down and worshiped him. They gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This was important in that it funded Jesus’ escape to Egypt.

Just as the funds were needed at that time, Greenhouse is in needs of funds from people who have been given the heart and the resources to give. If you are able to help we would be very grateful and use the funds wisely in bringing Hope to the undeserved in our community. Merry Christmas, may this be your most Blessed one ever. BE BLESSED!!

THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE 



Thank you to everyone who donated to our turkey drive! We received 647 turkeys in 24 hours!



Garden Patch Thrift Shoppe will continue their extended Thursday hours! This means they will be open Thursdays from 10 am to 8 pm. Come and shop local!



We have changed the frequency of Legal Clinic. Legal Clinic will now be offered beginning at 3 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.



We had another great Mobile Food Pantry AND Turkey Giveaway this month thanks to our sponsors, Shawn and Jennifer Kaplan with The Coffee Drop Project and Kingdom Ministries! Thank you also to Vurban Records for providing the music, and for all of the volunteers who showed the love of Jesus to our neighbors. We gave prayers and food to 490 families this year!




GARDEN PATCH SALES 

December 5-8:

25% off glassware, kitchen items and linens

December 12-15:

25% off clothes and shoes

December 19-22:

25% off decorative items, framed pictures and collectibles

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 14, 10-noon:
Volunteer Orientation

December 14, 3 pm:
Legal Clinic

December 22-January 2:
Greenhouse and Garden Patch
CLOSED

December 25:
Merry Christmas!

January 1:
Happy New Year!

* For more information about our events, please check our website.

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

In memory of: Mrs. Marty Harmon
Donated by:
- Andy Womack
- Bob & Marie Parks

THANK YOU:

‘Tis the season of joyful giving! We want to say a massive thank you to all of the businesses, churches, individuals, schools and all other organizations who donated food, toiletries, socks and more to Greenhouse Ministries this past month. Most of the supplies we use throughout the year are donated during the holiday season. Without donations from you, we would not be able to operate year round. Thank you again for choosing to plant hope in your community!