

In honor of...

Sally Spainhour a love gift was given

In memory of...

Ed Bullock a love gift was given.

In kind gifts...

Wallace First Baptist Church

Olivet Baptist

Rocky Point Methodist

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Always a need...

- ♦ *Raise the Roof fund, with your help we can get the needed roof.*
- ♦ *Paper towels*
- ♦ *Dish soap*
- ♦ *Trash bags*
- ♦ *Laundry detergent, softener*
- ♦ *Non-perishable foods such as:*
soups, canned meats, coffee, sugar, and creamer

*We thank you for the prayers,
love, and support you continue
to pour into*

The Matthew 25 Center.

**Come take a tour in and around and bring
a friend you'll be glad you did.
Just call 910-259-7133.
We can't wait to see you!**

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"A home away from home for families who visit their incarcerated loved ones."

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iTunes card

Movie Tickets



May 18th 2013
The Matthew 25 Center
will hold its 1st ever
QUARTER AUCTION

Doors open at 4:00 pm

Auction begins at 5:00 pm

\$5 per paddle or 3 for \$10

Bring your quarters—bid on fabulous items

Belks Card—gift cards



Hot dog chips cookies

Cruisers Car Wash



Pampered Chef

Tools

Matthew 25 Happenings

FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED in DECEMBER 2012, JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2013 was 43 - Continue to keep these families lifted in prayer.

TOURING THE FACILITY WAS: Our own Mayor Pete Cowan and he was with a representative taking notes for the new facility they are hoping to build in Tabor City.



THE MATTHEW 25 CENTER HOSTED: Kairos Training for New Hanover county - Kairos Closing for Pender County - Rock of Ages Men's Ministry - Would you like to be involved? Please call **The Matthew 25 Center** 259-7133.

I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. ... And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you have done it to Me (Matthew 25:36,40).

We want to visit your church!
Call us and let us come visit with you and
tell your congregation about
The Matthew 25 Center
259-7133

Friends, we know times
have changed and some
may want to take advantage
of it... so if you would like to
receive the Newsletter by email
let us know. In fact it has been
awhile since we have heard from
you, so let us know email or snail mail
we can't wait to say Hi!



Kairos unites Christians to make a difference for Christ in the hearts of prisoners. You can help in so many ways...

Prayer is always the greatest need... letters of **Hope**... making **Place-mats**...making **Posters**... or **Sponsor** an **Inmate**. They would love for you to attend one of their **Closings**. To get more information contact Geoff at 910.253.4423 or 457.9910 email geoffwax@gmail.com; or Jamie Semmens 910.685.5706 or email Jamie_semmens@yahoo.com; or call Patsy 910.763.7534



From the Presidents desk...

Serving others.....

Many of you who know the history of center know that our original mission and service has not changed. You may wonder why we are not a household name and why the parking lot is empty some times. I can't answer those questions but I can, without doubt, report to you that the work is alive and well.

It is my belief and some of yours too that the service provided is a part of God's plan and it has no measure or time constraint, no time card to monitor and no report card at the end of the term. To those who observe from the outside it may appear somewhat useless and questionable. But to those who enter and are served - it is a blessing. We've read comment cards that state "thank you for your hospitality" and others that expressed an appreciation for "accepting them at this time in their lives".

There are bigger, more popular charities but to someone who is coming to see an incarcerated loved one, the size of the center doesn't matter, the activities in the center don't matter, its popularity doesn't count. To them we are here, to welcome them and to offer a place to rest until they return home. Most of our guests usually stay one night. The state's approval process is required ahead of time and for those who travel great distances and make two visits, we accommodate two nights.

There are new things in store for the center this year but the main theme is to remember what we do and how we do it and the One who guides us. Please pray for all the needs of the directors, the board and most importantly, the families we serve. Thank you for all you do to support this mission!

**In His service,
Sharon Baucom**

