

Matthew 25 Happenings

March We hosted 23 family members from Morganton, Gastonia, Roxboro, Black Mountain, Swannanoa, and Kannapolis, North Carolina, Ocala and Coca Florida and New Burgh, New York. Kairos had two training Saturdays. **April** brought 8 family members from Gastonia and Roxboro, North Carolina. Kairos was with us for five days. **May** had 12 family members from Cocoa, Ocala and Jacksonville, Florida; Swannanoa, Black Mountain and Roxboro, North Carolina and Pageland, South Carolina. We had one family staying that was visiting Hyde County Correctional Institution and one that was visiting at New Hanover County Correctional.

Tours

Women on Mission from Wilmington First Baptist came out for luncheon and tour. Durward Calton from Community Outreach Ministries toured. Rev. Mike Lewis from Wrightsboro Baptist came and toured looking for different projects around the center that need to be done. Herb Harrell from Harrell's Department Store toured after installing the washing machine. We also had several visitors from the Burgaw area.

The Pender Correctional Institution held its annual volunteer banquet here at the center. They honored the volunteers for all of their dedication in working with the inmates. The Pender County Community Resource Council had a reception here also. They had a program in appreciation of the volunteers that helped with the chapel project on the inside and outside.

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Operation In As Much came out a week before the open house to help us get ready. They cleaned the linen closet and the food pantry and it looked and still looks so nice. Also helping to get ready was Connie Wells who did some sewing, Heather Morton, Judy Siko, and Anita Joseph who prepared quilts. Jill and Lynn LaCour came and pulled dead shrubs, painted doors and rails and added some personal touches to the Center. Jerry Schwefel straightened the sign and helped with the garden. Thomas Hesse came and hauled away a couple trailer loads of debris.

Happy 10th Anniversary!

The 10th Anniversary Open House was great. The board did a great job preparing and providing all of the delicious food, and thank you Mrs. Davis for the cake. We reminisced of old and shared the new. We now serve families in 30 states and three countries. The need does not lessen but increases. Thank you, all you faithful stewards who tend to the little things and one day our Lord will make you rulers over great things.

SET THE DATE

Sunday School Group, Ladies & Men's Group, Church Group, Senior Group, Youth Group and Civic group — we will be more than happy to come and speak to your group and would love for you to come take a tour of the Center and when you come bring a friend with you. You'll be glad you did. Just call 910-259-7133.

We can't wait to see you.

Thank you for having us!

We were invited to speak at the Brother Hood of Riley's Creek Baptist Church. They invited us to a fish fry dinner and shared the history of the church, this year is their 200th year anniversary.

Something new around here

We have a new washing machine. We had to replace another air unit—this time for the great room (big expense). A vent motor was also changed in one of the bedrooms. The donated fountain in the front garden has added the sound of relaxation while rocking in the chair.

Things that are needed

- ◆ Trash bags 5 gal, 13 gal and 33 gal
- ◆ Fabric Softener, liquid
- ◆ Scrubbing bubbles, Windex, Lysol spray
- ◆ Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Creamer
- ◆ Liquid hand soap, Airwick spray refill
- ◆ Breakfast bars, microwave popcorn, individual juice bottles, individual cereal boxes
- ◆ Raise the Roof Fund, with your help we can get the needed roof

Quarter Bowl Campaign

Here is how it works—We will have a booth at the Blueberry Festival, June 21st where you will be able to purchase a sugar bowl with a blueberry goody. Once the sugar bowl is emptied of the goodies we ask that you pledge to fill it for the Matthew 25 Center. Fill it with your quarters and when the bowl is full donate those quarters to the Matthew 25 Center. Fill it once, fill it twice, fill it three times, as many times as you do it will bless the center. Won't you take the "Quarter Bowl Pledge"?

To kick it off we have a sugar bowl full of quarters, we need you to take a guess and see how close you get to the exact number. Those with the exact number will be put into a drawing. The drawing will be at 3:00pm at the Blueberry Festival. One person will walk away with that bowl and its quarters. So get your guesses in now!

Guesses are \$2ea