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“...inasmuch as you
have done it unto one
of the least of these my
brethren, you have
done it unto me.”

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*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*

From all of us at Matthew 25

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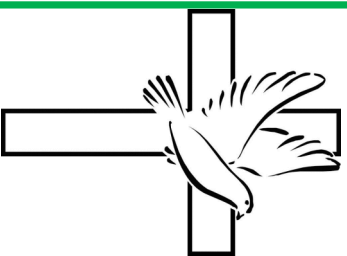
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*The Matthew 25 Cen-
ter has lost one of its
own. Nathan Teachey
was laid to rest. He
was one of the found-
ing members and will
be greatly missed. Our
hearts go out to the family during
this time. May he rest in peace.*

Shopping List
Always a need...

- ◆ We are beginning the work on the prayer garden and could use a mini gazebo, big flower or tree pots, a couple of boulders and top soil.
- ◆ Toilet bowl cleaner
- ◆ Mr. Clean floor cleaner
- ◆ Liquid Fabric softener, Bleach
- ◆ Air freshener solids and sprays and air wick re-fills.
- ◆ Paper towels



Matthew 25 Happenings



September We had eight family members that came from Charlotte and Greensboro in NC., and Mesa, AZ., Baltimore, MD., and Pageland, SC were our out of state guests. We did the "Starving Artist" fundraiser and found out we have many talented people in the area, thank you for your support. We had a water pipe break at the meter that was repaired and a pipe in the attic came unglued and came through the ceiling in the ladies rest room. **October** There were 14 family members coming in from Cocoa, FL., Louisville, OH., and Baltimore, MD., our NC families came from Swannanoa, Mooresville, High Point, Winston Salem and Greensboro. Kairos prison ministry had their program this month. **November** 23 family members stayed with us, from NC Eden, Reidsville, Greensboro, Claremont, Franklin, Ashboro and Waxhaw traveling in from Sugar Grove, VA., Afghanistan and Davie, FL. We had our Quarter Auction and The Belk Charity sale. Thanks to all who came out and played and those who went out to shop. You helped make both a great success.

In Memory of...

Doris Jones, Earl and Gladys Orr gave a donation of \$50
Margaret Brown, Jimmy and Anita Joseph gave a donation of \$50
Odell and Ola Mae Noble, Jimmy and Anita Joseph gave a donation of \$50
Eunice Taylor, Mount Holly Baptist Church gave a donation of \$457



In kind gifts...we can't thank you enough

Woodmen Life Atkinson Chapter brought in food for the pantry and paper products and a new Christian and State flag.
Vickie Daniels donated sheets, water, paper towels and toilet paper.
Victory Christian Fellowship mini personal hygiene products.
Gina Weems donated paper products.
Stephanie O'Strowski also brought in mini hygiene products.
Eva Briggs brought us mini personals.
King's Chapel donated food and paper products.
Union Chapel Missionary Daughters of Zion personal hygiene products, mini personals and pocket calendars with pens.

Thank you all for the donations.

From the Presidents desk...

Being grateful.....

...isn't just a Thanksgiving activity. This is one of my favorite statements, the author is unknown:

"A grateful attitude becomes a grid through which you perceive life. Gratitude enables you to see the light of God's presence shining through all circumstances."

Regardless of what is going on in our lives we should be willing to examine the lesson or the purpose in it. God's plan, not ours, is perfect. This week He called Nathan Teachey home. Amid the sadness of his death and our loss, we must accept that it was his homecoming plan and be grateful that God's promise of restoring his health was kept. I am grateful for the years of working alongside Nathan for Matthew 25, his friendship and his Christian witness. He will be missed.

I'm also grateful for the good news we received right before Thanksgiving. We are now only \$3,000 short at this time to proceed with the roof replacement soon after the New Year starts. It is another one of God's plans. As you know we've been talking about it for years. You see, we not only desired it to be done, prayed for it and asked for you to help us pray for it, but we had faith that it would happen and patience to wait on Him. God is good and his plan is perfect.

I'm grateful to all of you who support this wonderful mission and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sharon Baucom

