Here's what we've been up to:

• Windows in all guest rooms were replaced.

• One heat pump replaced along with part of the ductwork.

• Website was updated and now includes an interactive web application for our guests and an online donation form.

Ways you can bless The Matthew 25 Center...

• Contribute to our "rainy" day fund for a new roof for the Center.

- Paper goods for kitchen and bath:
 - paper towels bathroom dispensable cups toilet tissue Kleenex (small box size) plastic garbage bags (all sizes)

• Cleaning supplies.

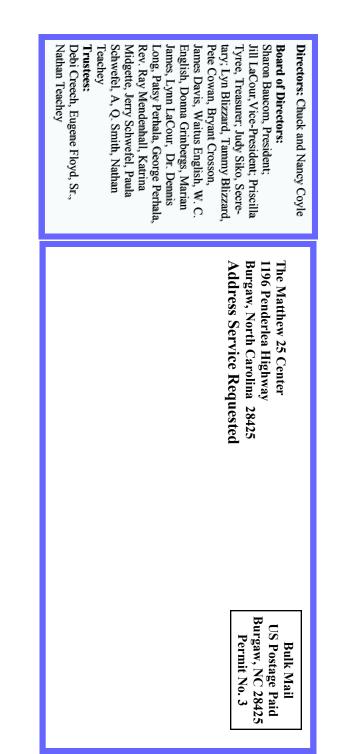
• Travel size toiletries to include:

shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste,toothbrushes, bath soap, hand soap, etc.Laundry supplies.

• Non-perishable foods such as:

soups, canned meats, coffee, sugar, and creamer

...For the **Lord** your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete. Deut. 16:15b







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Bar-B-Que Dinner

Friday, September 14, 2012 Location: The Matthew 25 Center 1196 Penderlea Highway, Burgaw, NC 28425



Serving 11:00 a.m. - Until it's gone! Dine In or Take Out Menu: Home Made BBQ, Cole Slaw, Potatoes and Hush Puppies! (Dine-In includes iced tea.) \$7.00 per plate

Free delivery in the Burgaw area for customers ordering 5 or more plates in one location.

Call (910) 259-7133 to reserve your plates!



Welcome Chuck, Nancy, and Kristen Coyle! A note from the new directors...

May we begin by speaking to you from our hearts! A humongous "Thank You" to all of our donors. You are truly appreciated and honored by The Matthew 25 Center board. Without you we would cease to exist. So, thank you from each one of us.

We want you to know from the first time we heard of this ministry, we felt God's leading us to The Matthew 25 Center. God stayed true every step of the way as He made the way. With the help of three outstanding people from Burgaw driving all the way to Pennsylvania, loading our things, then driving all the way back to Burgaw and unloading the moving van, we finally made it here safely. We give a personal thank you to Reverend Jimmy and Anita Joseph for helping us get acquainted with the Center and the area.

Just when you think God isn't doing anything you find out He is always up to something. God brought us out of retirement after four years and led us here. We are excited as we anticipate what He has in store for us and The Matthew 25 Center. But, we need you to make up the team. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find our suggested needs for the center, but more than anything, we covet your prayers. Why we'll even take an encouraging word or two! It is obvious to us that the good Lord has paved the way through the dedicated volunteers who have come before us and indeed still carry the burden for the work.

Won't you invite us to your church or organization? You may just find yourself at the beginning of a new journey you never new existed! "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)

We have been officially serving the families of inmates of Eastern North Carolina since 2004. It was the apostle Paul who said, "*All they asked was that we continue to remember the poor*..." Galatians 2:10a (NIV) Those words have not changed. This may be where you come in, and it is called The Matthew 25 Center.

In His service and for His glory, Chuck, Vancy, and Kristen Coyle

Matthew 25 Happenings

Since April we hosted 86 family members and guests.

Tours of the facility were given to Temple Baptist Church of Wilmington, NC and Women's Ministries of Durham, NC.



Tours of The Matthew 25 Center are always available to your church or ministry. Just give us a call at 910-259-7133.

The Matthew 25 Center hosted Forgiven Ministry, Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside, Silver Lake Baptist WMU, Rock of Ages, Kairos Reunion and the Pender Correctional Volunteer Banquet.

> Upcoming Events: September 4 – 6 Rock of Ages September 14 - BBQ Fundraiser October 17 - 21 Kairos Inside December 12 - 15 Families in Crisis

Touching hearts!

A word from our guests...

• "Was very nice to stay here. Family is everything and being able to visit without added worries is awesome. Family who oversees is very thoughtful and kind."

• "A wonderful place—May God bless you all!!"

• "The patronage here is wonderful, refreshing and very sensitive to the needs of others."

Hearts touching ours!

In Memory of:

Ms. Eunice R. Taylor By Mount Holly Baptist Church

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