



The  
**Matthew 25**  
CENTER, INC.

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For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a Son is given:  
**Merry Christmas**  
to all of you  
from all of us.

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

*Tina Weems brought in paper products.  
Atkinson Baptist Church dropped off reading ma-  
terial and study guides.  
Helle Jorgensen donated pillows, throws and some  
odds and ends.  
Watha Baptist Church brought us paper, cleaning  
and consumable products.  
Ogden Baptist Church WMU brought us paper  
products.*

*In Memory of...*

...Marynette Sadler, Rocky Point Methodist Church gave \$700.  
...Eunice Taylor, Mount Holly Baptist Church gave \$290.  
...J. Ed Bullock, Nell and Carlton Martin gave \$1000.  
...Mary Bunnell, Mike and Sharon Baucom gave \$100.  
*In Honor of...*  
...Pat Stokes, Sally Spainhour gave \$15

**SAVE THE DATE!!! March 21, 2015**

We will host our first 5K "Fun'd Run for Families"  
We will need all you runners to get your shoes ready and all you workers to get your gloves on (vests on).



## The Christmas Wreath

### The Circle

Traditional wreaths are in the form of a circle. This circle has numerous meanings, both to Christians and non-Christians alike: The eternal presence of God, with no beginning and no end – The cycle of the seasons, from spring to winter and eventually to spring again – The hope of life renewing itself – The hope of eternal life through Christ the Savior – The unending love of God

### Materials in the Wreath

The early wreaths were made out of several evergreen materials. The evergreens in general represent continuity and survival through difficult times. Each evergreen used, however, also has a meaning: Holly represents the crown of thorns that Christ wore at the Crucifixion – Pine, holly and yew symbolize eternal life – Cedar stands for healing – Laurel represents the conquest over pain and suffering – Pine cones, seeds and nuts represent birth and rebirth

### Colors

The traditional Christmas colors of red and green also have symbolic meaning. Green represents the life and growth. For Christians it stands for the eternal life of the soul. Red signifies the blood Christ shed on the cross.  
[http://christmas.lovetoknow.com/Christmas\\_Wreath\\_Meaning](http://christmas.lovetoknow.com/Christmas_Wreath_Meaning)



### Quarter Bowl Campaign paying off...

We have had several of you already bring in bowls full of change and we are so thankful. It is amazing how much a little thing can hold. Thank you all for taking the challenge and blessing the center with your change.

### IT IS SO MUCH BETTER AFTER YOU HAVE SEEN IT...

Sunday School Group, Ladies & Men's Group, Church Group, Senior Group, Youth Group and Civic group — we would love for you to come take a tour of the Center, so why not plan a field trip for your next meeting so that you can see the center, hear about it and bring your lunch and chat about it.  
You'll be glad you did. Just call 910-259-7133.  
We can't wait to see you.

## Matthew 25 Happenings

**September** We hosted 10 family members from Waxhaw, Belmont, and Boone North Carolina; Largo, FL; Pageland, SC; and Baltimore, MD. Jason Aycock with Cripple Creek Dance Studio, and Olivia Dawson, coordinator for the NC Blueberry Festival came and toured the center. The Children's Sunday school class from Primera Iglesia Bautista Church in Wilmington brought stuffed animals that they had collected for the children that visit the center. **October** had 16 family members from Sugar Grove, VA, Spartanburg, SC, Middletown, CT, Louisville, OH and Cocoa, FL and Reidsville, Franklin, and Murfreesboro, NC. Kairos had one training day. We had to replace another air unit. The ice machine had to be repaired and the back flow had its annual inspection. **November** hosted 24 family members from Cocoa, FL; Port Allegany, PA; Baltimore, MD and Gaston, SC. also from Reidsville, Charlotte, Durham, Belmont, Roxboro and Murfreesboro, NC. We had a blast at the Quarter Auction. The Belk's Charity Sale was great success. Unit #4 (the air unit replaced last month) passed the inspection.

## From the Presidents desk...

### Mission – How do you describe it?

There are many passages in the Bible on missions and God's expectations of us. One of the most familiar might be Matthew 28:19 "Go and make disciples of all the nations". As a young Christian I thought this meant you always had to travel abroad to be a missionary. Later I learned the difference between home and foreign missions, still thinking there had to be some formal program dictating what we should do. When The Mathew 25 Center plans came together over 25 years ago and work began right here in our back yard, I began to understand missions can consist of any need being met with the intention of sharing the love of Jesus. He expects us to recognize the need and do our best to meet it.

Recently I found this description in a Sunday school lesson: ***"Mission is more than just an add-on to all of the other church activities we are involved in. Mission is the core activity of the church. God not only wants us to be secure in His love, but He also wants us to experience what He experiences in giving love! This is who we are as His church – people sent to love as we have been loved so that others might believe the good news and then love as they have been loved, and so on!"*** This says it all in a very simple way. It doesn't take sophisticated programs, planning or travel. Whatever mission work you are involved in, Thank You and thank you for your prayerful, financial, and volunteering support of The Matthew 25 Center.

Merry Christmas,

Sharon Baucom



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### Shopping List

#### Always a need...

- ♦ *Raise the Roof Fund, with your help we can get the needed roof.*
- ♦ *Trash bags small 7gal, medium 13gal, large 33gal, and extra large 55gal.*
- ♦ *Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, individual juices bottles.*
- ♦ *Liquid hand soap, airwick spray refill.*
- ♦ *Laundry detergent, fabric softener, bleach, spot treatment etc...*
- ♦ *Cleaning supplies, scrubbing bubbles, toilet cleaner, disinfecting wipes, floor cleaner, etc...*
- ♦ *Paper products, toilet paper, paper towel.*
- ♦ *Non-perishable foods such as: soups, canned meats, cereal (individual servings), breakfast bars, snack items, etc...*

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### PROJECT CENTRAL...

*If you are looking for projects for you or your Sunday School class, women's or men's group or youth group, we have a few ideas. We have a couple of project to take on at the center like:*

*We would like a Prayer garden on and around a slab in the backyard also a picnic area. We have 4 wing back chairs that need to be upholstered. The Center needs to be painted.*

*If you are looking for something for the youth maybe they would like to do a car wash fundraiser for the center or work on a project here.*

*Give us a call if you would like to lend a helping hand or adopt a project 259-7133. Thank you!*

All of you who continue to support us with supplies of all kinds, we so greatly appreciate it. It is such a blessing to have supplies on hand. You are truly a blessing to the Matthew 25 Center.  
Thank you.