

3D MISSIONS NEWS

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UPCOMING DATES

SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION TRIP

JUNE 22nd- JULY 1st

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

NURSERY - ADULTS

LIGHT CONSTRUCTION

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TEXAS MISSION TRIP

JUNE 23rd - 30th

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NEVERFAIL MISSION DAY TRIP

MAY 5th

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Benevolence Offering

Have you ever wondered why our church collects a benevolence offering when we have a communion service? Pam Pilote, minister to senior adults and congregational care, explains the purpose of this offering and the many ways this offering assists those in our community:

Our church's benevolence program meets formally three times per month plus additional "pop up" requests. On these Wednesday mornings, folks are greeted by our Welcome Center volunteers and assisted with the process by one of our benevolence volunteers: Barbara Poe, Betty Dixon or Judy Campbell. When they arrive at my desk downstairs, some of the folks are





Coldest Nights

Once again, First Baptist Church hosted the Coldest Nights Ministry in our church, housing homeless men in our community when the temperature fell below freezing. Through February, Coldest Nights was open for 49 nights.

Many members of First Baptist Church form teams to serve the gentlemen who stay here a nutritious and warm supper. There are seven teams that regularly serve meals, and of the 49 nights Coldest Nights has been open, teams from FBC have served meals for 22 of those nights. Other community members, groups, and organizations also partner with our church to serve meals. The Coldest Nights ministry serves an average of 37 men each night.

We are thankful to all those who serve and support the Coldest Nights Ministry in our church.

amazed to find themselves in need of help. Their need is due primarily to illness—either their own or a family member's. Other folks struggle every month just to meet basic needs. In general, our church assists one time per year with \$75 toward either rent or utilities. We also provide referral information for other places of assistance, counseling regarding options and prayer. The United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties provides us with an online program called Charity Tracker which has been an excellent tool for our community.

The portion of budget monies for assistance after certain donations to helping agencies is \$6000.00

Last year, the benevolence ministry gave \$19,362.83 to 252 households that included 627 individuals. About \$3,000 additional was given by other ministers to people in need. The additional \$16,000+ was primarily available thanks to your gifts during the benevolence offering after Lord's Supper services. Thank you for your gifts and thanks be to God for using us in this ministry.

Child Advocacy Center

First Baptist Church was once again blessed with the opportunity to partner with our friends at the Child Advocacy Center to sponsor needy families last Christmas. Through the generous giving of church members, we were able to provide gifts for twelve families that have been involved with the Child Advocacy Center. We also had funds given that were used to purchase Kroger gift cards that were given to the Center to families as needed.

The volunteers at the Child Advocacy Center wished to express their gratitude to the church for provided for these families and provided them with gifts they otherwise could not afford.