

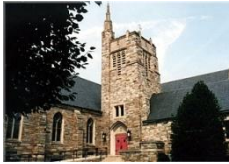
Bountiful Blessings News

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Trinity Lutheran Church



Volunteers at the Lemoyne site

The Bountiful Blessings Lemoyne site was the first Bountiful Blessings site opened. The site is located inside Trinity Lutheran Church at 509 Hummel Ave. in Lemoyne.

The Lemoyne site is open the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

Trinity Lutheran Church members and groups serve a dinner in conjunction with the operational time of the BB site.

Dennis Stark is the Site Coordinator. He is supported by a wonderful volunteer staff; Amy, Umberto, Ande, and Hannah just to name a few.

Trinity has seen growth in their Sunday School,

Vacation Bible School and church attendance from BB recipient families making Trinity their church home.

In speaking with the interim pastor at Trinity, we have been told that their are anywhere from 3 to 10 BB recipients attending their Thursday evening casual church service.



BB Western PA Golf Outing Committee

Western PA Golf Outing

The Western PA Bountiful Blessings Golf Outing, held on May 1st, 2010 was a huge success. Many thanks goes out to the golf committee, hole sponsors, volunteers, donors and golfers.

A slide show of the golf event is on the Bountiful Blessings web site.

Proceeds from the golf outing were used to support the western PA Bountiful Blessings sites.



The Bountiful Blessings office



Books and Stuffed Animal Drive

Many BB sites offer a brand new or gently used stuffed animal and a brand new book for each child under 18 years of age at the holidays. Because of the magnitude of this collection, BB conducts the drive for these items throughout the year.

We are grateful for the dozens of people who have donated brand new books and gently used stuffed animals.

Upcoming Events

Bountiful Blessings is scheduled to participate in the following events:

★ Bountiful Blessings 10th Anniversary Banquet – Friday January 14, 2011 at Capital Area Christian Church 1775 Lamb's Gap Rd. Mechanicsburg

★ 2nd Annual Bountiful Blessings Western, PA Golf Outing – Saturday May 7, 2011 at Butler's Golf Course Rock Run Rd. Elizabeth, PA

★ Maryland Bountiful Blessings Golf Outing will be held in the fall of 2011

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The Pittsburgh (North Side) site has changed when their session is open. The site, which operates out of St. Matthew Lutheran Church at 600 East North Ave. in Pittsburgh is open the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from noon to 2:00PM



West Virginia

The state of West Virginia has now given clearance for Bountiful Blessings to open sites in their state. If you know of any churches with a heart for outreach in WV that may be interested in serving as a host site, please call the BB office with the church name, city, contact person and phone number.

Leave a legacy

Remember BB as part of your will or trust. For more information and assistance, call the BB office at 717-802-1222

New Site!



The newest BB site in Calvin UMC 15519 Sportsman Club Rd. in Calvin, PA. The site is open the 1st Tuesday of the month from 2:00PM to 4:00PM and on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:00PM-8:00PM



When doing a search on the internet, go to the Good Search web site powered by Yahoo. If you name Bountiful Blessings as your charity, BB will receive money for each internet search done.

www.goodsearch.com

Be sure to bookmark Good Search as your search engine of choice.

And, please remember to share the Good Search web site with friends and family.



BB on FB

Do you have a Facebook account? If so, why not join the Bountiful Blessings Facebook Cause?

BB events and happenings as well as announcements are posted on our FB page.



Bountiful Blessings wants to thank the following groups organizations and businesses for their generosity and support:

Old Dominion Trucking
Bread of Life Outreach
Bethesda Mission
Presbyterian Homes Inc.
New Hope Ministries
Fairview Bethel Church
Sam Brenneman
Paul Quill

All the volunteers who helped with the warehouse project



Bookmark the BB web site for easy reference on where to send people who are in need.

www.bountifulblessingsinc.org

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Wish List for BB

As we prepare for future sessions at our full service sites and for the growth of the BB program we are currently collecting the following:

- Brand new books for children and adults
- New or gently used stuffed animals
- School supplies, such as: tablets, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, crayons, and erasers
- A projection system that can be linked to a laptop to do presentations
- Box truck or van (must be inspected and in good running condition)
- Gasoline cards
- Brand new Bibles – NIV version



Warehouse News

The Bountiful Blessings warehouse has relocated. Due to a change in project development plans at the Dillsburg location, we have had to move the shelving and items to a temporary location. If you know of someone who'd be willing to donate 1,500 to 2,000 sq. ft. of warehouse / storage space – please call the BB office.

HELP

Bountiful Blessings is always looking for volunteer help in the office, in the warehouse and in the field. No matter what a volunteer's talents and gifts – we can match them up with a task.

Help is needed to do light duty administrative chores, to pick up items from suppliers, make deliveries to BB sites, as well as light maintenance jobs.

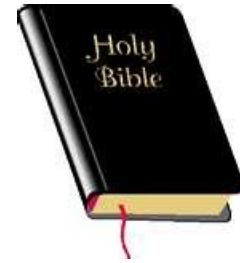
Contact us at 717-802-1222 and we will coordinate times and tasks so you can be on the BB volunteer support team.

Speaking of Bountiful Blessings

To schedule someone from Bountiful Blessings to speak to your church group, scout troop, civic organization or school – simply call our office at 717-802-1222. Our staff will be happy to schedule a speaker for your next event.

Contributions

Monetary contributions can be made payable to Bountiful Blessings Inc. Because BB is a 501c3 charity, your contributions are tax deductible.



Bible Fund

Bountiful Blessings offers each new family a brand new Bible in their language. As fast as we get Bibles in, we are distributing them out. So, we are always in need of donations for our Bible Fund.

We prefer purchasing the Bibles ourselves so we can obtain bulk discounted pricing. Additionally, the families can receive a Bible that is accurate, written at a reading level they can understand, and offers a large enough print for elderly folks to be able to read without having to use a magnifying glass.

If you, your Bible study group or your church would like to contribute to this fund, please send your check to the Bountiful Blessings P.O. Box. Be sure to mark "Bible Fund" in the memo line.



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Message from the President

Do you ever wonder “am I doing what I am suppose to be doing? Do you ask “what is my purpose? “ We all have gifts. However, those gifts do not always align with the purpose God has created you for.

Often times, our purpose and our gifts are very different. Our purpose may be found in our weaknesses or fears. When you are wondering how you can serve and where you are best suited, ask God. Then, listen for an answer. He will direct your path.

Jesus sits in the passenger seat of our Toyota Tacoma as I make the deliveries to the Pittsburgh sites, attend meetings, deliver to the Maryland sites, etc. We talk about everything from the winter weather and the tires on the truck and the need for the next oil change to how he continues to amaze me by opening the doors to new sites, helping families and growing his church. I ask him for a reliable truck or van and he reminds me that I need to be patient. Everything is in his time. I ask him for financial support to build additional shelves in the warehouse and develop a

computer / scanning program. Again, he reminds me to be patient. He sees our needs. I am reminded that our God is a generous and gracious God who loves me and Bountiful Blessings. How do I know this? Because, God laid out the plan for Bountiful Blessings and God has opened, closed doors. So, I know, if I am patient, he will continue to keep open the hearts of his children to provide financial support and conduct drives for Bountiful Blessings.

Look at your purpose, do you feel that God is directing you to do more charitable work. We welcome all who God sends our way. You should know that your life may change after serving his people through Bountiful Blessings. How can it not change, you are God’s hands. Bountiful Blessings is God’s design.

Terry Orendi



Bountiful Blessings is one of 35 charities that will be participating in the Highmark Walk For A Healthy Community.

The weather was perfect, the atmosphere was exciting and the event was a success.

Thank you to all who helped and to those who walked.



The difference we are making

Bountiful Blessings by the numbers

Number of BB sites 14

In the first 6 months of 2010 BB served a total of 2,393 families.

Total number of items that were distributed through all sites in the first 6 months of 2010 34,231



BB participated in A Flea Market and Fun Day, held at New Song Community Church in Bethel Park. The event was on Saturday June 19th.



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Looking for New Sites

Bountiful Blessings is in the discussion stage with several new sites.

We continue to expand, adding new sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. If you know of a church with a heart for outreach, we would be happy to meet with them and share what we do as well as the impact Bountiful Blessings has on the community and the church. Feel free to e-mail us with the name and phone number of the church clergy, and the person in charge of outreach.



Next Newsletter

Look for the Summer 2010 edition of the Bountiful Blessings Newsletter to appear on the BB web site November 1st.

Deadline for submissions will be October 15th. Please e-mail all information and submissions for the next BB Newsletter to:

ron@ronorendi.com



BB Truck Fund

We are in need of a cargo van or 14' to 16' box truck. The pick-up truck, currently being used to deliver items to the BB sites has over 221,000 miles on it. If you, or someone you know has a box truck or van, that is inspected and in good running condition, please contact the BB office at 717-802-1222.

We have set up a "truck fund" to cover the costs of operating a truck i.e. license, gas, insurance, routine maintenance, etc. To contribute to this fund, please mark in the memo line of your check "truck fund".



Please note: We are always collecting NEW children's books at all reading and grade levels.



The following BB sites will be opening later in 2010:

.....Safe Harbor
Presbyterian Church
Stevensville, MD will be opening later in 2010



Want to go GREEN? Then go ORANGE!

Bountiful Blessings is selling Tote Bags. These reusable bags are suitable for taking to the grocery store, farmer's market, carrying knitting or school books, or just carrying your stuff around.

The bags are tangerine colored with the BB logo and web site in black ink. Contact the BB office if you would like to order some.

Psssst. The BB Tote Bags make ideal gift bags.

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Banquet

On January 14th, 2011 Bountiful Blessings will be holding a 10th Anniversary Banquet. The event will be held at Capital Area Christian Church 1775 Lamb's Gap Rd. in Mechanicsburg.

The evening will feature a dinner, music, as well as door prizes, testimonials, and recognition. Look for more info in upcoming newsletters. Plan now to attend.

Stories from the Sites

One of the Pittsburgh area sites noted that a woman who is a Muslim had been coming to receive at their site numerous times. As she felt more familiar with the program, she began to befriend one of the volunteers. She confided some personal struggles she was going through with her new friend. Her new friend offered to pray about the situation. And, the recipient was extremely receptive to prayer. This was a huge step

for the woman, both personally and culturally.

More Stories from the Sites

One of the recipients at one of the central PA sites shared his story with Ron. The man was born in China but his family moved to Thailand when he was young.

The story was so interesting that Ron shared it with the Site Coordinator. The man told of how Mao and his army had killed 70 members of his family.

The discussion went from a historical account of the man's family to oriental cuisine.

Ron suggested the Site Coordinator contact the man about possibly teaching about his culture and sharing some of his favorite dishes. The Site Coordinator has scheduled the man to share his story and culinary skills with the congregation.

The man has also begun attending weekly Bible study at the church.

Got a story to share?

Any Site Coordinators, clergy, or volunteer staff having a story to share that has happened at their site – please submit the story to ron@ronorendi.com



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Conducting a Drive

Are you:

...interested in conducting a goods drive at your church, place of employment or in your neighborhood?

...wanting to teach your scout group, school group or Sunday School class about servant hood?

It's easy, fun and rewarding. AND, you are making a difference in the lives of a families who have fallen on hard times.

Contact our office, and a staff member will offer their advice and expertise on how to conduct a Bountiful Blessings drive. We can offer flyers and advice on how to mark the drive a huge success.
