

#### **February 2022 Newsletter**



#### **Abundant fruit!**

Dear Rachel,,

This picture of beautiful citrus fruit (harvested by Americorp volunteers) is just one example of the wonderful way God has provided over the past months through local churches, organizations, families, and individuals to allow the ministry at Grace Mission to get back underway.

We are so thankful to all who have given generously of their resources, time and talents to enable us to serve those in need. Did you know that Grace Mission does not have a budget for food? We rely greatly on Second Harvest, Chicken Salad Chick, supporters who prepare PB&Js, and donors who bring leftovers from catered events! This is supplemented by folks who drop off additional items and give financially because they want to help.

## Life-changing power!

"Pray for me!"

"I promise I will. Everyday!"

And so it began... a new relationship between a visiting octogenarian lady and a much younger woman eager to get her life back on track.
Since then I have occasionally passed on a specific prayer request or a word of encouragement from one to the other.
At one point it seemed that things were going rapidly downhill for our young

We are hoping to increase our meal service on site, and to start taking food out to those who do not have access to transportation.

If you ever want to know what we need, a list of specific items can be found on our brand-new SignUpGenius page. Please take a look. You can also sign up to help us serve a meal, facilitate showers, or a host of other tasks. Come and meet some of the beautiful people who form part of our community!

God bless you!

#### Deacon Rachel Hill

Vicar

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty. friend. However, the faithful, daily prayers continued.

Then I received the following voice message: "I'm in detox, and they have found me a place in a faith-based rehab. Please tell her to keep praying! I love vou!"

Praise be to God for hearing and answering our prayers!

I am looking for prayer partners who will make this kind of faithful commitment to those who ask for prayer: churches, individuals and groups like the Daughters of the King can sign up to be part of our intercession team.

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#### February 2022

Sundays 4:00-6:30pm Holy Eucharist & Dinner

Thursdays 11:30-1pm Hot meal, bagged lunch,

Ability 1st social worker

February 17 11:30-1:30pm



#### **Introducing Chef Robert**

Chef Robert Ward is a welcome addition to our team. His culinary skills, combined with a love of God and a pastoral heart for people, will bring experience and gifts that will be put to good use at Grace Mission. Besides planning menus and preparing meals, he is working to improve the kitchen area, will be

Clothing Giveaway

Vaccination Drive: COVID, Flu, Hepatitis

Black History month celebration: Soul food

FAMU musicians and volunteers

using fresh produce from our back garden, and will help teach folks how to prepare inexpensive and healthy meals. It is a blessing to have another team member who can offer a listening ear, a word of prayer, and encouragement to those coming to Grace Mission.



#### New to SignUpGenius?



#### We need YOU!

With only one full time member of staff, it is true to say we rely heavily on our pool of volunteers! In order to facilitate the coordination of individuals and groups we are moving to the SignUpGenius app.

If you are not familiar with how it works click on the blue tab for a tutorial.

Otherwise, please hit the orange tab to see our up to date needs and volunteer opportunities. Thank you so much for your help!

#### Volunteer / Donate in kind Here





### The making of a family room!

In order to create a more flexible and



a more private room that is used for counselling, health and pastoral care meetings as well as by our **ABILITY 1ST** social worker, Mr. Bruce Weaver.

useful space at Grace Mission, we received the help of the LEADERSHIP TALLAHASSEE volunteers, a servant-hearted group of design and building professionals who gave substantially of their time and skills to help transform the front room into a family room. This space houses our clothing supply and giveaways, our after school program and education room, our sacristy, and

We are infinitely grateful to Emily & Adam Ely, and their team, Bill Kimberl, Jason Naumann, Glenn McDaniel, Tallulah and Heidi King, for their incredible efforts to transform this space.

We have a few final details to complete but you can see how wonderful, useful, and dignified our new family room is.

#### Monthly clothing giveaway

Over the last five months we have had a near constant flow of clothing pass through our hands to those who need it. We are so thankful for all those who have cleared their closets, knitted hats and scarves, held underwear drives, and purchased new clothing. Not to mention the ladies who keep the flow moving so beautifully!



Mr. Emory proudly modeling the outfit he picked out in the last clothing giveaway!



Thankful for First Presbyterian Church's underwear drive!



How can we thank God enough for you?



St. Mary's provided Christmas decorations and a party for the Grace kids!



Holy Comforter gave us a new freezer!



Warm and cozy items made with love!



Thumbs up from Fred!



A big thank you!



Brenda appreciates you!

#### How can I pray for you?

Please pray that God would bless the ministry and service done in His Name!

Give thanks to God for a new beginning and pray that He would clearly lead us in each stage of reopening this ministry.

Please pray for abundant provision of financial and human resources: especially musicians, tutors for the after school program, and volunteers ready to serve.

Please pray for all those who are touched by our ministry - that they would come to know they are precious in God's sight and to experience His abundant life.

Please pray for special protection over all the staff and their families.

Please let us know if we can pray for you too!

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