

A MATTER OF BALANCE

All of us know people who are having physical difficulties. Some are ill, some have been injured, and others are declining with age.

Often these problems lead to difficulties with standing and sitting, going up and down stairs, or simply standing in place. People we care for may become more fearful of falling, and we notice their lives beginning to change as a result. They stay home more. They are less active. They are more dependent. They may have become more self-conscious.

Finally there is a program designed for just such a need—people having a problem with keeping their balance. “A Matter of Balance” is a program that offers hope, assurance, strengthening, and encouragement. It is designed to allow people to be helped by their peers in a small group setting. Call Love INC at 559-1234 to refer someone in need or if you would like to help lead a group.

NOT TOO EARLY

It is not too early to begin thinking about the holidays. Here are a couple of early-bird things you to put on your calendar and be involved in our community’s celebration of the season.

First, mark 2:00 PM on Monday, November 19 on your calendar. That is when we will deliver Thanksgiving meals to shut-ins. Meals and delivery routes will again be picked up at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Following deliveries, the Community Thanksgiving Service will again be at 6:00 PM followed by dinner together.

Next, it is time to begin collecting new and good used toys and stuffed animals for Christmas. We also need boxes of all sizes. Either keep them at your home (if you have room), or bring them to Love INC.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is In His parable about the Good Samaritan, Jesus focused our attention on a life of love. At the heart of the story, the Samaritan discovered a man in great need. He responded with compassion (“he took pity on him”), direction (“he went to him”), and action (he “bandaged up his wounds”). We, too, can respond with compassion, direction, and action to our neighbors.

How do we live that kind of life? Have a good plan? Be focused? No, there is no shortcut. This life comes from being conformed to the heart of God through regular and ongoing communion with Him... a continuous conversation with God throughout the day. It is life that is so connected to God that we feel and go and act as God Himself would. After all, God IS love (1 John 4:8).

-Roger Allen

<http://www.loveincnac.org>

FAMINE WEEKEND

Student Ministers of Nacogdoches churches are busy planning the next Famine Weekend. Famine Weekend is a great time for students to consider their own blessings as well as gain an awareness and insight into the lives of people who are always hungry.

Famine Weekend is scheduled for February 29 and March 1. All high school and junior high students are invited to participate, learning about hunger as they experience it. The size of your group students does not matter... all of them will grow and learn and have fun with other Christian students during Famine Weekend.

Students begin fasting after lunch on Friday and have only liquids and juices until 7:00 PM on Saturday. Along with group activities throughout the weekend, there is a Friday evening gathering, service projects on Saturday, and a final praise gathering and a “break-fast” meal Saturday evening.



LOVE **IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

*A PARTNERSHIP OF CHURCHES
BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE IN NEED
AND PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP*

October 20, 2007

A LOVE STORY

“Eileen” is 66 years old, and lives alone on a fixed income. She calls the Clearinghouse from time to time when she needs special help. She has many health issues, and sometimes her medical needs go far beyond her income. Recently her physician prescribed a brace to provide additional support for a weakened ankle.

When she called Love INC, Eileen was hopeful that someone would be willing share their love through helping meet her need. After exploring the possibilities of assistance through Medicare without success, the physician located the proper brace that could be purchased at a reasonable price.

Hometown Missionaries from Perritte Memorial United Methodist Church agreed to purchase the brace for Eileen. When Eileen had received the brace, she called back to express her gratitude, both for how helpful it was to have the brace and how good it was to know that people cared for her in a way that was very meaningful to her.

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REPORT OF DONATIONS

These friends have contributed to the operations of Love INC in September. Thank you very much.

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PARTNER CHURCHES

These churches are on mission to our community, and their September gifts are appreciated.

Bethel Baptist Church
Calvary Baptist Church
Christ Episcopal Church
First Baptist Church
First Church of God
First Church of the Nazarene
First United Methodist Church
Fredonia Hill Baptist Church
Grace Bible Church
Harvest Pointe Community Fellowship
Jubilee Christian Center
Lilly Grove Baptist Church
Nat Baptist Church
New Faith Baptist Church
Oak Grove Baptist Church
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Simpson Campground United Methodist Church
Unity Church of Christianity

SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Jerry M. Jones
Gift by Roy and Mae Deanne Blake
In memory of John Lester
Gift by Bill and Donna Heeneey
In memory of Alta Deville
Gift by Gay Thompson
In memory of Ford King, Jr.
Gift by Carl Franks
Gift by Ted and Cathy Schooley
In honor of Mrs. Jean Fuller
Gift by Mark, Jenny Rose, and Michael Ammons
In honor of Eva Harrington
Gift by Charlsie M. Burnaman
In honor of Rev. George Patterson
Gift by Joan Anderson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$2,228.77 in September, below plan by \$1,104.57. Our Love INC friends have given \$4,172.00, which is below plan by \$828.00. Expenses were above plan by \$542.86. Our YTD Balance for 2007 is -\$4,110.27. Thank you all so much for your gifts of love.

FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES

Since Love INC began, Hometown Missionaries have donated and delivered appliances, furniture, and housewares of all kinds to families in need. Donations have slowly and steadily risen through the years.

But the needs of hurricane evacuees in 2005 changed everything! The need was great and local people were very generous. The pace finally began to moderate after more than six months of much activity.

And yet, the activity remains much higher than before. At least fifteen to twenty loads are received and/or delivered every week. We are in great need of more driver and loaders for both picking up and delivering. How about some help?

CREW LOVE

One of the places God is at work in our community is through a program we call "Crew Love". Many needs are brought in to the clearinghouse of Love INC that are best satisfied by a group of people.

These groups— or crews— bring Christian love, hard work, and considerable skill to accomplish a task that deeply appreciated by a family in need.

Crews range from two or three to as many as twenty or thirty. They mow, rake, haul, move, build, repair, give parties, clean, paint, and on and on. Not only do they accomplish an important task, but they are also blessings to people who need them desperately.

Many Hometown Missionaries enjoy working on projects together with friends. If you and your friends have a skill or an interest or some time available, give Love INC a call a find a job that you and your group can do together. It is a great way to spend an hour... an afternoon... a weekend... immersed in serving God and loving your neighbors.

Love in the Name of Christ

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**Clearinghouse Requests
9:00-12:00 M-F**

**Staff Hours Executive Director
9:00-5:00 M-F Roger Aker**