

## CHRISTMAS SHARED BLESSINGS

**Thursday, December 20, 2007**  
**9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.**

New Hope Congregational Methodist Church  
5301 E. Main, Nacogdoches  
Hwy. 21 East, 1.1 miles outside Loop 224

### **Event Description**

Christmas toys for needy children. Neighbors who have been pre-approved for help through the clearinghouse will be given a designated time in which to come and select unwrapped Christmas gifts for their children while their children participate in activities.

*Donations and sorting unwrapped toys on Wednesday, December 19 from 8:30am to 12 noon.*

### **Here's where you can help...**

- Purchase toys and gifts for young children through age 17
- Donate gift wrap and ribbon
- Meet and greet our neighbors on the day of the event
- Interact with children (in separate room from toy selections). Read Christmas story, assist children with craft/gift they will make for their parents
- Bring cookies, punch or napkins and/or help serve refreshments
- Help wrap neighbors' toy selections

Call **564-0045** or **559-1234** to sign up to volunteer for either or both December 19<sup>th</sup> (set up) and December 20<sup>th</sup> (event day)

**Lunch will be provided on Thursday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 12:30 for volunteers.**

## THANKSGIVING

As you plan how you will celebrate Thanksgiving this year, plan to include the Nacogdoches Community Thanksgiving Celebration. The celebration comes in four parts on a single day. It begins by sharing food together through delivering cooked turkeys and other food to Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Monday morning, November 19. Next, you can celebrate by taking time to deliver meals to local shut-ins between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. that afternoon. Then, we celebrate together through worship at 6:00 P.M. in the Worship Center at Sacred Heart. Finally, we will celebrate by sharing a meal together at 7:00 P.M. Come and join this wonderful celebration of Thanksgiving together.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Christmas is a special time for our community. It is our time for re-enacting God's gift of His Son by offering special gifts and acts of goodwill of our own.

As in the past, Love in the Name of Christ seeks help for families and children who are in need. We have already begun matching individuals, families, and organizations who want to share their Christmas with families who need help. By adopting a family in need at Christmastime, was can share a very direct and meaningful gift of love.

Not every family gets adopted, so there is a different way of helping them. Shared Blessings is an event that helps families not adopted by any family, organization, business, or angel tree. Christmas gifts for these children come from our entire community. These gifts for 250 children are displayed in a warm, loving atmosphere on December 20, 2007. As the parents choose gifts for their children, we are partners with them in helping their children understand about Christmas... about the miracle... about the love.

*-Roger Allen*



## **LOVE** **IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

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

**November 16, 2007**

### *A LOVE STORY*

“Ann” lives on a fixed income of \$643 per month. Like so many others, she barely survives by maintaining her regular expenses... rent, food, utilities, and only a few other necessities.

Ann has no family and few friends around to help her, so each month she struggles with bills, physical ailments that disable her, and loneliness.

So far, she has managed to keep her own car so she can manage a few errands and get to her medical appointments. When her tire blew out and was ruined, she had no extra money to replace it. Hometown Missionaries from Lilly Grove Baptist Church and Simpson Campground United Methodist Church helped Ann by purchasing a tire for her, and Johnson's Tire Service donated the labor to mount the tire on the wheel.

Ann... and others like her... gets along “by the grace of God”. As one of our pastors recently said, the grace of God often flows through the people he has chosen for that purpose. We are His people (Psalm 100:3).

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**LOVE**  
**IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

Love INC of Nacogdoches, TX  
P. O. Box 630423  
Nacogdoches, TX 75963

## REPORT OF DONATIONS

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

Frank and Judy Adams  
Don and Linda Alexander  
Jenny Rose Ammons  
Mark Ammons  
Veida Axley  
Jeff and Jackie Badders  
H. Farrar and Mary Ann Bentley  
Roy and Mae Deanne Blake  
Bobby Joe Bush  
Arthur and Ila Catanach  
Ben and Joan Clifton  
Jim and Sandra Coats  
Marian Compton  
C.J. and Laverne Cordell  
Paul and Vicki David  
Dudley and Gayle Davis  
Sidney Dawson  
Ernestine Fountain  
Jimmy and Deana Fuller  
Benny and Simonetta Gowan  
Charles and Mary Neal Grimland  
Barbra Grogan  
Brent and Melody Hoadley  
Nita Hudson  
Gary and Yvonne Johnson  
Angela Kirk  
Dr. Charles and LaJuan Lane  
Mark Lanier  
Colleen McLeod  
Bruce and Myra McNellie  
Bruce and Shana Moore  
Mary Morris  
Billy and Sue Muckleroy  
Koonah Murray

Mark and Laurie Nielsen  
Bill and Linda Pedersen  
Jo Ann Pleasant  
Jean Bryant Rather  
Patricia Russell  
Wanda Schmidt  
Ted and Cathy Schooley  
Jackie Sowell  
Ella Tatum  
Bill Taylor  
Gay Thompson  
Jeff and Melba Tiller  
Roger Van Horn  
Travis and Cindy Wall  
Sgt. Bobby York, Ret.

## SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Bailey Nations  
Gift by Ella Tatum  
Gift by Charles and Mary Neal Grimland  
In memory of Bill Kennedy  
Gift by Mark and Leslie Lanier  
In memory of Clara Ybarbo McEnney  
Gift by Lillian Ybarbo York  
In memory of Dr. Sam and Tannie Gandy  
Gift by Veida Axley  
In memory of Ford King  
Gift by Bill and Nan Taylor  
In memory of George J. Brakebill  
Gift by Charles and LaJuan Holt Lane  
In memory of Gertrude Gerber  
Gift by Veida Axley  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In memory of Helmer Paulson  
Gift by Jo Ann Pleasant  
Gift by Gay Thompson  
In memory of John Lester  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
Gift by Veida Axley  
In memory of Lorraine Schmidt  
Gift by Veida Axley

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In memory of Mack and Ned Stripling  
Gift by Veida Axley  
In memory of Marion Holt  
Gift by Ella Tatum  
In memory of Mr. Richard DeWitt  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In memory of Mrs. Lorene Orton Schmidt  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In memory of Mrs. Mary Holt Hamilton  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In memory of Syble Noreen Casey  
Gift by Sgt. Bobby York (Ret.)  
In memory of Vester "Bob" Bobo  
Gift by Dudley and Gayle Davis  
In honor of Ernestine Fountain  
Gift by Veida Axley  
In honor of First Christian Church  
Gift by Sgt. Bobby and Lillian York  
In honor of Mr. Charles Bright (Chamber of Commerce  
Large Business of the Year)  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In honor of Mr. Edwin Gaston  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In honor of Mrs. Clarice Miller  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In honor of Mrs. Gayla Mize  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In honor of Mrs. Margie Tipton (Chamber of Commerce  
Citizen of the Year)  
Gift by Ernestine Fountain  
In honor of Sandra Raney  
Gift by Nita Hudson

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$2,972.94 in October, below plan by \$360.39. Our Love INC friends have given \$3,655.00, which is below plan by \$1,345.00. Expenses were below plan by \$1,376.89. Our YTD Balance for 2007 is -\$4,438.77. Thank you all so much for your gifts of love.

## PARTNER CHURCHES

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

Bethel Baptist Church  
Christ Episcopal Church  
First Assembly of God  
First Baptist Church  
First Christian Church  
First Church of God  
First Church of the Nazarene  
First United Methodist Church  
Fredonia Hill Baptist Church  
Grace Bible Church  
Happy Valley Church  
Lilly Grove Baptist Church  
Nat Baptist Church  
New Faith Baptist Church  
Oak Grove Baptist Church  
Perritte Memorial United Methodist Church  
Unity Church of Christianity  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

That I may proclaim with the voice  
of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your  
wondrous works. Psalm 26:7

## **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**