

## CHRISTMAS SHARED BLESSINGS

**Tuesday, December 19, 2006  
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 Monday, December 18 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 & 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 or serve cookies or punch or napkins
- Help neighbors wrap toy selections

Call **564-0045** or **559-1234** to sign up to volunteer for either or both December 18<sup>th</sup> (set up) and December 19<sup>th</sup> (event day)

**Lunch will be provided on Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 12:30 for volunteers.**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

I wish for each of you a Merry Christmas, and your best celebration ever! At such a busy time, it may seem odd to draw attention to a January event. But our Annual Meeting is coming soon.

The Annual Meeting of Love in the Name of Christ is set for January 11, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. Please note that this year we will meet at Christ Episcopal Church at 502 E. Starr.

Each year, four important things occur at the Annual Meeting: Representatives from Partner Churches come together to (1) Elect new Board Members; (2) Approve the 2007 Budget; (3) Receive a Program Report; (4) Enjoy fellowship together.

The Annual Meeting is open for everyone to attend, and we want each of you to come. If you would like to represent your church and cast your ballot as a Love INC "Stakeholder", please notify your pastor. Each Partner Church has one vote.

Come and join us! Help us relive the wonderful ways God has blessed us all and caused us to be a blessing to others! So many have loved their neighbors in wonderful ways this year. *—Roger Aker*

### PROGRAM NOTES

As joyful as Christmastime is for us all, it is especially exciting for children as they learn the meaning of love through giving and receiving gifts.

So far, 92 families have called on behalf of **333** children who look forward to Christmas gifts. **65** children have been adopted by 9 groups, and families have adopted another **28** children. The number grows day by day, and already **240** children are anticipating gifts at Christmas Shared Blessings.

And the rest of us? We get to be on the "giving side" this time. *—Sandra Johnson*



## **LOVE**

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

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

**December 8, 2006**

### ***A LOVE STORY***

A young mother from a nearby town had brought one of her two young daughters to the doctor in Nacogdoches. Along with her daughter being ill, she had no gas for her return trip home and no food when they got there. She had been directed to call First Baptist Church who, in turn, referred her to Love INC.

In God's own timing, it was the Monday before Thanksgiving and two hundred seventy meals were being delivered to shut-ins all over town by thirty-two volunteer teams. Within an hour of her call, another special Hometown Missionary met her at the station, put gas in her car, and delivered several of those Thanksgiving meals to this fragile family. There was enough for the mother and two girls to have a Thanksgiving meal and a few bags of canned goods to take home for later.

Like so many others during that afternoon, she was reminded of Thanksgiving and why we have much for which we are grateful. She also felt the love of Christian people who cared for her, loving her in just the way she needed.

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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 supported Love in the Name of Christ in November through their kind gifts.***

Don and Linda Alexander  
Lois Alexander  
James and Dee Allums  
Jenny Rose Ammons  
Mark Ammons  
Jeff and Jackie Badders  
Bobby and Glenda Beard  
Dorothy L. Beaumont  
Tom and Kathleen Belanger  
Karen Benton  
Roy and Mae Deanne Blake  
Floy Bousman  
Don and Ven Brice  
Charlsie Burnaman  
Jim and Temple Byers  
Rita Campbell  
Buddy and Jan Castleberry  
Arthur and Ila Catanach  
Jim and Sandra Coats  
Marian Compton  
C.J. and Laverne Cordell  
Hank and Susan Crouse  
Sidney Dawson  
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Randy and Rose Moore  
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Jimmy and Margie Rodriguez  
Vance and Sarah Rogers  
Patricia Russell  
Wanda Schmidt  
Jane Shepard  
James and Judy Smith  
Joan Smith  
Patti Smith  
Joe and Jill Still  
Kathy Stone  
Don and Sharon Templeman  
Jeff and Melba Tiller  
Stan and Teresa Turner  
Roger Van Horn  
Travis and Cindy Wall  
Lance A. Warren  
Don and Alvena Williams  
Gary and Sarah Winzenried

### SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Bea Athey  
Gift from Hank and Suzy Crouse  
In memory of Edith Williams  
Gift from Joe and Laverne Cordell  
In memory of G. Loyd Collier  
Gift from Bob and Jane Shepard  
In memory of Golda Stroud Mooror  
Gift from Jolene Gound  
In memory of Jaye Jean Taylor Stewart  
Gift from Jolene Gound  
In memory of Leith H. Burnaman  
Gift from Charlsie M. Burnaman  
In memory of Marjorie Baker  
Gift from Mark Ammons  
In memory of Mary Kay McLean  
Gift from Hank and Suzy Crouse  
In memory of Mack Stripling  
Gift from Hank and Suzy Crouse  
Gift from Rick and Linda Still  
Gift from Rose Ammons  
In memory of Mr. Larry Rowlett  
Gift from Charlsie M. Burnaman  
In memory of Patricia Evans Shaw  
Gift from Jolene Gound

In memory of Robert W. Lyons  
Gift from Jack and Evelyn Lyons  
In memory of Terri Byrd  
Gift from Sgt. O. H. B. York  
In memory of Walter and Elizabeth Skipper  
Gift from Buddy and Jan Castleberry  
In honor of Judy Purdy  
Gift from Small Group, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
In honor of Judy Taylor  
Gift from Small Group, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
In honor of Richard and Lucille DeWitt  
Gift from Kathy Stone  
In honor of the physicians of Nacogdoches  
Gift from Dr. Gene Cagle

### DONATIONS FROM PARTNER CHURCHES

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

Bethel Baptist Church  
Christ Episcopal Church  
First Assembly of God  
First Baptist Church  
First Church of the Nazarene  
First United Methodist Church  
Fredonia Hill Baptist Church  
Grace Bible Church  
Happy Valley Church  
Harvest Pointe Community Fellowship  
Lilly Grove Baptist Church  
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church  
Nacogdoches Ministerial Alliance  
Nat Baptist Church  
New Faith Baptist Church  
Oak Grove Baptist Church  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Unity Church of Christianity  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$3,258.07 in November, below plan by \$75.26. Our Love INC friends have given \$4,174.50, which is above plan by \$7.84. Expenses were above plan by 900.08. The Love Index (number of months of operating funds in reserve) has changed from 10.54 to 10.61. Thank you all so much for your gifts.

## **I WANT TO HELP**

Monthly pledge of:

\_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_Other

One-time gift this year of \$\_\_\_\_\_

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I would like my gift to be

\_\_\_In Memory of \_\_\_In Honor of

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledge gift to:

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ ST\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

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My Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ ST\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H)\_\_\_\_\_ (W)\_\_\_\_\_

Church\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_Please contact me about helping

\_\_\_Please contact my church

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Send to: Love in the Name of Christ  
P.O. Box 630423  
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Or Call: (936) 569-8555