

## CHRISTMAS SHARED BLESSINGS

Our community-wide event,  
Christmas Shared Blessings  
is coming soon!

**Tuesday, December 19, 2006**  
**9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.**

Donations and sorting unwrapped  
toys on Monday, December 18 from  
8:30am to 12 noon.

Both events are held at  
**New Hope Congregational Methodist Church**  
5301 E. Main, Nacogdoches  
(Hwy. 21 East, 1.2 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..

### **Volunteers Needed to:**

- 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

The season has come when we  
celebrate together. First, we celebrate  
the bountiful blessings of our generous  
God, followed by celebrating His Ultimate  
Gift— an Only Son. Families have many  
celebrative traditions to bring focus to  
their deepest values during these  
holidays. But every year we hear from  
families that are “doing something  
different this year.”

These new family observances may  
include adopting other families for  
sharing either or both of the Thanks-  
giving and Christmas holiday(s). Some  
families (as a family or combining with  
other families) have hosted one or more  
families for dinner, or delivered dinner to  
them. Other families have adopted a  
family for Christmas, either buying gifts  
for the children (and sometimes parents,  
too), or sponsoring a shopping trip.

There are other options. Sometimes  
a family is so busy doing the necessities  
that the family chooses to make a  
financial gift so others can be helped. If  
the earlier options are not possible for  
your family, please consider this option—  
a family can be helped this year by a  
financial gift from your family. *—Roger Aker*

### PROGRAM NOTES

Please help deliver Thanksgiving  
meals to shut-ins Monday afternoon,  
November 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Delivery  
routes will have from six to ten homes,  
complete with maps, directions, names,  
and phone numbers. Meals will be in  
covered trays and packed in boxes.

Other ways of helping are to help  
prepare the dinners on Monday morning,  
bake and donate a turkey, or make a  
financial contribution. What a great way  
to love our Neighbors!. The Community  
Service is also at Sacred Heart Catholic  
Church at 6:00 P.M., with a community  
dinner following. *—Sandra Johnson*



## **LOVE**

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

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

**November 20, 2006**

### *A LOVE STORY*

A school bus driver noticed a family on his route that was in need. Every day, a grandmother struggled to get her grandson in and out of the home after school. The young boy was lifted out of his chair... then the battery was removed... and finally the chair was lifted on or off the porch . The bus driver called Love INC.

Two wonderful, retired Hometown Missionaries went to work measuring and figuring for the materials. When the ramp was completed, the grandmother exclaimed “It’s so wonderful! “Bobby” is so excited about the ramp. It’s like a miracle come true!”

“Bobby” and his grandmother have much better mornings and afternoons now. Getting from the house to the bus, and from the bus to the house, is a simple thing now. Thanks to two very special missionaries, and many others like them, love’s blessings continue to flow all around us.

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Nacogdoches, TX 75963

## REPORT OF DONATIONS

***These friends supported Love in the Name of Christ in October through their kind gifts.***

Mary Akin  
Don and Linda Alexander  
James and Dee Allums  
Jenny Rose Ammons  
Mark Ammons  
Jeff and Jackie Badders  
Roy and Mae Deanne Blake  
Don and Ven Brice  
Donald E. Cagle  
Jim and Sandra Coats  
Marian Compton  
E. T. and LaMerle Culp  
Jack Erwin  
Jimmy and Deana Fuller  
Linnie Glaze  
Nita Hudson  
Rick and Christy Hurst  
Mickey and Ursula Jacobs  
Scott and Jackie Jacobs  
Gary and Yvonne Johnson  
Marj Kelly  
Ford and Patsy King  
Nancy Lemberger  
John McGarity  
Jeanne McGuire  
Bruce and Myra McNellie  
Mary Morris  
Billy and Sue Muckleroy  
Koonah Murray

Mark and Laurie Nielsen  
Bill and Linda Pedersen  
Frank and Terri Power  
Lucy Richardson  
Priscilla Robertson  
Jane Shepard  
Texas Star Hot Shot  
Jeff and Melba Tiller  
Ken & Susan Umbarger  
Roger Van Horn  
Larry and Diana Walker  
Travis and Cindy Wall  
Curtis and Teresa Williford  
Gary and Sarah Winzenried

## SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Charlie Driver  
Gift from Ford and Patsy King  
In memory of Glenda Peacock  
Gift from Roy and Mae Deanne Blake  
In memory of Johnny Rice  
Gift from Jenny Rose Ammons  
In memory of Mary McLean  
Gift from E.T. and Lamerle Culp  
In memory of Sylvia McGrath  
Gift from Jane Shepard  
In memory of Mack Stripling  
Gift from Mark Ammons  
Gift from Jack Erwin Family  
Gift from E. T. and Lamerle Culp  
Gift from Mary Akin  
In memory of Jay Lemberger  
Gift from Nancy Lemberger-Van DeHey  
In honor of Joe at North Street Kroger  
Gift from Jeanne McGuire

## DONATIONS FROM PARTNER CHURCHES

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

Bethel Baptist Church  
Bonita United Methodist Church  
Christ Episcopal Church  
First Baptist Church  
First Christian Church  
First Church of the Nazarene  
Fredonia Hill Baptist Church  
Grace Bible Church  
Harvest Pointe Comm. Fellowship.  
Harvest Pointe Community Fellowship.  
Jubilee Christian Center  
Lilly Grove Baptist Church  
Mahl Baptist Church  
Nat Baptist Church  
New Faith Baptist Church  
Oak Grove Baptist Church  
Perritte Memorial United Methodist Church  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Unity Church of Christianity  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Gifts from our partner churches were \$2,609.61 in October, below plan by \$723.72. Our Love INC friends have given \$3,060.00, which is below plan by \$1,106.66. Expenses were above plan by 1,246.64. The Love Index (number of months of operating funds in reserve) has declined from 11.16 to 10.54. Thank you all so much for your gifts.

**Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

*Psalm 105:1-3*

## **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