

Thanks a Million to the Following People:



◇ Austin Bidy and Steele Creek Church of Charlotte weeded flower beds, trimmed shrubbery, mowed, painted, and cleaned around campus. They also provided lunch for the campus and challenged our residents to a game of kickball.

◇ David Cooper and Mt. Pleasant Community Church (Pastor David Snow) hosted a family day at the park.

◇ Medea Johnson and Hissho Sushi brought gift bags for our residents.

◇ Julia Ussery and Cecily Hoehl of Girl Scout Troop #292 (Kannapolis) refurbished the benches around our campus, replacing the wood and cleaning/painting the iron work as part of their Silver Award project.

◇ Jimmy and Robin Clark and West Cabarrus Church sponsored a painting party and ice cream for our residents.

Oops! We Forgot!

We failed to recognize a few groups who volunteered in March. We apologize for the mistake!

◇ Raymond Hardy with Cabarrus College of Health Sciences helped keep our campus looking great by volunteering to do yard work.

◇ Dee Tran and family delivered Easter baskets with clothes and other goodies.

◇ Shanna Allen and her Weddington Hills Elementary School kindergarten class donated food, toiletries, household supplies, and school supplies.

◇ Xavier Curry and Ebenezer Baptist Church hosted an Easter celebration with egg dying, and arts and crafts.

◇ Joy Martinez and Cabarrus Vocational Opportunities Action Club brought supplies and chocolate Easter bunnies for the residents.

We are interested in obtaining an iMac for graphic design and media purposes. If your church or organization has an iMac that is no longer being used we would love to give it a good home! We promise to walk it and feed it and...well, you know we will take care of it!

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Home Needs List!

Laundry Products

Clorox 2 (bleach for colors)

Household Cleaning Items

Glass Top Stove Cleaner

Dishwasher Detergent

Glass Cleaner

Bathroom Cleaner

Trash Bags

33 & 39-gal. trash bags

Toiletries & Personal Items

Feminine Napkins

Men's Body Wash

Women's Body Wash

Shampoo & Conditioner

Special Needs

Light bulbs

Shower liners

Gas Mix for Weed-Eater

.95 Weed-Eater String

School Supplies

Composition Notebooks

Black Pens

Alert! Alert! Alert!

Canned food (**not commercial size**), dressings, condiments, spices, etc. This offsets the food expense in the cottages.

Gift cards are always a great blessing! We can use them for a variety of things, such as clothes, toiletries, personal items, school supplies, etc.

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Battle Tested



A few years ago our son, Michael, a career officer in the Air Force, and I were discussing the different kinds of military leaders. He pointed out that those in his peer group will approach leadership much differently because they have been in war for their entire careers to this point. They focus more on caring for their comrades who have been wounded in battle and getting the job done in the best way possible. Military leaders who have not had battle experience often focus more on maintaining the status quo, with emphasis on military bearing and political correctness.

While reflecting on that conversation, I realized that the same principle applies to our spiritual walk and the need to have seasoned leaders in the Church of God. During the North Carolina camp meetings, I had the opportunity to hear some of our battle tested church leaders address concerns about our future. There was a common theme in all the messages. It was to reclaim our Pentecostal heritage by preaching and teaching the inerrant Word of God and seeking a move of God in our churches through the working of the Holy Spirit. The same burden was expressed by other ministers who attended the meetings. If we lose our vision to fulfil the Great Commission,

which is to win the lost, care for the hurting, serve one another and to be the salt and light in this world; and instead focus on being "seeker sensitive" and politically correct, we sacrifice our influence in the world. If we begin to dilute the Scripture which has carried us through difficult times, it is easy to start questioning our core doctrines and accept other schools of thought that are more readily accepted. The danger of accepting some of these beliefs promoted in evangelical circles today is losing our scriptural Pentecostal identity. If this happens, we can no longer fulfil our purpose.



We will see this shift impact the Church of God if less seasoned (battle tested) ministers take leadership. The war is not over. We are still fighting for souls and need the power of the Holy Spirit in order to stand firm in our faith as we impact our world.

During this year's remembrance of Independence Day and the freedom we enjoy, may we remember those who are paying the price for our country's freedom; who have been at war for the past 15 years with no end in sight. Most importantly, may we not forget the ultimate price that Jesus Christ paid for our spiritual freedom and be willing to continue the fight without compromise. The International General Assembly of the Church of God convenes in Nashville, Tennessee, July 18-22. Let us pray that God will direct the Ordained Bishops in the General Council to elect strong spiritual leaders for the Council of Eighteen and seasoned spiritual leaders for the Executive Committee. These leaders will set the future course of the Church of God and our influence in the world.



Church of God Children's Home of North Carolina



Relief House Parent

*Requirements:

- ◇ Married couple with no children at home
- ◇ Twenty-five years of age or older
- ◇ High school diploma or equivalent
- ◇ Have a North Carolina Driver's license
- ◇ Able to drive 12 passenger van (no CDL req.)
- ◇ No physical limitations

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 call 704.788.1164 for details



Question 1– What four things does the 4th of July mean to Ethan?

Question 2- Did team green or team yellow get three in a row first in Relay Tic-Tac-Toe?

Question 3– How does shopping at Amazon Smile benefit Our Home?

Our very own ballerina, Williametta, takes ballet lessons at Piedmont School of Music and Dance. Recently she demonstrated her graceful moves at her dance recital. She did a fabulous job and we are extremely proud of her hard work and persistence!



Do you like trivia? What about winning fabulous prizes? Then we have something you are going to love! Each month we will be featuring Our Home Trivia in each newsletter. You will be challenged with three questions, one question pertaining to information from the newsletter, one about our Facebook page, and one about our website. Email your answers to the address below. If you have all three answers correct you will be entered to win your choice of two prizes. Wow your coffee drinking buddies



with our fashionable Our Home coffee mug (actual mug may vary from what is shown) or choose a \$25 gift certificate to 2nd Treasures (our thrift store) to update your wardrobe or home décor with gently used gems.

We hope you will learn a little more about Our Home and have some fun to boot! Email your answers by July 31st (don't forget to include your name) to:

cogchtrivia@gmail.com



What Does the 4th of July Mean to You?

Jaylin, age 10: The Independence Day means the day all of our forefathers signed a paper to give us freedom. And another thing it means to me, it's the day we also do fireworks.

Mansohn, age 8: What the Fourth of July means to me is the Independence Day and on the 4th of July they had a war that we won. That's why we celebrate it.

Bintu, age 13: Independence Day is about celebrating our country gaining our independence from England. So we celebrate it by having cookouts and watching fireworks to remind us about our forefathers getting our independence.

Jeremiah, age 12: What 4th of July means to me is when the United States got their independence by Thomas Jefferson signing the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War. We got our freedom from Britain.

Jayleen, age 10: I like that fireworks happen and that we get to stay up until the fireworks are over! And I am thankful that people fought for us.

Ethan, age 10: The 4th of July means freedom, liberty, people's rights, and peace. If we were not free we would not be here today right now where we are.

Joshua, age 7: I can have ice cream and I can go to church because we are free.

Cheyenne, age 15: It means freedom, family, and fireworks.



End of the School Year Celebration



At the end of each school year we celebrate the accomplishments of our residents with an awards ceremony and activities. This year's theme centered around patriotism. Each resident received a certificate noting areas of strength throughout the year and a medal. After the ceremony residents and staff enjoyed a meal together.

The residents then had a chance to show their skills through field day activities. We are proud of our residents and how they have grown this year!



Youth Camp season has begun! Our girls recently returned from Eastern North Carolina Youth Camp where they had a fabulous time! Thank you ENC for sponsoring our girls!



Thanks to Kenneth and Robin Butt for giving each of our residents a Bible. Each Bible has a handsome zippered cover to keep it protected.

Motor Racing Outreach generously provides tickets to the Charlotte Motor Speedway's Summer Shootout Series each summer. Our residents always enjoy these races each year.

