

## New Testament Church & Mission

# August 2023 News



## THE NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER

### TEACHABLE MOMENTS

We love to teach the youth today to be humble, be grateful for what they have and how to help those around you who are in need. That's how we build community.

THE SAYING 'GIVE A MAN A FISH, AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A DAY; SHOW HIM HOW TO CATCH FISH, AND YOU FEED HIM FOR A LIFETIME.'



### GRATEFULNESS

We are so grateful for the blessings donated this month by so many in our community and from other communities. Cases of water donated from Tanglewood Community were a godsend.

THAT'S HOW WE OPERATE - DONATIONS ONLY

TOTAL MEALS  
5,436

TOTAL HOUSING  
82

FOOD BASKETS  
47

### UNPRECEDENTED RECORD NUMBERS

If you were to tell me we would serve over 7,000 meals last month and follow up with almost 6,000 this month a year ago I wouldn't believe you! When we added the numbers up I immediately said, "If only grandpa and grandma were here to see this."

We have been asked, "What's the reasoning behind the increase?" We have several answers actually. New faces, inflation, lack of employment, rising food cost, housing issues, and population increase just to name a few.

New faces greet us everyday, phones ring non-stop, door bell rings around the clock. Here we are to do what we can do! It's amazing how many don't know we exist even after 48 years. We don't just hand out, we are advocates, we are supporters and do more than give a meal.

Through the years I know my grandmother always spoke the truth and never hid behind all the difficult topics and stories and so I guess I would say I have that same boldness and faith as well. We don't give up when times get hard. A few weeks ago a man jumped over the fence broke into one of our apartments, punched out a screen, left some belongings was spooked and ran right out. He was caught, detained but was unable to be arrested. Mind boggling I know.

Peace of mind was robbed from my mother who resides in that apartment as one of our main cooks here. Anyhow yes we were discouraged that this individual got away with breaking what we thought were laws but, we don't allow it to break our spirit. Times are only going to get worse as we draw closer to Jesus' return. If we shut down every time something bad happened we would have been closed 48 years ago. We were called for this ministry . People have come and gone thru the years but we persevere because someone needs us. Not everyone feels compelled to help the less fortunate.

Some feel like it's not their job because they work hard for what they have. Why give it to someone who doesn't want to work ? We see their thoughts but, they don't know the truth. They don't know the cards dealt, the shoes they have been wearing ,the abuse they have suffered, the mental illness , childhood trauma, the addictions they struggle with, the ties that bind them. The difficulty of life can affect everyone differently ! A study showed 59 percent of Americans are only one paycheck away from homelessness. Some choose this and some don't! Some lose everything in the matter of seconds they don't know what to do but run ! We are the city on the hill showing them that people care, Jesus Cares the most about them and His arms are always opened wide! We are in the trenches on the ground helping those who are affected by all these life events. So that's why we appreciate when this community rallies together to help. In 48 years we have helped all walks of life. Including the rich, famous and those who rather be left alone. Also, in the 48 years we have had so many come through determined to not be a statistic and have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, medical professionals, construction owners, and many more. We can't fix the problems we can only lead them to the ONE who can .

## NEVER ENDING POT OF SPAGHETTI



FROM THE DESK  
OF KATHLEEN  
BEATTY



## MONTHLY NEEDS

**Styrofoam Cups**  
**Styrofoam plates**  
**Instant Mash Potatoes**  
**Floor Cleaner**  
**Bottled Water**  
**Chicken Stock**  
**AA Batteries**

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