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### The Book of Acts Continues...

...And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Acts 2: 42)

"And they continued steadfastly..." since the 1960's when Jackson Area Ministries was birthed, the organization has been continuing steadfastly. Much ministry has been accomplished and many service projects completed, and now it is with great excitement that we enter into a new era continuing the same work of our Lord. You see, the message of the Gospel never changes. The people change, the methods may change, the projects may vary, but the mission never changes. That is, we are commanded by Christ to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourself. (Matthew 22: 37-39) Jesus continues by telling us that all of the law hangs on these two commandments. It is with those directives in mind that Jackson Area Ministries will keep being the embodiment of the hands, feet, and face of Jesus in the communities we serve.

In the last newsletter I eluded that we are writing the 29<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Acts. When the Day of Pentecost arrived a little over two thousand years ago, the church was born. It continues today all over the world and we are but just a small part of the body of Christ serving a small part of the globe. The impact, however, that we have had and have in this 18 county area has been huge and unforgettable to the beneficiaries of our labor. The church was given the fivefold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers and of course that still exists today. It is because of you all fulfilling these roles that we are able to continue in the work we do though the garden/seed ministry and work camps. So, we are indeed writing our own chapter...what will it say?

In his service,

Michael Williams

### Dates to Remember

February 20, 2023— President's Day (Our offices are closed)

February 21, 2023— Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday, everyone enjoy a great meal!)

February 22, 2023—Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

March 12, 2023 — Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Clocks FORWARD)

March 17, 2023 —Saint Patrick's Day

Week of March 20, 2023— Potato Distribution (Actual day to be determined)

April 2, 2023 — Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week

April 6, 2023— Maundy Thursday

April 7, 2023 —Good Friday

April 9, 2023 Resurrection (Easter) Sunday





## Grace Clinic

Ladies and gentleman, We have exciting news! Located in Wellston, Ohio is a faith based health clinic available to those who are in need of medical care but do not or can not see a physician at a regular healthcare facility or hospital. This is a huge resource to have in our area! Grace Clinic of Ohio, Inc. is a free medical ministry that serves the uninsured or underinsured members of our community with free medical appointments, prescription assistance, and specialist appointments. Here at JAM, we know that our mission has historically served 18 SE Ohio counties. Grace Clinic in Wellston will serve anyone who is able to get to them. They are located at 22 Ohio Avenue, Wellston, Ohio 45692. So, if you are reading this and need healthcare, please make use of this resource.

Hours: Tuesdays, Opening at 5:30 p.m. for check-in. First come, first served basis.

Services Provided: physicals, high blood pressure, diabetes, UTIs, step throat, etc. Select lab tests are available on site. Narcotics are NOT prescribed.

[www.jacksoncountygraceclinic.com](http://www.jacksoncountygraceclinic.com) 740-855-4135



## Clothing Donation

Jackson Area Ministries accepted a generous donation of clothing from our local Walmart. These clothing items are brand new, never worn and still had tags on them when they arrived. At the request of the Walmart corporation, tags were removed prior to giving the items to the general public. Most of the items we received are appropriate for spring and summer weather. Thus, the reason we are mentioning it now. Please spread the word, and let us know if anyone you may know needs any clothing for any reason.

We have various sizes for both men and women, boys and girls. Be on the lookout for a message regarding a "shopping day" when the public can come and browse what we have available. In the meantime, if items are needed give us a call and we can arrange a way for you to receive them. This is just another way that JAM is attempting to help make life better for those who live in beautiful Appalachia. We have already been able to help over 60 people with clothing needs!

## Summer Work Camp Announces 2023 Plans

Jam is already developing both the leadership and the schedule for the summer of 2023. The success of this ministry is based upon at least 10 mission teams participating. One new group has already been calendared. JAM's leadership envisions us securing a work camp coordinator in addition to a local contact person, along with a group leader from each work team. This system should provide a quality of direction not seen in recent years.

As a reminder, to make this happen and to combat rising raw material costs, JAM has been forced to adjust fees. The application fee is to be increased to \$700 and the materials fee will see an increase to \$125. These increases reflect both the new leadership and inflation impact on costs.

JAM work camping has made a difference in countless lives and we pray that the future years will do the same.



JAM would like to give a "shout out" and Special Thank you to board member Gary Stabler and his wife, Sharon. They have spent several hours spread across several days single handedly cleaning, organizing and straightening the storage facilities here at Jackson Area Ministries. Because of their efforts, every tool, nail, screw, and piece of lumber has its own place in our garage and can easily be found. **THANK YOU** Gary and Sharon for making this happen. With this level of organization we feel that jobs/projects that are taken on by JAM can flow more smoothly and efficiently. We are forever indebted to you for this great act on behalf of our organization.

*Thank You!*



## **Can you believe it? Spring is almost here...**

We are gearing up for the collection of seeds for our seed program. If you'd like to contribute by sending seeds or a monetary donation to purchase seeds please let us know. Our seed box will be making its appearance again soon for deliveries and drop offs.



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