



The Shepherd's Report

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Christmas Plans Issue November



Happy Birthday, Jesus, Festival Will Be On Dec. 20th This Year

The Happy Birthday, Jesus, Festival is just the highest part of our Christmas season. HOWEVER! Because of the hurricanes and the extra load of flood victims and all related activities, I wasn't going to attempt a Festival this year.

"We are tired, very tired" I told our children and our "guests" in the Home. We probably won't get the help we need to pull this together! Donations to this ministry are really down.....again, it's because so many are giving so much to the hurricane victims. They really need the help and we know that. For several weeks, we worked more than double time to help....the homeless people from our home were actually working with the Red Cross for about 2 weeks to help others; so, yes! we know the needs.

The Word that I have spoken many times to my children came back to me as they all began to tell me that I should walk by faith and not by sight. The mighty Spirit of God has washed over me through my own children and I tell you the truth...."Not by Might and not by Power, but



Scene from Happy Birthday, Jesus Party in 2004

by My Spirit says the Lord" !!! We are refreshed and willing and, after all, God does the work and pulls it all together....all He needs is vessels.

Won't you join us as willing vessels on the evening of the 20th of December? The 20th is a Tuesday night from 6pm until 8pm. Just a couple of hours out of YOUR Christmas week to make a needy child's eyes shine with excitement as they witness the miracles of Christmas. **YOU can make this happen!!** We can do this together- mark your calendar and come spend what will be the most rewarding two hours of your Christmas season. We will witness together to these children and their families.....that God gave His best and that is why we celebrate!!

We are going to be at the fairgrounds again this year in the A&I building. Set up time for booths and activities will be on Monday, the 19th, and on Tuesday, the 20th. Please call now and register your booth or activity so we will not have too many of one activity.....601-355-9589

Wingard Home Welcomes Micah Andrade O'Daniel

One of the most rewarding things we do at this Ministry is to help young girls who have made a decision against abortion. Some girls are as young as 13 and 14 and have no clue what to do. Most of girls we take in want to keep their babies and just need someone to help and teach- correct with love and not to condemn.



Micah, the youngest at Wingard Home

We are blessed that God has given us the opportunity to do just that. We urge these young ladies to stay in school and college. No drugs, no alcohol, no smoking, eat right, good prenatal care...these are some of the rules at our home. We have made many quick drives to the hospital and with each run we bring home a wonderful bundle of joy and a young girl whose life is changed forever.

On Sunday afternoon, October 16, 2005 at about 4:30 pm, Michelle O'Daniel gave birth to Micah and both are doing wonderfully well. Michelle has been hitting the books here at home and will start back to school next week. She is in the 11th grade. Please remember them both in your prayers. We expect a new baby girl at the end of December.

WWW.WINGARDHOME.ORG

We are extremely proud to announce that we now have a web site. Many thanks go to our wonderful friend, Kay Faulk. Not only is Kay a writer, but also, has a wonderful non-profit service provider. You can visit her on the web at www.nonprofitserviceproviders.net. Visit our web site, to get the news letters, see photos, get our legal information, our testimony, mission statement, and even read a rule sheet for our home. We plan to keep an updated needs list on it also and all announcements. Kay has the main page up and has the rest under construction.....very soon, you can visit the entire site. Please keep Kay in your prayers....she is a blessing to us.

THRIFT STORE/GIFT SHOP TO SUPPORT YOUTH EDUCATION FUND

For all the years we have been in Jackson (15 years), we have said NO to the idea of a thrift store opened from the donations to this ministry. HOWEVER!!! There is such a great need in the lives of our ministry children and teens for opportunities in education and job-skills. Our thoughts were to find a large old building in the downtown Jackson area where the kids could work toward improving the property, sorting donations, learning how to display, merchandise, advertise, keep a budget, and how to meet the public. In addition to this, they would be placing the profits into a Ministry children's fund.

This money would then send them to schools where they would be better educated for the real world. It would also allow them to advance in their studies as quickly as they are individually able. Registration fees, testing fees, and tuition fees at private and specialized schools are high dollar....but they are worth a million dollars to a kid that comes to us at age 14,



Teens sort donations under the tree at the Home.

pregnant and failing in the 8th grade OR one who is two years behind in their school because of death and trauma in their home. God sends us kids such as these to minister to and to help. They don't have much of a chance in the public school system. But, wait, what about the child who can be placed in public school. This same fund would be great for them if they wanted to play in the band, join a club, or needed lab fees..... all these have to be paid, too. We are going to continue to help folks to set up housekeeping and continue to use the things donated to give to folks who come to live with us. The only items used for the store would be the excess that we have not needed in the past and have been trading, bartering, or donating to other groups. What a great place for your youth groups to come and volunteer....or to come and shop!!! YOU

KNOW PEOPLE.....PLEASE HELP US FIND A BUILDING FOR SUCH A GOOD CAUSE.....WE NEED LOW, LOW, LOW RENT. CAN YOU HELP? Please, if you will help.....

Call.....601-355-9589

Questions asked most often about the Christmas Festival...



Q...How long has Wingard Home been doing the festival ?

A...Wingard Home has been in Jackson 15 years and has been hosting the festival every year.

Q.. What kind of children are you serving at this festival ?

A...We target the children of the working poor. We have found that these are the families that usually fall through the cracks. Also, you just feel much better helping someone who is trying to help themselves.

Q...Why do you have a festival instead of just giving out one or two toys to the parents for the children.

A...We do give out gifts (at least 3 really nice wrapped gifts) but we hand them out at the festival because it gives us a chance to entertain, get to know, and witness to the child and their family. It also gives the sponsors and volunteers opportunity to meet the children and parents and to witness and tell them about Jesus...Hey! That is the best part! **Jesus is the reason we celebrate!**

Q...How do you screen the families and get sponsors?

A.. Families needing help fill out an application-we personally screen the applications. We pray for wisdom, discernment, & God's will as we choose 500 of the children with the greatest need. Then we double check as we visit each family. On the home visit, we interview the children, talk to the parent, and assess the needs of the household. We ask the child to make 3 Christmas wishes. If there are other needs, we also make note of those. The child's name, age, 3 wishes, sizes, and any special needs are written on a "little lamb" card. These cards are then placed on Christmas trees in businesses, schools, health clubs, stores, churches, and anywhere else that we are invited. Sponsors pick a child or children and shop to fill those needs. The shut-in elderly's needs are placed on silver sheep cards.

Q...What happens at the festival and who can come?

A.. The festival is for children-birth up to 15. We feel that someone 16 and up can get a job and help out....not need help. They are accompanied at the festival by their guardian (mom or grandparent) and their siblings if they are in the household. We have for them two hours of fun, food, games, face painting, treats, etc. and it is all centered around witnessing about the real meaning of Christmas-Jesus Christ. At the end of the festival, we all gather together (volunteers and festival families) and we pray for them and for their needs to be met.

Then we give out all the gifts, bikes, trikes, and treats (**all made possible by sponsors like you**) We help them load up and send them home with lots of hugs & cheerful/ tearful good-byes.





Here's the plan for the festival layout and all related projects.....

Game Booth Ideas:.....of course, they should all have a Christmas theme and be decorated and set up with treats, prizes, or rewards for the children. There are some more ideas at www.carnivalsavers.com

- Football throw
- Basketball game
- Ring toss
- Balloon popping
- Ducks in a pond
- Cake walk
- Face Painting
- Balloon twisting
- Musical chairs
- Bean bag throw
- Fishing game
- Build a cross necklace
- Cotton candy
- Live nativity
- Pictures made w/ nativity
- Animal petting area
- Coffee/hot chocolate area
- Maize w/Christmas theme
- Story of the candy cane
- Ker Plunk
- Space jump
- Snacks for the kids
- Make a Christmas ornament
- Bowling

- We will need someone to gather items and be in charge of a decorating team....They will decorate the building with lights, several trees, table coverings etc. (keep it simple and easy to take down)
- We will need several people to form a security team to keep everyone safe and everything moving smoothly
- We will need a team (hopefully under the expert supervision of Ms Renea Smith) that will organize, guard, and help distribute the gifts and riding toys at the end of the festival.
- This year we would like to have a team to gather donations of really nice adult items and have door prize drawings for the mammas and grandmas who come with their children....this will make their night special too.
- We would love to have someone take charge of getting a large helium tank, balloons, & string....we need to give balloons out to the children and use some as decorations.

CALL TO SIGN YOUR GROUP UP.....601-355-9589



HOLIDAY SEASON NEEDS LIST FOR WINGARD HOME

- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Sugar
- Artificial sweeteners
- Peanut butter
- Jelly & honey
- Pancake syrup
- Apple cider vinegar
- Olive oil
- Coffee & creamer
- Canned spinach, black beans, salsa, saurkraut, mushrooms, black olives...
- Canned soups
- Tuna
- Ramen noodles
- Baby food (fruit & veges)
- Fresh vegetables
- Microwave popcorn
- Potatoes, onions, carrots
- Lemons & cabbage
- Cereal & oatmeal

- Light bulbs
- Lg. Zip lock bags
- Cleaning supplies & bleach
- Dishwashing liquid
- Brooms, mops, & buckets
- First aid supplies

Christmas Wish List

- ◆ Pray for healing for Carrol Quinn, the founder of Signs & Wonders in Georgia...cancer is defeated in Jesus name
- ◆ Computer w/printer & scanner for the teenagers to do school work
- ◆ Tractor w/bush hog for the ranch
- ◆ Home Depot or Lowes gift card for fix-up projects around the property
- ◆ We are low on household supplies: cleaners, light bulbs, mops, brooms, etc....if we had a gift card, we would be glad to be accountable to you and send you copies of the receipts-if you just like to shop, I'll be happy to give you a list...call me at 601-355-9589
- ◆ Someone to put restricted internet on the teen's computer (to use for school) we still do not have this...really do need it!
- ◆ A Volkswagen...or some car that gets about 50 miles a gallon...gas is killing us on these city streets back and forth with 1 or 2 people in a big van.
- ◆ Full size violin



CHRISTMAS DINNER

- Fresh vegetables
- Salad dressings
- Mushroom soup
- Fried onions in can
- Ham
- Turkey
- Lipton tea/green tea
- Any of your special home baked goodies that you care to share or share a special recipe with the teens
- Baking supplies
- Cream cheese
- Cool Whip
- Fresh fruit
- Graham crackers
- Coconut
- Cherries
- Pecans/Walnuts
- Celery/onions
- Cake mix & icing
- Chocolate chips
- Marshmallows