

February 2026 CCM Newsletter
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Friends, as I sit in the comfort of my warm home, looking out at the yard full of snow and ice, I can't help but be anguished for those who are homeless. In my humble opinion, homelessness is the Number 1 problem in Granville County that has not been addressed. Cornerstone Baptist Church is the only white flag facility that I know of and I Thank God for their willingness to offer their church as a warm, safe place for the "unhoused" during these frigid temperatures. We enjoy feeding the birds and keep our pets inside during inclement weather, how can we not feel concern for our fellow human beings who are cold and hungry? Yes, it is a gigantic task to find a building and people to staff it but our God overcomes the giants! Prayer is where we start, then we put "feet to our prayers", as I have heard Preacher Wheeler say so many times! Please commit with me to pray for this need to be met in Granville County and then, let's work together to put feet to our prayers!

Deanna Gardner of "Mother Love", is a tireless advocate for the homeless. She does her best, with the help of area restaurants, to make sure the homeless in and around Oxford are fed daily. She passes out snack bags, tries to make sure they have fuel if they should have some sort of space heater, warm bedding, and will seek hotel rooms if possible BUT she does all of this totally reliant on funding from the public. If you want to help, you can contribute financially using these methods: Checks made payable to mother love Inc.;Cashapp: \$motherloveinc;Venmo: motherloveinc, Apple Pay: 9195597357. You may specify exactly how you want the funds applied. The mailing address is: 615 Lewis St, Oxford, NC 27565. You may also collect food items for the snack bags: Pop top meats, veggies, & fruit cups, nabs, bottled water – may add flavor packets. You may add your personal favorites. Basic hygiene kits – I suggest using trial size- toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, bath cloth, deodorant, shampoo, razors - place in ziplock bags. Deanna's office, is not always manned but she has a wagon that sits outside her door that you can drop donations in - same address as above. Remember! Put feet to our prayers!

ACIM is in need of food and volunteers. Most needed items: soup, pasta, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, rice, breakfast foods – (cereal, grits, oatmeal), jelly, peanut butter, & dried beans. Volunteers are needed to pack food boxes: Tues. 5:30 & Thurs. 5:30. Packing food boxes takes about an hour. Volunteers are needed during their "open to the public" hours as well: Mon. 4:30 – 6:30, Wed. 9:00 – 12:00, & Fri. 9:00-12:00. Tip: I enjoy using the \$5off \$25 coupons from Dollar General at Food Lion on Saturdays. I used one recently to purchase \$25 worth of the food items listed above.

And let's not overlook ACTS in Vance County which is both a food pantry and a "soup kitchen". Pantry: Tomato soup, vegetable soup, spaghetti sauce, mixed veggies, carrots, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti noodles, macaroni noodles, saltine crackers, instant potatoes, great northern beans, navy beans, pork and beans, baked beans, lima beans, blackeye peas. Kitchen:#10 cans of veggies and fruit, Awesome brand all-purpose cleaner, ammonia-free glass cleaner, Fabuloso, bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, scouring pads, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap.

Community Partners of Hope - the Henderson men's shelter is also looking for meals for their guys. Go to their Facebook page for a link to sign-up to provide meals. It also tells you what has been served recently.

Stocking Stuffers: **Feb.** – children's toothpaste, **Mar.** – boys boxers sizes 4 & 6/7, **Apr.** -ladies socks 4-10, **May** -boys boxers size 10/12, **Jun.**- toothpaste, **Jul.** – school supplies, **Aug.**– toothbrushes – no multi-packs, **Sep.**- journals/ink pens, **Oct.** – coloring books/crayons, **Nov.**-fleece blankets, **Dec.** – gift bags, rolls of wrapping paper, scotch tape

Central Children's Home Birthdays: **Feb.** - No Birthdays (Mt. Creek), **Mar.** - 2 Birthdays Peace's Chapel), **Apr.** – No Birthdays (Concord), **May** – No Birthdays, **Jun.** – 1 Birthday (FBC Butner), **Jul.** – No Birthdays, **Aug.** – No Birthdays

You cannot serve both God and money. Luke 16:13, NIV