

Dovetail News

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Homeless Thanksgiving at Samaritan House

Come help out at the Saturday Café on Nov 5th!!

What's New?

Another miracle in the heart of El Dorado County, that's what's new! Many churches in El Dorado County have opened their doors once again this year to house our homeless population on a nightly rotational basis through these potentially hazardous winter months. These churches host our homeless folks so that they can remain warm and dry and have a safe place to sleep free from worry about their camps being raided, or their feet being frozen! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Cold Springs Community Church

Foothills United Methodist Church

Green Valley Community Church

Solid Rock Faith Center

are the churches that are hosting one or more nights per week this year. Many other volunteers in the area come in and help with the accommodations, like providing a light snack before bedtime, staying up to watch over everyone, chat with and pray with individuals, play board games and even watch movies with those that want to and where available. If you have a heart to work in our community in this way, please contact me and I'll get you connected with the appropriate parties.

Again, really, a huge thank you to those participating churches and the hearts that serve with them!



**WHAT CAN WE HELP WITH?
WHAT DO THEY NEED?
November is coffee &
creamer month!**

As you've just read, the Nomadic Winter Shelters are opening up on November 4, 2011. The CRC will open its doors both in the mornings at 7am until folks are picked up in the evenings for the next location. During these cold months, the CRC goes through a lot of hot coffee. If you have a heart to donate a can of coffee this month and next for use at the CRC, I know people will be very grateful! They go through lots of sugar, creamer and stirrers.

All of these things are desired to warm chilled bones and help to fill bellies. Lunch is provided via a wonderfully scheduled lunch program put on by the kind volunteers in the area. Dinner is provided by the Upper Room, located just next door to the CRC. If you have a heart to provide things like granola bars, or other packaged snacky food for munching, it would just be an added blessing. Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry. You continue to humble me! Find the container in our lobby to drop off these things.

Taken from a page of "Where's Waldo", our barrel seems to keep moving. Please look for it. It may be hard to find at times, but still very hungry when you do.

Check the lobby by the kids' rooms. 😊

Recipients were so delighted with our last donation of many blankets and comforters. Can't get enough of those for our at-risk folks! Coats are currently the item of choice especially for the kids. Thanks!

Isaiah 58:7

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Giving is not always monetary. Often, your time is of much greater value!

21st Annual Turkey Trot

Lace up your running shoes and trot on over to Cameron Park Lake for the 21st Annual Turkey Trot Run/Walk. This run/walk will feature long and short distance races for families and individuals. The Turkey Trot will take place Saturday, November 19th.

FUN CLOSE TO HOME!

Youth divisions begin at 9:00am
Junior and Adult divisions beginning at 9:30am
Prizes awarded to the winners of each age division.
Pre-registration before November 10th - \$23.00 per person.
Registration after November 10th - \$30.00 per person.
Contact the Cameron Park CSD.



COMMUNITY FUN
with our
YOUTH



Article of the Month!

This month's spotlight is on the **Reverend Marlo**

Rev. Marlo is 82 years old. No one knows if Marlo is her first name or her last - she just goes by Marlo and many call her Reverend Marlo. Marlo worked as a beautician most of her life up until January 12, 2011 when she fell and broke her shoulder. Before she came to Christ, she describes herself as unsaved and wandering not doing anything good except raising her 4 boys. One of her sons died at 17 in an auto accident. Marlo met the Lord at 57, saved at Feed My Sheep Church and was later asked to help with a women's outreach ministry at the El Dorado County jail. Not wanting anything to do with it, she conceded to going to the orientation "under duress". It was there that God gripped her heart and she fell in love with the jail ministry. She ministered to the women until God called her to begin ministering to men. She discovered the "Celebrate Recovery" Bibles which present the 12 steps combined with the Beatitudes. She saw how much that seemed to help them. Marlo says almost everyone in jail is there because of drugs or alcohol and she says "The only way to recovery is through Jesus Christ."

Almost every Friday night, for the last 23 years, she's been at the Placerville jail from about 5:15 - 10:30 or 11:00pm. She goes with a few others from Cold Springs Church. She says her grey hair and wrinkles earn her respect and she can speak the truth in love and they listen. She is as comfortable in that jail as she is in her own home. During a Friday evening she sits in the classroom and the groups rotate through. Each class lasts about 45 minutes; one group leaves and the next one comes in. They share prayer requests, their week and their "homework", study the Bible and then pray together. For many, this is the highlight of their week.

Marlo has built many wonderful relationships. She says that she generally has no idea what crime they have committed and she doesn't care. "It's none of my business. My job is to minister the love of God." And they love her!!! On the day when she was to have surgery at 7am, an inmate woke everyone up at 6am so they could start praying for her. And they didn't stop praying until the Lord led them to. Her relationships don't end when they leave the jail. She continues an amazing ministry by writing letters to her new friends. She currently writes to 31 people on a regular basis. Snail mail only... as she doesn't do email.

She is about to celebrate the 16th anniversary of one friendship. This young man met the Lord in the Placerville jail and was then transferred to a CA prison where he is serving a life sentence with no chance of parole. He has continued growing in his faith. He leads Bible studies and fills in for the chaplain when needed.

She said everyone in the jail wants a Celebrate Recovery Bible. It is life changing! And she spends her days "begging for Bibles" as she puts it. "It's not beneath me to beg for Christ." She has an arrangement with Tyndale House Publishing and can get a case of 20 Bibles for \$200. Old and New Testament with all of the Celebrate Recovery helps. (\$10 each!)

If you or your small group want to chip in and buy some of these Bibles for Marlo or ask your church or small group to raise money to put toward this awesome ministry, there is ALWAYS a need. Money can be sent directly to Rev. Marlo, 6387 Mother Lode Dr. #88, Placerville CA 95667 or to her through Cold Springs Church in Placerville.

She can also be reached at (530) 295-0414.

