

# The Mission

Fayetteville Area



February 2019

Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me. - *Jesus*

## Bread 'n Bowls 2019

In October of 2007, **Hay Street United Methodist Church** opened their doors and hearts for us as we held the first **Bread 'n Bowls**. For 11 years, they gave us our fundraising home and provided for all our needs. Each year brought more volunteers, attendees, auction items and ticket sales. We can never thank Hay Street UMC enough for believing in our call to the homeless and struggling!

As we prepared for our 12<sup>th</sup> year, we faced downtown parking challenges and our ever-faithful potter, **Greg Hathaway**, retired from making hundreds of bowls for us.

**Haymount United Methodist Church** offered to help out. So this year:

***A NEW VENUE, NEW MENU & NEW HOURS!***

As good as our soup & chili was, we now offer brunch with a Cajun flair prepared by Inasmuch's own, Chef James! Check out the flyer below:



**New Venue, New Menu, New Hours**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Bread 'n Bowls**  
**BRUNCH**  
**Bake Sale & Silent Auction**  
to support the ministry of  
**FAYETTEVILLE AREA OPERATION INASMUCH**

**WHEN:** Friday, February 8, 2019  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**WHERE:** Haymount United Methodist Church/New Life Center  
1700 Fort Bragg Road

**MENU:** Choose 3 items for Dine In or Take Out:  
Vegetarian Quiche    Bacon/Egg Bread Bowl    Jambalaya  
Shrimp & Grits    Bread Pudding    Mixed Fruit  
*Includes Coffee or Tea & Bread*

**TICKETS:** \$15 (Cash, Check or Credit Cards Accepted)  
Tickets available at:  
• Operation Inasmuch - 531 Hillsboro St., (910) 433-2161  
• Online - [www.faoiam.org](http://www.faoiam.org)  
• At the Door

**Presold tickets will be entered into drawing for:**  
Chris's Steakhouse \$75, Luigi's \$50, Texas Roadhouse \$25

**MAJOR SPONSORS**







Chef James preparing his famous sizzling' shrimp & grits



Crosses painted by our Family Members will be for sale, too!

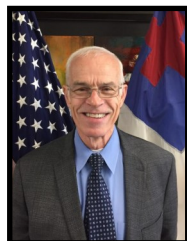
## Executive Director's Message

Do you know that Operation Inasmuch serves more than breakfast everyday? We also offer over 20 other services thanks to our amazing volunteers. Our volunteers and interns operate a computer lab, medical clinic, reading glass service, prescription assistance, job referrals, financial counseling, personal counseling referrals, clothing referrals, showers, laundry, haircuts, and more!

We also operate a 40 bed men's transformational facility. Since opening "The Lodge" 21 months ago, 263 men have found jobs, 136 have found apartments and 51 have found Christ!

Another part of our ministry are seven semi-permanent transformational homes. Each man living there has his own room, helps pay for housing expenses and has personal house cleaning chores. Over 90% of our men in our housing programs have jobs, and they perform random drug and alcohol breathalyzer tests. Please join us in praying that our Father continues to permanently change lives every day at Operation Inasmuch.

Sincerely in Christ, Ray



Ray Helton

## How you can help!

We're thankful for your donations. Here is a list of things you can donate:

- Sugar
- Creamer
- Coffee (cans not packets)
- Qtips
- Vinyl Gloves
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Ziploc Bags
- 55 gal trash bags
- Copier Paper



We love our hot coffee and cocoa!



## The Lodge Programs

Every Wednesday night, the Lodge holds a voluntary Bible Study wherein the men have an opportunity to learn about how much God loves them and be introduced to the person of Jesus

Christ who offers the free gift of salvation and "a life that's real." During the month of January, over 35 Lodge residents have committed themselves to studying the Bible together, searching for answers to eternal security, dealing with daily doubts, and how to have a healthy, growing relationship with God and each other. More men are drawn to the study each week.

## A Journey to The Lodge

My name is Earnest Phillips, Jr. I am from Mobile, Alabama, I came to Fayetteville with intentions of helping with the hurricane effort. I got here on the greyhound bus with \$80 in my pocket. To make a long story short, I had no place to stay, no job, and wasn't going to be much help to anyone else if I could not take care of myself.

I want to thank God first for the Lodge and Inasmuch. They gave me a place to stay, fed me, and had more resources available to me than anywhere I have been. They taught me that success was attainable through hard work, self-discipline, making financial goals and plans, and sticking to them. They are also a Christian-based facility which to me is the best part. They held me accountable.

I am now a foreman for Straight Level and Square. I have a checking account and my own transportation and involved with a local church. Thank you so much Inasmuch and The Lodge. Very special thanks to Darron and Ms. Debbie.



Earnest Phillips Jr.

## Volunteer Highlight

Janet Tilley has been volunteering since 2010 as a receptionist for Inasmuch. She's originally from Fayetteville, and attends



Janet Tilley

Freedom Biker Church. After she retired from teaching, Janet began serving our Breakfast Program with her church. A receptionist position opened and she gladly volunteered. Janet is a very special person with a wonderful heart. We are grateful for her generous spirit and her gift of time.

## Board Member Spotlight

Andy is a veteran who has been serving at Operation Inasmuch for several years. He has performed maintenance in our Frink Street homes, at the Lodge and in our main building.

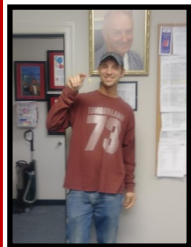


Andy Fischer

Andy repainted the entire Lodge interior, helped design, Purchase, and plant the trees, bushes and flowers around the Lodge, and is currently serving as the Chairman of our Bread and Bowls Committee. Andy has been on our Board for a couple years and he and his wife, Paula, worship at St Patrick's Catholic Church. Thank you Andy for your service and leadership!

## Success on Frink Street

I am truly grateful for Operation Inasmuch and feel honored to be part of its inspirational ministry. The love, support and accountability I received from the program at the Lodge was just what I needed to turn my life around and become a responsible and productive member of society.



Getting the keys to my Frink St. House!

Now, on Frink Street, I have the space, freedom, and resources to share my talents and testimony with the world. I am proud to say that today I am happy, clean, and sober and want to thank everyone who serves the community through Operation Inasmuch because it is changing lives and creating success stories all the time... Like my own! Sincerely, Jeff

## A Wonderful Donation

Kendra Danzer presented us a donation on behalf of Fit4Life Fayetteville that was raised through the Holiday Highlander competition. Her husband Willie organized and supervised the games along with general manager, Scott Mathews.

It was an intense competition, but you could feel the sense of fellowship between competitors. Events included carrying 225 pound barbells in each hand (100 pounds each for the ladies), throwing tires, lifting 200 pounds of wet sand in a barrel, and throwing a 50+ pound weight into the air!



Ray & Kendra

These guys and gals are truly strong and kind. We heartily thank Willie, Kendra, Scott and Fit4Life for their support!



Throwing tires



Walking with barbells



## Staff member highlight

Darron Adams is a veteran who was wounded in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He began serving Inasmuch as our kitchen manager, and has been serving as our Lodge manager for the past eight months. Darren will graduate from Fayetteville Tech Community College this semester with an Associate's degree in Education. He's been working concurrently on a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He attends Simon Temple Church, has a heart for souls, a strong love for our Lord, and a passion for reading and understanding God's word. He and our Lodge staff are having a significant positive impact on our Lodge members. We are grateful to serve alongside Darron each day.



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## Breakfast Ministry News

Charles Mills came to Operation Inasmuch as a homeless man in 2016. He arrived in Fayetteville from South Carolina two weeks earlier. He shared his medical history that included a stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure and a knee replacement. He used a cane and wore a worn-out orthopedic shoe to help him walk. Charles was troubled by a history of depression and substance abuse. He did not have a support system but said he knew he could turn his life around because "God was with him".

Prior to coming to Inasmuch, Charles lived in abandoned cars in high-risk areas or in the woods. He continued to say he would be okay. His job history includes working as an electrician, truck driver and brick mason; but due to health issues, he could no longer do these jobs. We identified the community partners that could help Charles reach his hopes and dreams. The following organizations were key to his success: Operation Inasmuch, S.C. Vital Records, DMV, Salvation Army, medical providers, Center Pharmacy, Greater Image, DSS, SSA, FAST, United Management, and Kinlaw's.

Today Charles lives independently in his 2-bedroom apartment. It's fully furnished, and he has purchased a washer, dryer, freezer and other household items. He lives within his budget, follows the guidance of his doctors and others; as a result, he is healthier and in better shape than ever. He is actively involved in church and often reaches out to help others in need.

Charles truly epitomizes success is possible when you "meet someone where they are," develop a plan, collaborate with others, adjust along the way, and have faith that with God all things are possible. He exemplifies how someone labeled as "homeless" can succeed. He never gave up and remains true to his faith, even when it seems things would not work out. He is one of our shining stars.



Charles Mills

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