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LET EV'RY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM

A message from our Executive Director, Craig Morrison

I recently read this post from Christy Wright, *Author of Business Boutique*, "Wherever you are, be there. Whether in a board room or the playroom, while making presentations or making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, be where your feet are. Not only will this help you shake the guilt and feel more balanced, but research from Harvard shows it actually makes you feel happier! And who doesn't want that?"

I have struggled with 'being present' over the years. My mind is always wandering into the future, but being at Inasmuch has helped me understand Christ's promise to be WITHIN us on a whole new level. I love seeing the churches and organizations that physically show the love of Jesus every day. THANK YOU to every single person, volunteer, donor, and friend for being here!

Micah is one of our most recent graduates from the Lodge and is now a resident in one of our homes on Frink Street. Micah came to us with broken glasses and during his first few days with us, Ms. Debbie took him shopping. He recalls how patient she was with him as he tried on nine different pairs. "I thought she was playing! But she really bought me some glasses! This lady doesn't even know me." But, more so, Micah came to us with a broken spirit. During his time at The Lodge, Christ also continued to heal his spirit. "I learned how to have faith and believe in myself. I didn't before I came to Inasmuch,"

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“I'M TRYING TO DO RIGHT FOR MYSELF...AND INASMUCH REALLY HELPED ME WITH THAT PART”

Micah continued, “Every day that I wake up, I try to be a whole lot better than I was yesterday. And sometimes, despite what I've been through, for me it's hard. I just want people to pray I make it. Shout out to Inasmuch, I'm not gonna lie, I didn't have faith in this place when I first came here, but I'm glad I did because I actually got to change my attitude a little more and read my Bible some more. If I didn't come to Inasmuch, I know for a fact I'd still have messed-up glasses.”

Micah also learned in Hebrew, his name means “who is like God”. “I thought, Wow! I got some power around this name. That's pretty cool.”

And I'd die first before I tarnish the name. I'm trying to do right for myself so they [his parents] could be proud of me, and so Inasmuch really helped with that part.”

Micah has also accomplished many goals since coming to the Lodge: keeping his job, decreasing negative and sarcastic comments, being open and sharing with his peers, serving as a mentor to younger residents, and (a big one) obtaining his car insurance and Provisional Driver's license.



Micah, moving to Frink Street, with Sheri, our Frink Street coordinator--July 2021

His next goal is to save up enough money to purchase his own vehicle. Thank you for making an IMPACT in Micah's life and giving to the ministry so we can continue to share Christ's healing power with all who are broken and weary.

As we close out 2021, I'd also invite you to keep all of our breakfast family members & Able Life brothers in your prayers, that they would continue to grow in Christ alone.

RAY'S RUN 2021

During the month of September, we held our first ever virtual walk/run, Ray's Run, in memory of Ray Helton (our former Executive Director).

Participants and community friends walked, ran, and even biked in real life, but logged their miles online.

On October 2nd, we held our Live Awards Ceremony at the Westwood Shopping Center! It was a joyful, exciting celebration and we want to applaud again every person who logged in their activities in Ray's memory. Save the date for next year: Sept. 2022

We are especially thankful for reaching our fundraiser goal of \$25,000--where all proceeds benefit our Men's Lodge!



Boy Scout Troop 701 was a BIG help and brought the energy!



“**Miss Ray and his big smile, and he loved the Lord....Even though he has left us, through Ray's Run, it feels like he's still with us running for the Family.**”

--Barbara Speir, Deputy Director/Grant Writer



**Lisa King,
1st Place,
Female**



**Cecy Piemonte
2nd Place,
Female**



**Carol St. Louis
3rd Place,
Female**



**Gary Goins,
1st Place,
Male**



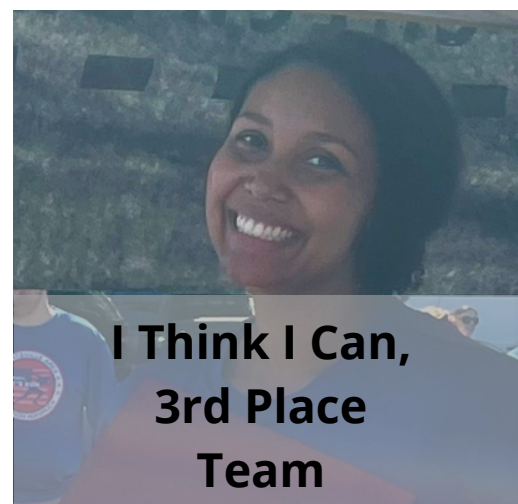
**Jacob Sadler,
3rd Place,
Male**



**Tag Team,
1st Place
Team**



**Not too Fast, Nor too Serious
2nd Place
Team**



**I Think I Can,
3rd Place
Team**

“Ray's Run for me, started out as a 'nice thing to do'.

And then...all the things that have been going on with my family and my children...that I've been uplifting to the Lord, He's like 'it's time to go deeper', and it became a "prayer-and-praise-athon" for me. It has become so deeply meaningful and transformed my spiritual one-on-one relationship with the Lord. ”

--Lisa King, Dining Room Volunteer & First Place in MOST MILES (500+ Miles)

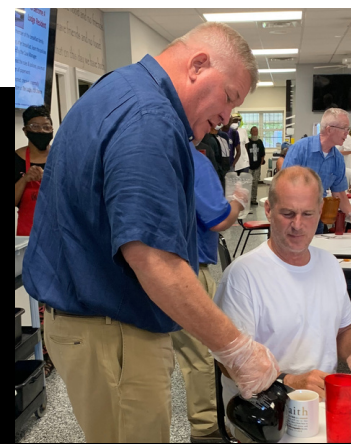
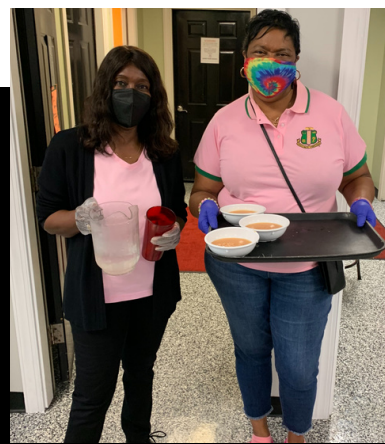


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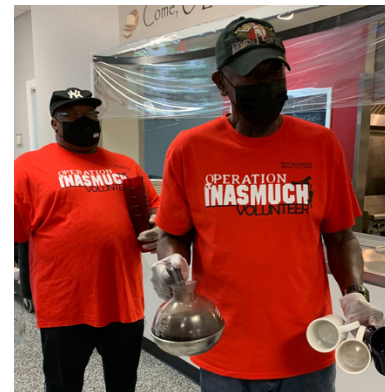


AND Giles Blankenship for our entertainment!

COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL



“We do it because our Lord Jesus told us to.
But we get as much out of it as we put into it... We’re really hoping to make a little bit of
difference, at least, in showing love to people who are oftentimes unloved. **”**
--John Dayton, Berean Baptist



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

Come, Lord Jesus



“Well, I first came down because I had a new location for my business and I probably had an extra day free that week, that I didn't expect, and I had some clients that used to volunteer down here, in the serving part. And they said, 'Earl just go down there, you might like it.' So, I came down here for one day, helped in the kitchen that morning because they were short, and the next thing you know you're here twelve, thirteen years and you form a new family circle of people. I like [to cook] scrambled eggs and anything I'm asked to, and plus I get to cook with some awesome people! ”

--Earl Lucas, Kitchen Volunteer



“I came to work with Operation Inasmuch, I think about 2008, and this was after I did mission work ...going on disaster trips, and when I was coming back from those, I felt I was just led down here to serve more than just a week out of the year... I started coming on Thursdays and then I thought well, I'll come down on Fridays as well. And I love working with the people, working with the family that is here.

And it is just a blessing to be the hands and feet of the Lord because that's what He did for us, He came for us, and He's using us to be a blessing for others.”

--Shirley Schaffer Kitchen Volunteer



Chef's Kitchen Corner

“Pecan pie is a Thanksgiving tradition in my household, and I believe this is the best pecan pie recipe.”

--Chef James

Ingredients

Dough for single-crust pie

1/2 cup butter

2-1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

3/4 cup maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 large eggs, beaten

2 tablespoons whiskey or bourbon, optional

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Optional: Whipped cream and ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to a 1/8 inch thick circle; transfer to a 9-in pie plate.

Trim crust to 1/2 in. beyond rim of plate, flute edge.

Refrigerate while preparing filling.

In a dutch oven, or large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add pecans; cook stirring constantly, until very fragrant and pecans start to brown, 4-5 min. Remove pecans with a slotted spoon, reserving butter in pan.

Stir in brown sugar, maple syrup, and salt; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; simmer 2 min. Remove from heat. In a bowl, whisk a small amount of the hot mixture into eggs; return all to the pan, whisking constantly.

Stir whiskey (optional) and vanilla into brown sugar mixture; stir in pecans. Pour into crust.

Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 55-60 minutes.

Cover edges with foil during the last 30 minutes to prevent overbrowning, if necessary. Cool on a wire rack. If desired, top with whipped cream and cinnamon. Refrigerate leftovers.

Every morning, we ask Christ to come and to fill our family members with His spirit.

For most of our family, the days and nights are long and lonely. As the hours pass and days get darker quicker, it's no wonder they feel spiritually dim, as well. We pray when they are with us, they experience His true light, His true peace, and His true love. For Christ's light cannot overcome. As another unpredictable year comes to a close, we rejoice as Christ comes: born on this Earth, lowly in a manger, as a crying baby. And He comes to heal us and wipe away our tears.

May your Christmas be filled with joy, kindness, comfort, and light.

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Cumberland Community Foundation 40th Anniversary Grant

The Elliot Memorial Fund of St. John's Episcopal Church

South River Electric Membership Corporation

If you'd like to join our team of IMPACT MAKERS here are 3 opportunities:

- **Giving Tuesday:** Starting, **Nov. 23-Dec. 1**, you have a chance to AMPLIFY your gift through the Cumberland Community Foundation. Our goal is to **increase our Inasmuch Endowment by \$15,000 during this week.** You can give online starting 11/23 at www.faoiam.org/donate!
- **Breaking Bread:** Become a Breakfast Sponsor for 2022. It costs \$250 to serve breakfast each day. You or your business can sponsor 1 day (\$250) , 1 week (\$1250) or 1 month (\$5000) of breakfast and we'll announce your name at the beginning of your sponsored breakfast.
- **End of Year:** We've had a wonderful year overall with our Bread 'n Bowls event back in February followed by our summer Woodpecker Parking. Our fall Ray's Run surpassed all our goals! Please consider making an end-of-year donation either by cash, check, online donation, or transfer some stock.

All donations need to be postmarked before

December 31, 2021.

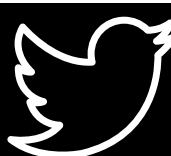
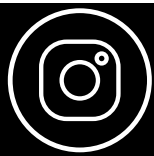
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Wish List:

Coffee
Powdered Creamer
Sugar
Hot Chocolate
Masks
Gloves
Hand warmers
Blankets
Coats
T Shirts (XL--2X)

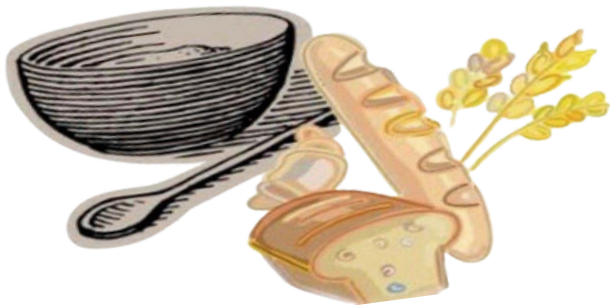


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SAVE THE DATE: Bread 'n Bowls

Friday, February 25, 2022



11am--2pm
Snyder Memorial
Baptist Church

FUN ON ICE!

On March 11th, we are partnering with the
Marksmen hockey team, in their
"Non-profit of the Night".

We will be highlighted and fans are encouraged to
bring various donations that might be thrown out
onto the ice during halftime.

AND we are a part of their
"Charity Challenge"!

ALL season long, a portion of proceeds from ticket
sales comes back to us--through our unique link:
<https://marksmenhockey.com/charitychallenge/>

