



NEIGHBORHOODS NEWSLETTER

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and for all the ways that you are bringing the tangible peace, presence and power of Christ to our city!



Neighborhood Story

Ministry: Feed Salem

Title: The Can Opener

As I arrived early to the warehouse on Saturday to button up some last minute details I was surprised to find a can opener sitting atop a table in the back. I didn't know where it had come from and had never seen it before. I picked it up to move it but didn't know where to move it so I set it back down and continued setting up the warehouse. About an hour into the distribution, Nancy (who was working intake) came over to me and said, "I have a strange request but the guest I am helping asked if we have a can opener." I smiled and said, "Actually, yes we do." I walked

to the back of the warehouse picked up the can opener and nearly laughing handed the man the can opener explaining that I had no idea where this came from but that God was looking out for him and placed it here just for him. He smiled and took the can opener. God is busy loving our city! Sometimes he works through our smiles, sometimes he works through a word of blessing we speak and sometimes he works through a can opener, no matter the avenue God is at work.

- Ashley Dalen



Ministry Updates



LOVE THE CITY

one neighbor at a time

Love The City (LTC) was launched on Vision 360 weekend (Sept. 30)! LTC is designed to equip and empower our church to move towards the people God has already placed in your sphere. We believe that everyday Holy Spirit is nudging, prompting and opening doors for the people of SAC to bring the tangible peace, presence and power of Christ to people and situations but sometimes we sense the call or see the need but don't know where to start.

When you apply for a Love the City Project you are in essence saying, "Here is a situation or person that the Lord is calling me to move towards. Can you help resource me, encourage me and walk with me as I love this person by engaging in the situation they are facing."

We believe that Salem will become a city at peace with God when we all move towards our neighbors. This city is too big for only a few to engage, the commission is to us all! Look around you, listen to Holy Spirit and join us!



Celebration

Enjoy this thank you note for the school supplies we donated to our neighborhood boys and girls club!



Upcoming Events



Trunk or Treat

October 28, 2023



Tree of Giving

December 6-8, 2023



October 27, 2023

Please see the Salem Alliance Church Website Event Pages for more information.



Prayer Needs

We have 1200 neighbors, 600 of which are kids, who are excited to come on our campus on October 28th for Trunk or Treat. Will you please take some time to cover all aspects of this event in prayer.

Pray for the provision of volunteers:

- More Candy (specifically 50 bags)
- 15 more trunk hosts to say, "YES!"
- 5 more welcome volunteers
- 2 more candy cart volunteers.

Pray for our neighbors to:

- Experience the person of Christ as they interact with each trunk.
- Feel the tangible peace, presence and power of Christ as they stand on our campus.
- Read the informational card we give each family and feel prompted by Holy Spirit to check out a service or bring their kids to one of our amazing kids programs.

Pray for the details:

- A rain-free, sunny day.
- Safety as families are parking and walking to the event.
- Health and energy for all involved.



Partner Highlight

Union Gospel Mission - Simonka Place



Before Luella came to Simonka Place, she was at her lowest point.

"My biggest challenge was not knowing how to make friends, being lonely, isolated, and depressed."

Since walking through the front doors at Simonka Place, Luella has embraced a new stance on life. Today, she is connected to a community that cares for her, and most importantly she knows she is a child of God.

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