

Home and Community Missions

The missions program has always been important to College Street Baptist Church both at home and abroad. Our responses to Jesus' command that we should help those among us in need, have included work with the D. A. R. Children's Home, Lakeview Rest Home projects, Laurel Estates Sunday School program, Crisis Closet Aid, M.E.A.L.S Program Site, Homebound Ministry, Puppet Program, the ministry to the hearing impaired, Home Partners, the Food Bank, and prison ministry.

Our **Home Partners Mission**, led by **Randy Upton**, assists with home repairs for many people in our community.

Gail Medlin oversees our **Food Pantry Ministry**. Located next to the church office, the food bank helps meet the food needs of dozens of local families. On Monday mornings, from 10:00 until noon, the pantry is open to distribute food items to those who are financially unable to buy groceries for themselves.

Our **Prison Ministry**, now coordinated by **Greg Tichenor**, began in 1987. Our interest in this ministry was sparked by an unfortunate incident in the life of one of our members. In order to minister to this member, untold doors have been opened for us to minister to thousands of inmates over the past 22 years.. The ministry began at the McCormick Correctional Institution (MCI). We traveled to MCI three or four times per year. Each trip would include a time of worship and a time for fellowship with the inmates around tables full of homemade cakes and cookies. Trips to MCI were always great, especially the trips around Christmas. We continued to make regular trips to MCI for about 12 years.

The door was then opened for us to go to Tyger River Correctional Institution (TRCI) in Enoree. We have been making regular trips, as many as three per year, to TRCI ever since. The highlight of this ministry is the Christmas trip each year. We have the pleasure of serving dinner to one of the dorms and the guards that are on duty. We normally feed 150 people Steakhouse chicken and trimmings, some great desserts, and fresh fruits prepared by Bobby and Angela Long.



Randy Upton leads our Home Partners Mission Team



Our food bank workers serve dozens of families every Monday. Seated is Gail Medlin. L to R: Mary Martin, Steve Stancil, Rilla Stancil, Margene Gravley, Martha Medford, Peggy Fleming, and Lillian McKinney

Associated with our Prison Ministry, we have been involved in project *Angel Tree*. This program provides Christmas gifts for children who have one or both parents in prison. These gifts are given to the children in the name of the parent that is in prison. CSBC was the pilot church in the state of South Carolina, and we have sponsored the program for Oconee County every year. This program started with about 10 children and has served as many as 150 children in one year. Other churches in the county have assisted us in this program, but CSBC has been involved every year.

Also, our prison ministry helps by providing cakes and ice cream for a birthday party each month at Oconee Law Enforcement Center.



The **Brown Bag Mission Group** ladies meet once a month on the fourth Wednesday at 11:00 AM at a designated location. They bring their own lunches and meet together for devotional time, prayer, and fellowship. The members discuss and adopt a mission project and prepare meals for someone who is ill or recovering from surgery. They provide food, gifts, monetary help, etc. for those in need within our church family or as outreach to someone in the community. The Brown Bag group supports other ministry efforts such as Lakeview

Assisted Living Facility, Food Pantry, and others. The members enjoy a good time with lots of laughter and fun as well as supporting one another during times of need.

A Recent History of our State and National Missions

In addition to local and community mission efforts, College Street youth and adults have been involved in numerous mission, construction, and disaster relief trips within the United States. The Youth Choir has toured and performed in Texas, Ohio, Virginia, Georgia and other states in addition to North and South Carolina. Adult teams have traveled to Kentucky and North Carolina on church construction trips, and to Mississippi and New Orleans providing disaster relief efforts following hurricane Katrina. Many times the adult construction team is accompanied by youth evangelism and Vacation Bible School teams.



June 2006: A College Street team lead by Randy Upton built this 100' x 40' addition to a church in Havelock, North Carolina. The team built the addition as shown in 6 days and then took a break to pose for this picture.



Left: Youth Choir members join in prayer before boarding the church buses to travel to Havelock and Morehead City, NC. Right: Ray Conway directs the Youth Choir at a Morehead City church

