

Goodness Gracious Notes

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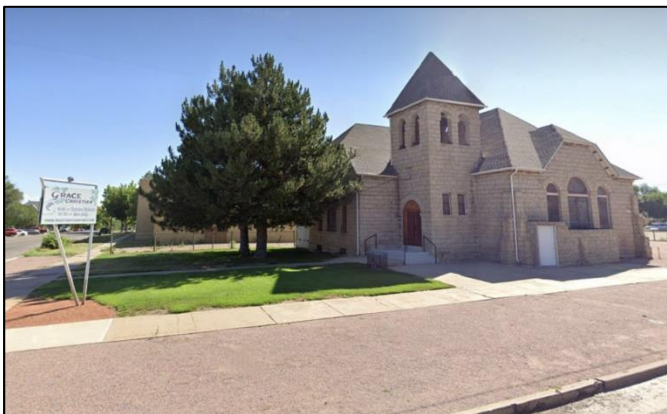


ELDERS SERVING:

Lou Blagg, Mike Pachak

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Oct. 7, 6:00 pm All Church Prayer
Tues. – 9:30 Women’s Bible Study
Sat. – 9:00 am Men’s Bible Study



Grace Christian Church

630 Broadway

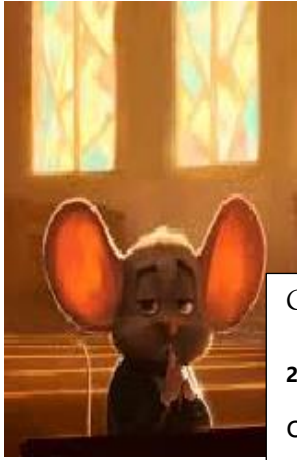
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Financial report for August, 2024

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| Income----- | \$7,628.00 |
| Expenses----- | \$7,125.22 |

See a Board member for questions.



Church mouse saw some members stocking the pantry.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Your reward awaits you.

Thank you, Church mouse-keep, watching.

EASY FALL SPICED CIDER



Ingredients:

- Celestial Seasoning Mandarin Orange Spice Tea
- 100% Pure Apple Juice

Directions:

- Bring 1 Gal of juice to a boil.
- Remove from heat.
- Add 10 tea bags.
- Steep for 5 min.
- Ladle into cups and garnish with a cinnamon stick and a thin orange slice.

ENJOY!



From Pastor Andy's Pen

2 Corinthians 4:18

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (KJV)

Sometimes you get so caught up with the things going on in your life, your job, your home, car repairs, family emergencies, that your relationship with God suffers. Your prayer life suffers, your witness suffers. Life happens. But, we need to remember that this world is not our home, and we don't belong to this world, which will soon pass away. Our citizenship is in heaven, where we will spend eternity with our creator and savior.

The Corinthian church was having a number of difficulties in their daily life. Sin was all around them in the city of Corinth. Pressures from their neighbors, their loved ones, the government to conform. To be like the pagans around them. They struggled to keep their faith, to stay separate, to stay faithful. They struggled so much, that many lost sight of the prize.

Our world is so busy. Our phones track our movement second by second. Our cars monitor how fast we go. Our work can tell when we move the mouse on the computer! Its easy for us to lose sight of what's important in our present struggles. But we as Christians need to remember, this world is not our home, were just passing through to our eternal home with Jesus. Are you looking towards eternity?

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| Sunday Oct 6 | Beware the Yeast of the Pharisees | Matthew 16:5-6 |
| Sunday Oct 13 | What do you Want? | John 1 35-37 |
| Sunday Oct 20 | Hypocrisy | James 4:1-2 |
| Sunday Oct 27 | Wealth; the love of money | Luke 16:13 |

GRACE OUTREACH



DOING THE MOST GOOD

GOOD NEWS

DID YOU KNOW?

When you make a donation, you enable us to assist those in need right here in Pueblo County. Your money helps us:

- ▣ Distribute food boxes from our pantry to members of our community. We also serve meals to local youth and our volunteers.
- ▣ Guide and support hardworking families enrolled in our Pathway of Hope program.
- ▣ Provide enriching youth ministry to local boys and girls, as well as backpacks and school supplies to students each year.
- ▣ Offer utility assistance to households that have fallen on hard times.

a message from:

CAPTAINS RANDY & JAMIE STOKES



Dear Friend,

As the leaves begin to turn color, we're reminded that it's never too late to make a change in life. We at The Salvation Army know there are people in our community who want to make changes for the better, but circumstances outside of their control keep getting in the way.

With the support of generous friends like you, we're able to provide spiritual guidance, physical and emotional comfort and a variety of other programs and services that help our neighbors change their lives for the better. We meet people where they are, and without your support, the impact would not be as great.

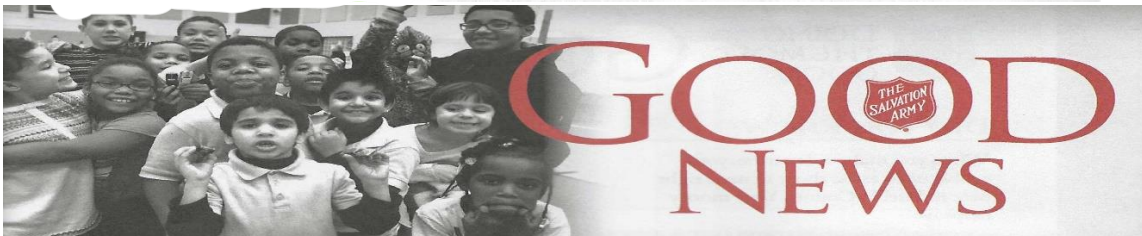
It's only because of you that we can continue to accomplish our mission of doing the most good, year after year.

As you read the stories in this newsletter, we hope you're inspired by the resilience and gratitude of the neighbors in our community who have benefitted from your support, and the changes that they've been able to make in their lives.

On behalf of the men, women and children we serve every day, thank you for your generous support!

Randy Stokes

Jamie D. Stokes



GOOD NEWS

FALL 2024

A newsletter from your friends at The Salvation Army



Rising From the Ashes

GIVE, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. A GOOD MEASURE, PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER AND RUNNING OVER, WILL BE POURED INTO YOUR LAP. FOR WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE, IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU.

Luke 6:38



DOING THE MOST GOOD

James and his son, Will, had just begun to start over in life when disaster struck their new home. A fire swept through the house and destroyed everything: photo albums, clothes, toys, family heirlooms, furniture and other precious belongings. All the father and son had left was their car, limited savings and the clothes on their backs. With nowhere to go, they moved into a nearby hotel.

As their money quickly started to disappear because of the hotel costs, James finally came to The Salvation Army for help. He met with a case worker who was able to provide them with clothing, put James in contact with a property manager, and helped him find a support system to guide them as they got back on their feet.

Very soon, James and Will found a new place to live and were able to find a new spiritual relationship.

"I had lost my faith for a while ... It took our house catching on fire and us losing everything to see the signs of God," James explained.

Now, the father and son have a stable home and are thriving in their new job and school respectively. And because of the kindness and support they witnessed from The Salvation Army, they now have chosen to join our mission by attending church and volunteering each week.

It is because of each of our donors, like you, that The Salvation Army is able to do the most good by providing a variety of programs and services that address the needs of men, women and children in our community. We know that they, along with us, are so grateful for your continued support of our mission.

Elder's Corner

Shared by a servant of the Lord:

GOD WANTS OUR FELLOWSHIP

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

JAMES 4:8 NIV

What a blessed promise and provision this is! It means each of us can come close to God, with the assurance He will come close to us—so close that we become conscious of His presence. This is the greatest experience we can know.

But for most of us this isn't easy. Life presents us with too many distractions, and the last thing we have time for is to be alone with God. Children, work, television, the Internet, even church activities drain away our time.

Maybe you will have to readjust your priorities. Maybe you will have to say no to certain activities or demands. Whatever it takes, make time to be alone with God.

Remember: He wants your fellowship, and He has done everything possible to make it a reality. He has forgiven your sins, at the cost of His own dear Son. He has given you His Word, and the priceless privilege of prayer and worship.

He will come near to you, if you will come near to Him.

HOPE FOR TODAY

The God who created the universe desires your presence; take that in for a moment. He's always ready to speak to you. He is always glad that you came. Go to Him often and obey His every Word.

Kneel often...

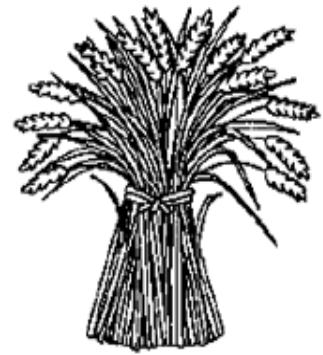
Stand best!



Jesus Sends Out Workers

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-11 (NIV).



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