

Dalton's Food Pantry SEEDS OF GRACE

October 2017



God needs your help...

Have you ever thought about it? The Lord of the universe needing *YOUR* help? It's true that God can accomplish His plans without us, but He desires for us and chooses us to help Him. Why? Because He desires to make Himself dependent upon us in order to accomplish His purpose for us to grow in our faith.

We're getting ready at Dalton's Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. Yes, I know it's not yet Halloween yet, but you see, we can't wait until the eleventh hour to feed 5,000 people!

Although I'm not one to typically look back at where we've been, I pause to think about last year at this time, right before Thanksgiving. The donations were down about 72% from the previous year. Yes, that's not a typo. Our giving was down 72%. I was speechless and confused not understanding why the ministry was flourishing but now we were barren. And here, right before Thanksgiving, God knew that we needed to feed 5,000 in just a few days; why Lord?

If you'll remember, there was a bird flu virus right before Thanksgiving last year and prices were at a premium. We began praying about where the turkeys were going to come from and more importantly, how we were going to pay for them. We gave the situation over to God, because only He could provide the miracle. But God...He did provide! God's faithful people stepped up at our time of need, because they knew God needed them to! We were able to purchase more than enough turkeys for the Haughville community.

I'm asking that you begin praying with us as we enter the most financially straining months of the ministry. Can you help us? With your help, we can feed God's 5,000 on Saturday, November 18.

God bless you and your generosity.

With God ALL things are possible!

i came to serve not to be served

BY: J.R. DALTON

I believe the home is the best place to begin to serve. If you are not sure how to love your family, try serving them. One of the most famous quotes from the era of President John F. Kennedy had to do with service in his statement, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what can I do for my country.” I would paraphrase that for the husbands and wives of this nation, “Ask not what your husband can do for you, ask what you can do for your husband. Ask not what your wife can do for you, ask what you can do for your wife.” How many marriages might be saved if this principle were to be lived out? If you will focus on serving the one you married and ask God to open your heart to the connection between love and service, it will become clear that service and love are connected by a single thread, your desire to express your gratitude for the freedom you experience in Christ.

I suggest that you allow God to burden your heart for a particular group or person. If you have no burden, it is entirely possible that you have taken your freedom to an unhealthy extreme and have adopted the attitude that you were saved for your sake alone. If you ask God to open your heart to a place for service, He will.

Opportunities for service abound and you will be surprised that when you seek God’s direction, a

place of suitable services will emerge where you can express your love through service.

I suggest that you make it part of your daily time to thank God for the people who have served you as an expression of their love, and seek Jesus’ heart as you pray, to adopt His service lifestyle. As you strive to be conformed to his image, ask God to give you a heart for loving service. I personally love “serving Christ”. There is not any better fuel for service that burns longer and provides more energy than love.

In Paul’s writings, he said, love then serve. Service is the outward expression of the love that motivates every believer who understands that freedom from works does not mean freedom from responsibility. Wednesday night at church Pastor Hill said a Christian servant should think of ministry work as an opportunity, not an obligation.

1 Timothy 1:12—How thankful I am to Christ Jesus our Lord for choosing me as one of his messengers and giving me strength to be faithful to Him. Amen.

God Bless,

J.R. Dalton



trunk r treat

Our annual Trunk R Treat will be on Friday, October 27 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm at Amazing Grace. This is a night at Amazing Grace that we get to love on the kids with candy and fun. You won't want to miss this evening. Get your candy bought, decorate your trunk (you don't have to), and plan what you're going to dress like! The kids come ready for FUN!

If you can't participate, would you consider donating candy and praying for us? We'll have a large crowd that evening. It will be a good time for all!

thanksgiving day at the pantry

Thanksgiving Day at the Pantry is Saturday, November 18. For the past several years, we have planned to feed 5,000, and we're going to do it again this year!

We're asking the volunteers to arrive at the pantry by 7:30 am and we'll begin getting everything set up. If you can't come that early, come when you can because we'll be here until the last person has gone through the line.

Would you consider making a special donation to our Thanksgiving Day? It takes a lot of money to get Thanksgiving meal supplies for every family that visits that day. We appreciate anything that you can do to help us help them!

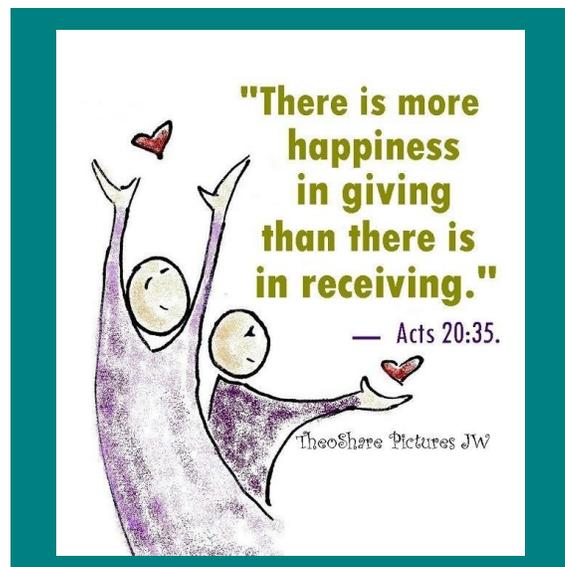
christmas at the pantry

It's hard to believe, but at the printing of this newsletter, Christmas at the Pantry is about 9 weeks away. Yes, 9 weeks!

Christmas Day at the Pantry will be Saturday, December 16. We are planning for a week earlier than usual.

The Pantry becomes a Toyland for the kiddos while the parents go through the line to get food for their Christmas dinner.

We ask if you want to volunteer, please be here by 7:30 am. If you're unable to volunteer, would you consider making a donation so that a child can have Christmas? We appreciate your prayers and support!



"The person ... who looks for quick results in the seed planting of well-doing will be disappointed. If I want potatoes for dinner tomorrow, it will do me little good to go out and plant potatoes in my garden tonight. There are long stretches of darkness and invisibility and silence that separate planting and reaping. During the stretches of waiting there is cultivating and weeding and nurturing and planting still other seeds."

Eugene Peterson, *Traveling Light*

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Dalton's Food Pantry compassionately touches lives in being the hands and feet of Jesus, by providing essential necessities and pursuing souls in planting seeds of love, hope and encouragement for the assured growth which is promised in God through whom all things are possible.

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Pray For Montana Pray For Texas

Pray For California Pray For Florida

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 - THIS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME.

LUKE 21:25 - AND THERE SHALL BE SIGNS IN THE SUN, AND IN THE MOON, AND IN THE STARS; AND UPON THE EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS, WITH PERPLEXITY; THE SEA AND THE WAVES ROARING;

This is a "wake up, Jesus is coming back". Jesus told us to look for signs for a reason. If you're not paying attention, you should be. I tell you this only because I care about you. Pay attention to what is happening.

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Matthew 24: 36, 44