

Christmas Tour of Homes

by Nancy Bertholf

Women's Unity Fellowship has announced participants in this year's Christmas Tour of Homes. The annual event will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8. Also included in the activities will be the Tour of Trees at the First United Methodist Church in Chandler on December 7 and 8.

Hostesses for the Tour of Homes will be Sharon Moffeit, 713 Cade; Thelma Jones, 309 Broad St.; Tracie Montgomery, FM 2010; Christy Cade, 17298 FM 3400; and Ginny Baldwin, 16550 CR 3302 Red Bud Road.

Tickets and maps are available at the Chandler Drug Store, the Chandler Public Library and at the Tour of Trees. Transportation from the FUMC will be provided for anyone who would like to the tour caravan. Call 903-849-3566 or 849-4068 to reserve a seat.

The Tour of Trees features trees decorated by local organizations and displayed in the Fellowship Hall of The First United Methodist Church. This annual event benefits God's Open Hands. Attendees are asked to bring canned goods to vote for their favorite tree. The tree with the most cans will receive \$50. All canned goods will be donated to God's Open Hands.

The Tour of Trees will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, and from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8. Chili will be sold on Monday night. Groups interested in decorating a tree can get more information from Rosie Bussman at 903-849-3566.

Proceeds from the Tour of Homes benefits the Brenda Epperson Memorial Scholarship for Future Teachers, God's Open Hands and the summer reading program at the Chandler Public Library.

Humane Society

by Ellen Barton

The Henderson County Humane Society in Athens is celebrating the month of November, which is "Adopt a Senior Pet Month," by offering any senior pets we have at the shelter for a lower adoption fee. The fee for dogs over seven years old is \$70.00 and the fee for cats is \$35.00. These prices include spay/neuter, rabies shot, worming and other shots. Senior animals still have many years of love to give. They are more settled, usually housebroken, and often just want to curl up in a warm lap and have a stable home to live in.

In addition to it being "Adopt a Senior Pet Month," we have decided to also declare it "Adopt a Senior Person" month for November. Any person who is 55 or older may adopt an animal from our shelter for the above fees for the rest of November. We do require you fill out a preadoption form so that we can determine if the animal you are interested in is right for your home and that your home is right for the animal.

Please come by the shelter in Athens from 9:00 to 3:00 Tuesday through Saturday if you are interested in finding a wonderful companion or see www.petfinder.com for pictures of many of the animals now at our shelter. You may also call 903-677-7387 to inquire about our policies. Your Best Friend is Waiting!!!



Chandler

Lions Den

The holidays are rapidly approaching!

The upcoming holidays are taking our thoughts in many directions, and the Chandler Lions are very busy. There will be no regular meetings during December, although we will be assisting with numerous community activities, and interested individuals are encouraged to participate with us.

We express our appreciation to Myra Burkham, from Copeland's Drug, for the informative presentation at our last meeting regarding the use of Medicare, Medicaid, and supplemental insurance programs for payments for medical needs. We also recognize and thank Mrs. Martha Copeland for her donation of the Lion's vest from her father, Judge Winston Reagan. He was one of the founders of our Lions Club.

Several potential new Lions were welcomed, and we are always looking for more members. For details, please contact Pat Kambhu at 903-849-6355. The following dates are important upcoming events in our program schedule:

December 2, 10:00 a.m. Lions decorate a Christmas tree for the Chandler Nursing Center. Ruby Simons will chair this activity. For information, contact her at 903-849-6056.

December 8, 5:30 p.m. The Lions will have their annual Christmas party at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler. Please arrive by 5:30 p.m. with the program and celebration from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A "Chinese Gift Exchange" will be part of the program, so bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$10 for this fun event. Potential members are welcomed. We anticipate the attendance of some past and present District Governors.

December 19. Christmas Party at Chandler Nursing Center. Remember, the Christmas gifts for adopted residents are due prior to this date.

December 21-24 - Lion Volunteers will assist in preparing and delivering Food Baskets through God's Open Hands. To operate, this local charity relies on donations from individuals, local businesses, and civic organizations. All workers are volunteers with no paid personnel. This is truly local people taking care of their own. The only reason the organization is able to continue is because of community support.

Many of those seeking help are elderly people on small fixed incomes. Sometimes they have to make a choice between buying food or buying much needed medicine. Other clients include single parent households who cannot make ends meet without assistance. Whatever the situation, God's Open Hands seeks to help those in need.

Cash donations are critical to meet these needs. The contribution of each dollar can provide as many as eight meals. Your gifts can be made at either of the God's Open Hands locations, as well as through many local churches. You may also mail your contribution to P O Box 865, Chandler 75758. Thank you for caring about our community.

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Forest Grove

by Sue Bannister

What a glorious week we have had! We welcome back returning members of the Bloodworth and McLean family and three new members, Shirley, Kayla and Sierra Doty to our church family. It is always a joyous occasion when our family grows.

Our King's Kids had 38 on Wednesday night which made our total attendance 60. Sure makes Bro. Mike jump for joy to have that many on Wednesday night.

We are still in need of a Beginners class Sunday school teacher. If you feel led to teach, please see Bro.

Mike.

We are preparing for our Thanksgiving feast next Sunday night. So bring your favorite dish and your list of things that you are thankful for. I am sure that our lists will be long.

There will not be Wednesday night service on the 26th. We will have a Tuesday night service at 7pm on the 25th.

Don't forget about our 5th Sunday singing coming up on the 30th at 6pm. We will be featuring Victory Road from Longview, Texas. We hope everyone will come out to join us. The community is invited to bring their instruments or tracks to sing or just listen and enjoy the music.

From the church with a mission ... God bless and keep you.

NOTICE!

ALLIED WASTE SERVICES will not be providing garbage pick up on Thanksgiving Day.

All garbage scheduled to be picked up Thursday will be picked up on Friday. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Saturday. After Saturday, service will resume its regular schedule.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU.