

STUFF THE BUS – DEADLINE JULY 6, 2021

The Local & Worldwide Mission committee is excited to bring a new mission to our church! The Johnson City Schools' Homeless Education Program is asking for our help to provide essential school supplies for students during their inaugural "Stuff the Bus" event.

"Stuff the Bus" will work to improve attendance and academic performance, as well as promote self-confidence and develop community awareness of student needs. In the Johnson City Schools, 33.7% of students enrolled are economically disadvantaged or at-risk of homelessness. Each student has his/her own individual needs, which is why they need our help!

We are asking for your support by donating specific school supplies (see list below) that will help the students prepare for academic success during the 2021-2022 school year. The "Stuff the Bus" tour will hit the road to collect all donated items on Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

You may place your donations in the collection bin in the Narthex or, during the week, in the Good Sam shopping cart outside the front door, through Tuesday, July 6th.

If you are unable to shop but would like to support this mission, you can make a monetary donation to the church and we will do the shopping for you. Please make your check payable to Covenant and reference "Stuff the Bus" on the memo line. (or in the memo section if you donate online) If you have any questions, you may contact Melanie Jones at 423-737-5392.

The Local & Worldwide Mission committee is extremely appreciative and grateful for your support.

Items Needed:

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| Wide ruled composition books | Pencils |
| Wide Ruled paper | Crayola crayons |
| Blue/red pens | Markers |
| Ear Buds | Colored pencils |
| Dry erase markers | Highlighters |
| Scotch tape | Backpacks |
| Glue sticks | Scissors (Fiskars style) |
| Zipper Pencil Pouches/Pencil Boxes | |

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Samaritan grocery carts** continue to be placed outside the double doors in front of the office, between the

hours of 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday thru Thursday. Just drive up, load your items into the cart, and drive off! If you need help, honk your horn and Tina will be happy to assist you. The donations for the month will be picked up from the church after the 4th Sunday to be delivered to Good Samaritan. The grocery carts will be in the hallway on Sundays.

We will continue collecting the following food items, as they are staples: **Jelly/Jam; Peanut Butter; Canned Veggies; Canned Fruits; Dry / Canned Beans; Rice; Soups; Cereals (*hot and cold*); Canned Meats (*Tuna, Vienna Sausage, etc.*).** If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too.

GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HABITAT AND OTHER MISSIONS (see June newsletter for full article)

Remember, as you are doing your Spring cleaning, we ask that you hang on to items that you think might be saleable. The one thing that we will exclude is clothing. The committee felt that we are just not equipped to handle clothing. **If you have items to donate, you may bring them to the church or call the office to arrange for someone to pick them up.** We are storing items for the sale in the classroom next to the kitchen. Sale is tentatively scheduled for August 7.

FROM DAVE & JULIE WOOD

We are having another raffle to benefit our non-profit organization Para El Futuro De Guangaje Ecuador AKA For the Future of Guangaje Ecuador! This organization's mission is to provide opportunities for Guangaje indigenous youth through college scholarships. We currently have 7 students on scholarship and hope to add 4 additional students this year.

\$10/ticket. This time you can win one of 3 prizes:

1st Prize: All-day excursion for 10 on a Pontoon Boat on Watauga Lake, Hampton, TN (scheduled for August 7, with one date change allowed). Donated by Drs. Robert and Paulina Mosca.

2nd Prize: Dinner for 4 at Bonefish Grill, Johnson City

3rd Prize: A beautiful gift basket from 1-800 Flowers.

Help us support these students as they work hard to advance themselves and their community! Go to www.forthefuturege.com and buy your raffle tickets! We will bring you, email or mail you your tickets.

Thank you! Peace and Hope,

Dave and Julie Wood. 904 891-1922

MESSAGE FROM PATTI COBLE
IMAGINE CAMP CAMPERS' SPONSORSHIP

Mini Miracles, the pediatric therapy company with which I am contracted, offers a summer camp, Imagine Camp, each year. Imagine Camp offers a day camp experience to children with special needs who might otherwise be unable to attend a day camp, due to the unique restrictions of their individual needs. It is staffed by occupational therapists, COTAs, physical therapists, speech therapists, ABAs and sometimes, counselors and marital and family therapists, who work with these Mini Miracles throughout the year. This provides an added level of familiarity and security for our young clientele and their families as they enjoy camp activities.

Each year, we look for sponsors to provide scholarships for campers (\$150 per camper, per 3 day camp session). Many of the families we serve weekly and during summer camp are foster families or families who are financially insecure. This year, it occurred to me that Covenant's congregation is always interested in meeting needs, and this is a great opportunity for that—children, their families, and a wonderful organization.

I'm hoping that those of you who feel led to, will prayerfully consider making a donation of any size to help with a camper's sponsorship. (If you are part of a Covenant group that would like to donate together, Tina can probably help you with that.) Mini Miracles uses Christian Missionary Fellowship International to receive and process donations to all its ministry actions, locally, regionally and internationally. **Camp days are coming up in June and July. Here is the link for donations:** <https://give.cmfi.org/donate/mini-miracles-ministries>.

To find out more about Mini Miracles Pediatric Therapy, PLLC, its services and its ministries, visit <https://www.minimiraclespllc.com/> or find Mini Miracles on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MiniMiraclesPediatricTherapyPllc>. If you have questions, please let me know and I'll find an answer, if I can.

With continued hope for peace and kindness,

Patti

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today, June 6

8:30a

9:30a

11:00a

Issues Class on Zoom
Sojourner's Class on Zoom
Worship Service

Monday, June 7

10a—3p

7:00p

7:30p

Good Sam Food Dropoff
NarAnon Mtg
PNC & Session Joint Mtg on Zoom

Tuesday, June 8

10a—3p

7:00p

Good Sam Food Dropoff
Al-Anon Mtg

Wednesday, June 9

10a—3p

Noon—2:30p

7:00p

7:00p

Good Sam Food Dropoff
Sanctuary Reserved
Chancel Choir on Zoom
N.A. Mtg

Thursday, June 10

10a—3p

Noon

7:00p

Good Sam Food Dropoff
Al-Anon Mtg
Red Tent Circle (?)

Friday, June 11

6:30p

Al-Anon Mtg