

MARTHA MINISTRY

Happy New Year

It is our prayer that 2024 brings you much love, joy, peace, and good health, but above all, it brings you closer to our heavenly Father.

We look forward to continuing to serve our church and our community by being the hands of feet of Jesus. We ask that you pray for us as we seek to serve.

Some 2023 Highlights

Each year we strive to meet the needs in our community as they arise. Just to summarize a few of our services were:

- *Sending cards of encouragement.
- *Delivering baskets to hospital patients.
- *Delivering food to sick and shut-ins.
- *Giving monetary donations to individuals in need.
- *Delivering welcome baskets to people new to the community.
- *Delivering baskets to Cancer Center and ICU.
- *Passing out 20 homeless bags during Christmas holidays.
- *Delivering Christmas baskets to jail, Branch of Hope, VA, nursing home, and Elementary School.

For 2023, we had approximately 422 acts of service to our church and community.



"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Upcoming Soup Ministry

For the past several years, we've enjoyed our "Soup Ministry." Martha Ministry seldom meets as a whole because we are divided into branches and each branch works within their own chosen field of service. However, in January or February we come together and bring a crockpot of our favorite soup, along with a dessert. We enjoy fellowship and then we package our leftovers and deliver to our shut-in's. It may be cold outside but this is a time for warm hearts as we share the warmth of soup and friendship.

Interested in Joining?

If you are interested in joining Martha Ministry, we ask that you 1) pray about it 2) be an active member of FBC 3) be willing to commit to serving 3) and contact Jo Ann King to see where you can sign up to serve. If you can't physically serve, please feel free to be a faithful prayer warrior.

Thank You Donors

Martha Ministry simply could not do what we do without the prayers and financial support of so many. Of course, it always takes money to fund programs. We are so thankful for many who support us financially on a regular basis and on an as-needed basis. Along with finances, is a strong need for prayer. We are so thankful for many of you who pray for us on a regular basis. We can't meet the needs of all so we ask for prayer that God will show us where He most needs us to serve. We also want prayer for all recipients that they'll know the love of Jesus.

If you can donate financially, we welcome that but know that your prayers are coveted. We also can't serve if we don't know needs so please feel free to make us aware of any needs you know of.