



Mercy Ministries

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"
Micah 6:8 ESV

Brothers and sisters of Bethel,

Peace be with you always.

As perfectly exemplified by our King and Savior, mercy and compassion are vital expressions of our character and identity as Christians. Therefore, we are called to acts of mercy with a cheerful heart. Here is an update for our upcoming mercy ministries. We will continue to support the Clover School District Thanksgiving meal assistance and Operation Christmas Child.

For the CSD Thanksgiving meal assistance, we have requested forty families to support. For 2024, we requested the same amount and were supplied with thirty-four families. We fulfilled all meals and had three extra meals that would feed a family of four with each meal. Seven families did not show for pickup and did not respond to any form of contact from us or the school district. Those seven meals were supplied to Clover Area Assistance Center. Once we are supplied with our family list, I will send out an email. You will need to respond to that email with how many families you would like to support. You will then receive the names of your family/families to shop for. On Sunday, November 23, you will drop off your meals to the diaconate in front of the church before the start of service. The families will cook the meals themselves on Thanksgiving; we are simply providing the food items.

For Operation Christmas Child, our goal this year will be same as last, which is eighty overall boxes. For

2024, we finished with thirty-six online boxes and forty-one physical boxes for a total of seventy-seven boxes. Our goal page is where you can keep track of our progress as a church, as well as build online boxes. Our 2025 goal page is not yet live as goal pages will not be active until the end of October. Once activated, I will send out the link via email to access our goal page. If you do not wish to build one online via our goal page, you can build a physical box via your own supplied shoebox.

We will also order the following materials in support of this campaign:

- Buildable shoeboxes for those that need them
- Posters for every Sunday School classroom
- Adhesive shoe box labels with instructions for packing and a scannable QR code (if you wish to track the package all the way to its destination)
- Coloring sheets that our children can complete during Sunday school and nursery that are included in the shoeboxes we build.

You can drop off completed shoeboxes in the vestibule before worship service to the deacons or during the week to the church office. We will collect all shoeboxes prior to the 17th and drop them off to the regional collection site during **National Collection Week, November 17–24, 2025.**

We will also be volunteering at the Charlotte Processing Center for Operation Christmas Child as a service ministry event for our youth group, but this opportunity is open to our entire congregation if you wish to serve. Once we receive our day and time slot from Operation Christmas Child, I will send an email out with that information. Please respond to that email if you wish to serve alongside our youth group.

Thank you for your help in supporting these ministries.

Seth Neely
Bethel Diaconate

this week

Sunday's sermon:

Loving One Another

1 Peter
1:22-25

events

MS Girls Discipleship Group
10/5 at 4:00 pm

Youth
10/5 at 5:00 pm

Young Adult Community Group
10/5 @ TBD

Circle #1
10/7 at 10:30 am

GriefShare
10/7 at 6:30 am

Diaconate Meeting
10/7 at 7:00 pm

Men's Bible Study
10/8 at 6:00 am

GriefShare
10/8 at 1:00 pm

volunteer schedule

Infant Nursery
Cathy Robinson
& Ann Marsh

Toddler Nursery
Jackie & Albert
Krashner

Worship Training
Johna Griesman &
Cullie Mounts