

NEW LIFE NEWS

“FOR WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.” LUKE 1:37



A MISSION TEAM'S IMPACT DURING CHRISTMAS

The week before Christmas, we were excited to welcome a mission team from Alabama. This team was unique from many of our past teams because this team was made up of college students from eight colleges throughout the state of Alabama.

Thanks to a connection between Scooter Kellum (Team Leader for Church and Leader Mobilization for the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana) and Chris Mills (Baptist Campus Ministries and Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions), this team of 16 college students and three adults chose to come together to serve in the ministries of New Life Ministries and with New Life Fellowship Church.

While in Indiana, the team completed multiple projects and served in many ways. One of their primary projects was serving at the New Life Community Meal Ministry. This group served lunch and dinner every day. “The students have enjoyed spending time at the Meal Ministry and talking with the people at the meal,” shared Edwin Hocutt (Baptist Campus Minister at The University of Alabama in Huntsville). During their time serving, the group was able to build relationships with the patrons as they enjoyed meals together.

The group also taught devotions on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at the Men’s Life House and Women’s Life House. “The students enjoyed going into the homes to teach devotions. It was meaningful getting to meet the men and women and share their stories,” explained Beth Gardner (Baptist Campus Minister at the University of South Alabama).

Outside of these primary responsibilities, the group helped paint areas within New Life Fellowship Church, completed projects in the building at 246 E. Franklin St., reorganize materials, tighten bunk beds, and replace light fixtures. They were also given the opportunity to help facilitate and participate in a blanket giveaway event with another organization in the community.

Although this group started as mostly strangers, they left with friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. They were also able to serve and make an impact that will continue to have a positive impact in the lives of those in our community.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY AT THE MEAL MINISTRY



The New Life Community Meal Ministry has been serving free dinners 365 days a year since 2007. In 2023, we began to serve free weekday lunches too. In 2024, we are excited to expand our services again!

Beginning January 1, 2024, the New Life Community Meal Ministry will be offering both dine in and carryout meals during lunch and dinner! Patrons will have the opportunity to receive two carry out meals or enjoy a dine in meal with the option to take a second meal to go.

Our desire with this change is to better serve the community. We are thankful for the support of the Huntington Rotary Club and their donation to support these carryout meals. We know this will increase the numbers of meals served but are excited to make a bigger impact and meet the needs of more in our community with the help of the community.

MEET THE TEAM: BRITTNEY SHOEMAKER

As New Life Ministries continues to grow, so does our team. We are excited to introduce our newest member, Brittney Shoemaker. Brittney's role will be Donor Development and we are excited to see the impact she will make.

Share a little bit about yourself.

I have lived in Huntington my whole life and have been part of New Life Fellowship and New Life Ministries since the beginning. I have been married for almost 15 years and have two kids. My son is in 6th grade and my daughter is in 1st grade, and they are both very involved in sports. Something fun about me is that Christmas is my favorite holiday!



How will you be serving in New Life Ministries?

I will be focusing on going out and developing relationships with new and existing donors. The goal will be to make new connections in the community and to help get the name of New Life Ministries out there more. Hopefully there will be more community involvement as a result.

Why did you make the decision to serve with New Life Ministries?

I have felt called for a long time. I told my husband many years ago that I knew I would be working at New Life Ministries at some point. This year, God opened and closed the right doors for it to happen.

What are you looking forward to in your new position?

I'm excited to see how the position and ministries grow and where God will take New Life Ministries. I'm also excited to see who will get involved with New Life Ministries.