

In Christ's Name

The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ.

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

Psalms 33:21

Big Endeavors

Saturday, March 17 was a very important day, not only for the Irish, but also for those of us at Love INC. Why, you might ask? We had our annual board retreat. As we gathered to share and brainstorm about our current ministries, we were also trying to discern where the Lord is leading us.

Lately, many doors opened for Love INC. We've been asked when could we come to the jail to lead some life skills classes. Probation officers have asked when they could send their clients to our next Jobs for Life series. On a personal note, I've met with individuals who have spent time in rehab and in prison. They have been "set free" from their addictions and now want to serve "in whatever way I can!" They have experienced firsthand God's mercy and healing and are very excited to share this hope with others behind bars or others struggling to make it on the outside. At a recent reunion dinner for our Jobs for Life graduates (from our pilot program last winter) several of them are anxious to know when another series will begin, because "I have loads of friends on Facebook that are waiting to hear!"

As the retreat continued, it became very clear to us that we were being shown that there is a huge need in our community to move ahead with the classes we'd like to offer. We're starting with a general mentoring seminar on April 3, giving instruction and inspiration to individuals who might take this for their own growth or share it as they walk alongside one of the clients in our upcoming classes. We will be offering Jobs for Life, Life Skills, and a basic Money Management course.

To give you a taste of what these courses offer, Jobs for Life will cover such topics as: "My Value as an Employee," "Understanding My Life Journey," "Overcoming Roadblocks to Success," "Taking Responsibility for My Actions," "Conflict Resolution," "Effective Communication Skills," and "Job Search Techniques."

Life Skills will deal with such topics as: "Think Responsibly, Realistically, Critically to Prepare for Success," "Assist in Self-Care, Self-Respect," Help with Anger Management," "Understand and Help with Addictive Patterns in Life," and "Encourage Wholesome Relationships with Family, Friends, Co-workers."

Money Management will offer basic personal financial skills, as well as understand God's financial principles that are revealed in His Word – 2,300 verses in scripture cover the topic of giving, money, and our possessions!

We are very excited to get started on this big endeavor, knowing it will take many individuals, prayer, and guidance from above to be faithful to this call. We covet your volunteerism, prayers, and support.

Trusting in Him,
Ann Lockhart

Car Ministry

On March 17, 2012 the men of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church completed our first ever "Oil Change Project." The purpose of this project was to assist those in our community who need help in maintaining a dependable automobile in this time of high gas prices and economic difficulty.

Love INC provided us with several persons who needed this kind of help. We were able to schedule and service two vehicles, as a start for this project. The service included an oil change, oil filter change, greasing of fittings, and checking other fluid levels. In addition we tried to inspect for potential problems with belts, hoses and other maintenance items.

A special thanks to NAPA Auto Parts on Mendenhall Mall Road and O'Reilly Auto Parts, next to Costco. These two local businesses provided us with enough oil, oil filters, gear oil, and grease to complete Saturday's work and to do up to three more vehicles. Please remember to thank these neighbors and business owners for their generosity.



Love INC Garden Plots

Last fall Ethan Roemeling earned his Eagle Scout badge by creating our “deer proof” garden boxes behind our building! This year our hope and prayer is to find an individual or a group that is interested in being planters, garden maintainers, and harvesters. The plan is to keep the garden simple (i.e.,) carrots, potatoes, green onions, rhubarb, leaf-lettuce, peas. The fresh produce will go into the food boxes for Love INC clients (right now we only have non-perishable items). Do you know of a Girl or Boy Scout Troop, youth group, or any adults who have “green thumbs” and a love for gardening that might want a spring, summer, or fall project? Let us know.



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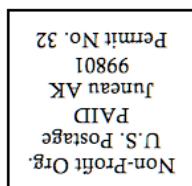
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May 1st Noon

Pastors and Secretaries Luncheon

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