



Compassion in Action

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Coming events: Get involved!

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Gala

—Saturday, Oct. 15th, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate families on the path to self-sufficiency. Join other Watts Street members for an evening of dinner and dancing along with a silent auction and raffles at the Millennium Hotel. For more information, call Stella Smith at 491-0328

Stanley Mission House Reopening

—Sunday, Oct. 9th, 12:15 p.m.
Stop by the Mission House after church for light refreshments. The Mission House supports the Host Homes program and accommodate medical patients who need to be close to Duke for follow-up treatments.

Works of HeART Auction —Saturday, Oct. 8th, 6:00 p.m., Progress Energy Center for Performing Arts

Drag Bingo —Saturday, Oct. 29th, 7:00 p.m., Durham Armory

Support the Alliance of AIDS Services Carolina at these two fun-filled events. Our AIDS Care Team is a part of the Faith Ministries Program, run by the Alliance, providing social and emotion support to those living with HIV/AIDS.

From Durham to Kentucky to Boston and Beyond: Watts Street Youth on Mission!

The youth group from Watts Street had a tremendous summer of service, learning, and missions both in and outside of Durham.

The week of July 10-15, 25 youth and adults travelled to Eastern Kentucky to serve in one of the poorest counties in the United States.

The group built a handicap ramp, painted the interior of a home, did home repair and yardwork, conducted a block party/ outreach event for a small church, visited two senior centers, worked in a thrift store, led book club and life skills activities for children, and took a group of youth on a field trip to Lexington. In addition, the group learned about generational poverty, experienced Appalachian culture, and enjoyed



The youth stayed busy with a missions-filled summer.

the natural beauty of Natural Bridge and the Red River Gorge.

The week of July 24-31, 35 youth and adults participated in the PASSPORT youth missions camp at Gordon College in Wenham, MA. In addition to creative Bible studies, meaningful worship services, and fellowship with new friends from

around the country, our youth were involved in a variety of service projects near Boston.

Finally, our youth also served God and neighbor here in our own community by volunteering at Vacation Bible School, making casseroles for Urban Ministries, working in the church supper

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Celebrating Our Friends in El Salvador

After the church service on June 5th, the El Salvador Mission Group served cake to celebrate the 47th birthday of Emmanuel Baptist Church, our sister church in El Salvador. Emmanuel Baptist Church was founded on June 6, 1964.

In November, keep an eye out for the annual scholarship drive that benefits the children in our adopted community of Alegria. In El Salvador, families must buy uniforms and supplies in order for their children to go to school. We have partnered with Emmanuel Baptist for several years to provide much needed educational scholarships to the students living in Alegria.

Reino Hoy – Kingdom Now

The mission of Reino Hoy - which in Spanish means "Kingdom Now" - is to build connections and community between English and Spanish speakers in the Triangle area. In partnership with St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Walltown, Reino Hoy fulfills this mission through Computer Connections courses, which provide both English and Spanish-speaking families with a computer and instruction in using Microsoft Word, and through bilingual Second Sunday Fellowship suppers and bible study.

We invite you to join us for Second Sundays and as a volunteer. We need computer course teachers, course technical assistance, meals for course participants, financial or in-kind assistance, and experts who can set up and refurbish computers. We also seek leaders interested in further developing and expanding our missions.

This Fall, 2011, we will hold regular meetings for orienting, training, and placing volunteers at appropriate sites.

For more information on how to participate, contact Liz Lutz at lizlutz@juno.com.

Help your community, join a Watts Street Mission Group today!



Environmental Mission's Bountiful Summer

Goodness grows in the church supper garden! The garden's bounty has included lots of basil used to make pesto, carrots, potatoes, and eggplants used to make soup for a sick church member.

The youth had a fun and productive work day at the garden, harvesting potatoes, weeding, and spreading mulch. Children in the summer church school Dayspring Bible Adventures enjoyed a late August field trip to the garden. They ran their hands through a

bowl of black beans, chased chicken, and picked basil leaves off the stem.

More volunteers are needed to help sustain the supper garden. Contact Michelle Old or Laura Webb Smith if interested.

WSBC Reaches Out to Our Walltown Neighbors

The highlight of the Walltown Mission were two Street Reach festivals this summer, the first at St. John's Baptist Church in June and the second at Northside Baptist Church in July. The monthly grocery deliveries continue to grow and food donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, please bring them to the bin under the table in the fellowship hall. We also need volunteers to assist with sorting and delivering food. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jen Phillips at (919) 491-7160 or jenbmcduke@yahoo.com



Kacey Reynolds Schedler, Rebecca Viverette, and Amy Rublein bring fun to the Walltown community.

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Casserole Ministry Cooks Up Blessings

The Casserole Ministry is going strong as the members of Watts Street take aluminum pans home with them once a month, make and freeze the casserole from the recipe that comes with the pan, and bring them back the following Sunday. Since January 2010 when this program started, we have been re-

sponsible for feeding approximately 7900 meals at Urban Ministries. We average 30 casseroles per month, with each casserole feeding eight people. There are more than 200 people that come daily to Urban Ministries for each meal.

Urban Ministries is grateful for our contribution and depend on receiving

these casseroles for their kitchen each month. Many thanks go to the members of Watts Street who lovingly prepare casseroles. As there are more and more homeless people due to the economy, look for the Casserole Ministry members handing out aluminum pan after church each month.

Be a Supportive Friend

Are you interested in helping those living with HIV/AIDS? Consider joining the AIDS Care Team at Watts Street! The team has a care partner for whom they provide social and emotional support. This can be anything from going to a baseball game, grabbing a dinner together, or simply making a phone call to chat with the care partner.

The Alliance of AIDS Services provides volunteer training for those interested in joining this important Faith Ministries program. Currently, their supply of care teams is not meeting the needs for all of their clients. The next training session will be at the beginning of November in Durham.

If you are interested in joining the Watts Street Care Team, contact Greg Palmer at senorpalmer@gmail.com

Home Sweet Home

Congratulations to the Habitat for Humanity mission group at Watts Street, who celebrated another house dedication over the summer! This is the eleventh house completed by the Watts Street team.

The homeowner, Mary, as well as family, friends, and lots of volunteers put in many hours of work to complete the house on Shirley Caesar Court.

Many thanks to all who helped with the project!



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Spreading Peace and Understanding

The Peace and Reconciliation Mission Group has been promoting issues through fun lately.

Since May, we have shown a movie most months to promote discussion around a variety of issues facing LGBT people. We've had a lot of fun watching movies (enjoying snacks!) and taking some time to discuss these issues.

In August, we hosted an informational table at the NC Gay & Lesbian Film Festival. We wanted the people attending the

festival to know that there are churches (even Baptist churches) who are supportive of gay rights.

In September we made a float and marched in the NC Pride Parade. Looking ahead we'll be hosting the luncheon on MLK Sunday (January 15, 2012) and in the new year we also plan to host some more Movie Nights. We're always open to having more people join us and bring additional issues of social justice to our attention.



The PASSPORT youth help paint a food bank in Gloucester, MA.

About 50 Watts Streeters marched in the NC Pride Parade.



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garden, sorting donations at the Food Bank, visiting homebound friends, and serving meals at Urban Ministries. The youth led the August 21st church service at Watts Street. Here are some of their reflections on the summer:

"I learned that even the smallest task can make the biggest difference in someone's life. I also feel like God opened my eyes to all of the poverty that is around me." – Olivia Arges

"My favorite part of Passport is the mission work...the relationships and connections we were able to make were as valuable as the work we did. Whether you're having a physical effect in a location or you're affecting someone one-on-one, it is an amazing, rewarding experience." – Abigail Lutz

Building that (handicap) ramp was one of the hardest yet enjoyable jobs I've ever done... It felt really good to be there helping people and it made me aware of what church is really about. God gave us the gift of being able to help others and it's up to us to use that gift." – Jacob Birkhead

"This encounter with someone who had the same condition as I do (type 1 diabetes) but not the same means to treat it, made me appreciate that I live with a family who can provide me with the best treatment out there, and that I shouldn't take anything for granted." – Tate Arges