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The OVERFLOW

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Merry Christmas 2015 !

We want to wish each & every one of you a very Merry & Blessed Christmas. May you truly "Prosper As Your Soul Prospers" throughout the coming Year. And, Remember, JESUS Is The Reason for The Season!

Luke 2:9-11

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them "Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

For unto you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Advent & Christmas

Advent is celebrated for four weeks in December by many Christians, as a time of waiting & expectation. Advent is Latin for 'coming'; describing the coming of Jesus into the world. Advent themes each week are HOPE, PEACE, LOVE, JOY.

Coming as defined is threefold: 1. the coming of Jesus as a baby 2000 years ago to live & die for us. 2. Jesus coming into our lives now. 3. Jesus coming back as King and Judge. (See Hebrews 13:8)

Thanksgiving 2015

Psalm 136:1, (NKJV) *"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."*

It was such an honor to serve over 300 Thanksgiving meals ON THANKSGIVING DAY. The Overflowing Cup has served holiday meals for many years. Three years ago we partnered with the Masonic Lodge in Beloit, who have a wonderful facility & workers who assisted with cooking, set-up & serving. This year we partnered with Beloit Regional Hospice, with volunteers delivering meals to more than 30 hospice patients who had no opportunity to be with family. Carry-outs were provided for others whose family members were unable to come. We delivered meals to a local domestic violence shelter, men's house & assisted living facility. All were grateful to receive a hot Thanksgiving meal. We were blessed with many volunteers in the community who were ready & willing to help set up for the meal, prepare the food in the kitchen, serve the meals & engage in clean up afterwards.

To contribute to the spiritual focus, musicians, Stan Riley & Paul Hieser provided music during the meal. There were also many opportunities to pray with people who were in need & were facing illness or difficult personal & family situations.

What are some of the things we have done to help others this year?

We helped **MANY** people in 2015 including:

- Disbursed many gas/food cards
- Emergency food and meds for people
- Given rides to pantries, treatment, job & MD appointments
- Referred many to homeless and abuse shelters.
- Begun a Wednesday night CUP RECOVERY Meeting led by Pastor Butch Martin
- Prayer & Support to those in need/crisis, as every day we have opportunity to share the hope that is within us thru JESUS.

God has a plan for you my friend.

Jeremiah 29:11 says: “For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

I believe that in order to experience God’s plan and His best for us, we must truly put Him first in every area of our lives. Even when we seek Him first and follow Him to the best of our ability, we still may face many trials and difficulties in this life. But I encourage you to “**Keep On Keeping On**” and never give up. He has promised never to leave us or to forsake us. And you can TRUST in God’s promises.

Ministry Needs?

- Snacks/Pizza for Friday night Youth Outreach (100+ youth per week)
- Monthly financial & prayer support
- More Volunteers to assist
- Sell our downtown building
- Purchase property with garage next to present location for parking. (\$26,000)
- Grocery, fast food, gas cards
- Building/warehouse for storage of donations for distribution center
- Box truck for donation pick up, delivery & assist people to move.

Thank you to the faithful donors and volunteers who support us with their gifts.

How can I help and what can I do?

We all have much to be thankful for and we want to THANK each of you who pray for our ministry and believe in what we do. We also want to express thanks for those who support us financially. Even though God is faithful to keep our doors open, **it would be so much easier if more could catch the vision and be part of our support team.** All gifts are welcome and appreciated, and no gift is too small. Tax-deductible gifts can either be sent to the post office box: 1075 – Beloit, WI. 53512 or given online via PayPal. **The PayPal link is safe and secure and can be found on our web site:**

<http://www.overflowingcup.org/donate.htm>

The Overflowing Cup opened on April 19, 1974 as a Christian Coffeehouse Ministry. We are truly an “Interdenominational Street Ministry” ministering to Youth, the Homeless, the Un-Churched, the outcasts, those Addicted to drugs and/or alcohol and those dealing with life controlling issues.

**Thank you for
Helping Us To Help Others!**



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In His Service,
Dave Fogderud, Founding Pastor

*My wife Diana and all of our Volunteer Staff
offer their prayers and blessings*