

The Mission

Fayetteville Area

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Inasmuch as you did it for the least of these, you did it for me. - *Jesus*

Take me out to the Ballgame!



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FAYETTEVILLE AREA OPERATION INASMUCH

“10:13” Anniversary Celebration Ballgame

Breakfast Program – 10 years (August 10, 2009)

Founding Date – 13 years (August 7, 2006)

WHEN: Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Game Time 7:00 PM

WHERE: Segra Stadium, Sections 110, 111 & 112
Downtown Fayetteville

TICKETS: \$12 Per Person. Includes reserved seat,
hot dog, chips & drink and our Anniversary T-Shirt!!!

Special Game Tributes:

Ray Helton, Former Executive Director
Giles Blankenship sings the National Anthem
Andy Fischer throws out first pitch
Sue Byrd leads “Take Me Out To The Ballgame”

Order Tickets & T-Shirts at: Operation Inasmuch
531 Hillsboro Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301-4634

For More Information:

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Gifted To Give ...to show them His Love

Contributions Received - February 1st, 2019—May 31st, 2019



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Honor

Breakfast Musicians:
Giles Blankenship,
Donna Davenport,
David Walters
 by: Wayne & Sue Byrd
Sue Byrd
 by: Garland & Patricia Stewart
Alvin Hartness
 by: Lynn & Gwen Gilfus



Ray Helton

by: Marcia L. Katt
Austin Shurling
 by: Ray Shurling
FAOIAM Staff and Volunteers
 by: Ella Barefoot
 C. Denise Gainey
 Pat Kapp
 Edwina Lindsey
 Clarence & Tracy Minter
 Jerry & Sharon Parsek
 Julia Stallings
 Jo Ellen Stewart
 Shep Wallace
 Sybil West

Memory

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 by: Anonymous
 David & Mickey Averette
 Joe Mac & Inez Hatcher
 Dick Lewis
 Eddie & Jean Pridgen
 Karen Roberts
 Zane & Nanette Walsh
Jerry Bryan
 by: Wilma DeVanney
William Davis, Jr.
 by: Kathy Davis
Marion Shurling Fussell
 by: Cape Fear Distribution Ltd.
Al Grupy
 by: Camille Grupy
Jackie Royal Hairr
 by: Bobby & Marty Parrish
Elizabeth Charlene Horne
 by: Mildred J. Guy
Bill Hurley
 by: Jerry & Betty Musselwhite
Carol Mangum
 by: Ella Barefoot
 C. Denise Gainey
 Pat Kapp
 Edwina Lindsey
 Clarence & Tracy Minter
 Jerry & Sharon Parsek
 Julia Stallings
 Jo Ellen Stewart
 Shep Wallace
 Sybil West
Mathew
 by: Robin Bell
Danny Miller
 by: Char Miller
Flossie Belle Pope
 by: Harold & Annie Warren
Irene Wheless Ray
 by: Jo Anne Lowder
Muriel Riddle
 by: George & Carolyn Armstrong
Vello Savi
 by: Jeanne Peters



Andrew Smith

by: Rosemary Hill
Bob Sullivan
 by: Alph & Sue Clark
Lawrence Tew
 by: Betty Tew
Ellington Watlington
 by: Henry & Vivian Thomas

In Kind

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 Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
 St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic
 St. Michael Maronite Church
 St. Patrick Catholic Church
 Stoney Point Baptist Church
 Village Presbyterian Church
 Westminster Presbyterian Church

Grants

Bank of America
 St. Patrick's Catholic Church



SPRUCING UP OUR NAME!

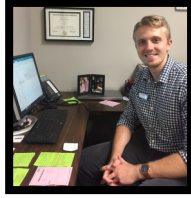
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Called to Serve

When our office administrator position opened in late April, **Michael Dunning** stepped in. After working as a manager at Lifeway Christian Bookstores for four years, he now brings a helpful attitude to our Family Members and staff every day.



Michael Dunning

Michael is pursuing a Bachelor's in Biblical Studies at Regent University. He attends Covenant Love Church, where he plays guitar on the worship team and serves in the adult and youth ministries. Michael committed his life to Christ at 16 and was called to help people. As for the future, Michael plans to become a pastor to teach others; but, for now, God has placed him to minister on Hillsboro Street and we are grateful.

The Sweetest Touch

For years **Vanessa Huff** has walked through our backdoor bringing cakes for birthday Friday. Vanessa began serving breakfast at Inasmuch with her church family, True Vine Ministries. She heard we needed someone willing to provide cakes and immediately said she would love to help. Vanessa has been married to Wayne, a respected member of the Fayetteville Police Department, for 21 years and they have two adorable dogs named Dexter and Peedee. She loves serving the Lord and our Family Members. Thank you, Vanessa, for your loving heart & delicious cakes!



Vanessa Huff



“For I know the Plans I Have for You ...”

This year we will be receiving our first payout of \$2,220 from the **Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch Endowment**. These funds will be used to help defray the many expenses that our ministry incurs to help the homeless and struggling.

The endowment, held by the **Cumberland Community Foundation**, is an effective way to make sure that your gift keeps on giving, even after your initial donation. Our



balance now is approximately \$225,000, with a goal of reaching \$250,000 by the end of 2019. It's **never** too late to make a donation. For more information on giving to the Endowment, contact **Cameron Sims at Cumberland Community Foundation, (910) 483-4449. PO Box 2345 Fayetteville, NC 28302**

Endowment Fund

An endowment is a fund where the principal is never spent and is invested to create an ongoing source of support for an organization. You can make endowment gifts of:

- Cash/checks in any amount
- Real estate/ life estate
- Stocks/securities
- Bequest in your will
- Beneficiary designation for your life insurance or retirement account
- Trust/annuities
- Other tangible assets

For info. contact:

Barbara Speir at FAOIAM: 910-433-2161 or
 Cumberland Community Foundation:
 910-483-4449

Rebuilt by God ... One Man's Story

“Hello, my name is **Lemar Dasher**, and this is my testimony. I grew up in a similar community to the one Operation Inasmuch serves. My neighborhood was filled with drug dealers and drug addicts. In fact, when I was 15, I watched my father die in front of me of a drug overdose. My mother had four boys and did the best she could to support us. My mom went to college and kept a job. She worked eighty hours a week sometimes, so she couldn't always be around for us.

As I searched to find myself, there weren't many role models in my neighborhood to look up to. So, in my journey, I looked to the drug dealers on the corner, they taught me how to sell drugs and eventually I got hooked on drugs. My grades started to decline, and I dropped out of school in the 10th grade. For the next 10 years I was in and out of jail for various crimes such as selling drugs and robbery which eventually led to an eight-year sentence in a federal prison. I never knew the day I went in those doors, was the day that the process would begin that God was going to rebuild me.

Everyone walked out of my life, even my friends and family members. I did not hear from anyone for years. One day I laid on my cold cell floor and cried out to God, “please help me.” I believe a person must lose everyone and be stripped of everything for God to lift them up! At that point in my life, all I could depend on was God. The rest of my time in prison, I spent reading the Bible and I also got saved and baptized in the name of Jesus. The day I was released felt like a new beginning; I started walking by faith which led to me getting a good job, but I still felt like something was missing, until one day a friend of mine asked me to come to breakfast with him.

When I arrived at Operation Inasmuch, I was amazed. I was seated and served, restaurant style. That experience made me feel so valued. I knew I wanted to be a part of Operation Inasmuch, so I started to volunteer, teaching community members rational thinking skills, computer skills and job skills. which led to me getting into a house on Frink Street. Now I'm that role model that when I was a kid, I was looking for in my community. Now I started to see the plan of God unfold in front of my eyes. And Operation Inasmuch gave me the outlet to walk in my purpose.”



Lemar Dasher

Vision Statement

To walk among the broken and struggling, being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Mission Purpose

Operation Inasmuch is designed by God to grow and make its home in any church or heart where Jesus Christ is Lord. Our purpose is to go outside the church walls to a world in need, offering the talents and gifts with which we have been blessed. We believe that God has called us to be His hands and feet as we share His love with 'the least of these'.

Flowers, Flags, & Family ... Our New Leader

Andy Fischer had no idea what God was up to the first time he served breakfast at Operation Inasmuch with his church, St. Patrick's. Now four years later, Andy is the new executive director of Operation Inasmuch and leads our Family with strength and compassion.

Andy studied landscaping and horticulture at The Ohio State University and began working in these areas for several years. Searching for an even greater calling, Andy joined the US Army and after 24 years, retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. At the request of Paula, his wonderful wife of 33 years, he stayed in the Fayetteville area for retirement. However, retirement turned into a decade of civil service and contracting.

Then came the volunteer years. As Inasmuch planned and constructed The Lodge, Andy used his landscaping background to design, purchase, and plant all the beautiful vegetation there. He served on the Board of Directors and this year was Chairman of our annual fundraiser, Bread 'n Bowls.

Andy Fischer has a heart for ministry, and as he says, "If I can help, I'll be there." And, if you want to get to know a little more about Andy, ask him about his castle in Ireland.



Classy but Sassy



Directors Need Puppy Love, Andy & Sierra

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The Lodge Alumni Association

The Lodge Alumni Association ("TLAA") was formed to connect Lodge graduates and men who are currently in the program. No one can tell the story of breaking the cycle of homelessness better than our men who battled for the life God intended. Lodge graduates hold leadership roles in the Association and plan quarterly cookout gatherings sponsored by our generous volunteers and supporters.



TLAA Fiesta Feast gathering

If you are interested in being a part of TLAA as a Volunteer and/or provide a meal for one of this year's social events, please contact:

Rev. Ron Rallis, Deputy Director at (714) 309-0814.

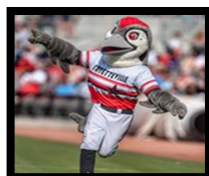
Through these gatherings, God demonstrates His love and offers hope through people who care.



Thank you, David's Mighty Men, of First Presbyterian for sponsoring a cookout!

10:13 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & FELLOWSHIP WOODPECKERS' SEGRA STADIUM!

**Bring your family, senior groups, youth groups, neighbors,
 Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and even your grandma!**



- Wednesday, August 7, 2019 Game Time: 7:00 pm
- Tickets: \$12 per person – includes seat, hot dog, chips, drink, And Special Anniversary T-Shirt sponsored by:



These past 13 years brought more joy and struggles than we could have ever imagined. But through it all, God's hand covered Operation Inasmuch with lives changing,

undeserved grace, and wisdom that could only come from Him ... so we celebrate!

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" Romans 10:13