

## Mission Midway 2016 - Being Imitators of Christ, November 5, 2016

On a cold but sunny Saturday, sixty or more showed up to cover our community with some love. There were 10 or more others who worked during the week to help prepare for our one day mission blitz event. We were greeted with a wonderful hot breakfast, prepared by Mike Rankin and others, that included about 4 dozen farm fresh eggs, biscuits, sausage, gravy, etc. YUM! YUM!

We prayed, received directions and gathered in the chill for a group picture on the front steps of the church. Then it was time to get to work.



The Yard Work team, which included youth and adults, worked at 6 different locations, raking, trimming, cleaning gutters and moving wood. Their efforts were greatly appreciated, many thanks and hugs involved. They also enjoyed the fellowship of working together.

The Food Box team was one group who did an enormous amount of work prior to Saturday. They worked on Wednesday sorting and stocking all the food that was collected by Midway University students but was donated by the citizens of Midway. Then on Friday evening a group worked on packing 19 boxes of food for families of one, to families of 8 in a household. On Saturday about half of these boxes were delivered by team members and the rest were picked up at the ministry center.

The Goody Bags team, gathered after breakfast and bagged the freshly baked cookies and candy, prepared ahead of time by members of MBC. The goody bags were then distributed at the post office, Midway Corner Grocery and downtown area. Some of the goody bags were taken to The Homeplace and given to workers, who were surprised and pleased and to some residents. Folks visiting the post office were often surprised that they were being given something for nothing, just the pleasure of blessing someone.

Our children joined Ms. Andrea, Kayla and Erin, to prepare gifts to deliver to the residents of The Homeplace. Then parents and other adults joined them as we traveling across town to the nursing care facility. The residents loved hearing the children sing, watching their smiling faces and chatting with them as they visiting 3 different buildings at The Homeplace.

First Responders were recognized with fruit and veggie trays that were delivered to their stations. Blessing Bags were assembled and will be made available for MBC folks to place in your cars. Then you will be prepared and able to bless someone in need, when an opportunity presents.



Everyone was able to return from their work and efforts to a hot lunch, again prepared by Mike and his crew. Lunch included chili, potato soup, various sandwiches and *homemade hot grilled cheese sandwiches*. Again YUM! YUM! The fellowship around the table was priceless!

A big thanks to everyone who helped and participated in any way! Midway Baptist, you were "imitators of Christ" and you covered Midway with love.