

FAITH IN ACTION OF EDGAR COUNTY

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"A Neighbor's Independence Depends on You."

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Many waters cannot quench love, nor will rivers overflow it; Song of Solomon 8:7











Thank you for the love you share with the residents of Edgar County each time you reach out as a Faith in Action volunteer. To date we have been a source of strength to 315 residents who needed just little bit of help.

Your volunteer hours have totaled over 10,473 and the miles you have driven have reached 85,334!

New Volunteer Orientation

The next new volunteer orientation will be held: Thursday, March 20th At the FIA Meeting Room

1:00pm - 3:00pm

All new Faith in Action volunteers and anyone interested in learning more about our ministry are encouraged to attend. Call Nila at 466-6388 for reservations.







Just a reminder and invitation to let you know our *Creative Card Angels* will be getting together February 26th at 10:00 A.M. to "create" Cards for Easter. The cards that are created have a special place in the heart of all who receive them There is nothing to compare with the fun that is had by the "Angels" that come together to "Create" them. Cathy Walker and Debbie McConkey are leading this adventure. If you are planning to attend or have any questions please call Cathy 275-3500; Debbie 275-3755; or Nila 466-6388.







Chili Cook-Off Saturday February 16, 2008

What a Fun Night!

We had 14 chili chefs to share their delicious pots of chili. Approximately 185 people came out to enjoy all the chili, veggies, cheese, crackers and desserts that could possibly be consumed! It was a great night of food, friendly competition and fellowship!

Our super chefs included:

Monte Reichenberg – Delightfully Delectable Harry and Cathy Walker – Tres Frijoles Especial

Rita Goodman & Doris Lau – The Sister Act Steve and Lisa Rigdon – Spice of Heaven

Bob Staley – Devil's Brew Angel Templeton – Bad to the Bone Lillie Davis – Mildly Malicious Shawnia Graber – Heavenly Heartburn Norma Henson – Deer Delight Edie and Cleo Emrick – Hillbilly Chili Debbie McConkey – Campfire, Super Bowl and Chili Mike Graber – Fire House Mark Ingle – Tongues of Fire Linda White – Farmer's Chili

Now....DRUM ROLL Prizes were given to chili chefs who received the greatest number of votes in the two categories of Mild and Hot.

Winners in the Mild category included:

First Place - Contestant Number 2 - "The Sister Act" Rita Goodman and Doris Lau

Second Place - Contestant Number 9 - "Deer Delight" Norma Henson Third Place - Contestant Number 1 - "Mildly Malicious" Lillie Davis

Winners in the Hot category included a tie for first place:

First Place - Contestant Number 3 – "Hillbilly Chili" Edie and Cleo Emrick

Contestant Number 13 – "Tongues of Fire" Mark Ingle Second Place - Contestant Number 6 – "Fire House" Mike Graber Third Place - Contestant Number 8 – "Devil's Brew" Bob Staley

Another DRUM ROLL PLEASE..... Our 2008 FIA Chili Cook Off Grand Champion are sisters Rita Goodman and Doris Lau with their Contestant Number 2 pot of chili titled "The Sister Act". They will have their names engraved on the traveling Grand Champion Chili Chef Plaque.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who helped with this evening. Several of you rolled up your sleeves and did whatever had to be done to make the evening a success. I started listing all your names! The list was getting very long and then I thought, "Oh no, What if I missed someone!" I would never want to do that. So for all of you who helped with setting up, cutting celery and carrots and bagging veggies, cheese and crackers, baking pies and cakes, working in the kitchen and at the dessert and drink tables, who stayed late to tear down tables and chairs and anything else I failed to mention, just know you are greatly appreciated. We could not have had a smooth running successful event without each of you. I want to express our gratitude to all the churches for your donations of carrots, celery, cheese, crackers, pies and cakes, as well as monetary donations to provide for their purchases. We are also grateful to Lake Ridge Christian Church for allowing us to hold the event in their Family Life Center. A special thanks to the Lake Ridge Staff and youth who helped before, during and after the event.

Plans are already under way for our Chili Cook-Off 2009!

Burger King Valentine Party

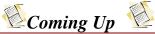
A great time was held by all who attended the Burger King Valentine Party, Featuring Vocalist, Mike Lindsey! It was a great evening as Mike entertained all who came to enjoy dinner and his beautiful concert. He added a really unique flair to our valentine party. Treats and bookmarks were given out to all who came to spend Valentine Evening with us at Burger King.





Monday, February 25th will be our monthly party at Pizza Hut! This night has turned into a really great time of fellowship! Even if you can't stay and dine in, the coupons are good for carry out and drive through. Karl Marshall will be our FIA Host for the evening. Karl is the chairman of finance on the board of directors of Faith in Action. Karl is the Senior Minister of Lake Ridge Christian Church. This is an exciting time for him as he will soon be "rearranging his life" and leaving the Lake Ridge ministry after 31 years of service. So plan to come out and enjoy dinner with us at Pizza Hut and wish Karl and Barbara well as they embark on yet another life adventure.

Pencil Monday Night, February 25th on your calendar andmeet us at "The Hut"! ©



February 25th – Pizza Hut Night with Karl Marshall

February 26th (Tuesday) – Creative Card Angels
March 5th (Wednesday) – FIA Board of Director's Meeting, FIA Meeting Room ~ 8:30AM

March 13th (Thursday) – Burger King Night

March 21st – Good Friday March 24th – Easter

March 25th – Pizza Hut Night with Debbie McConkey

Thank you and God Bless,

Nila Nugent **Program Director**