

LADIES MINISTRY

Good-Bye 2018 Hello 2019!

Well, another year has gone by and if you are like me it seems like I haven't stopped to take a breath since October...whew! As most of you know we have a "cement pond" in our backyard and I just love floating around and listening to the huge waterfall that Carlos insisted on building this time around. I put my sunglasses on get on that float and the cares of the world just melt away. Before I know it I have been out there a couple of hours and that is why during the summer I keep a pretty good tan going. I am so sad to see Labor Day roll around because I know soon it will be just too chilly to do that. On the other hand my grandchildren are delighted because they know the holidays are just around the corner. Seems like I just get the fall decor out and then BOOM it is just one thing after another and the older I get the longer it seems to take me to do everything including just cooking a meal.

Another busy Christmas over and here comes Cynthia newsletter due....what??? So this time I thought I would write to you my dear friends about my passion... Feeding the Hungry.

Matthew 25 35-40

For I was hungry and you gave something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

40 "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

As you all know we as a church will feed the students at North Texas University Jan 16. I participated in this mission program many years by donating food before actually going and serving so I didn't really understand what it was all about. It is estimated that there are 1.6 million college students on 175 campuses and out of that there are 110 Texas Baptist Student Ministries! I think that is amazing! We support both UNT and TWU. They have both full time and part time missionaries, and volunteers some of which are student leaders that minister to the students on their level.

Every time I participate in this program I walk away so filled with joy and my heart is just smiling and happy is the only way I know how to describe it. I cannot even imagine how spiritually full the disciples must have felt feeding the multitude the 5 loaves and 2 fish. I remember one time I asked my

youngest son how was Sunday School fine he answered. And what did you learn about today? I think he was about 4 at the time, and that sweet face of his looked up at me and he said oh we learned about Jesus feeding all those people the 2 anchovies and the 5 loaves of bread....LOL. Well, trust me I remember one year feeling that way at TWU. We had a never ending line and Dick looked at me and said Jesus himself better come Rose because we are running out. We were giving them more salad dressing than salad. I would have gladly had those 2 anchovies...ha, ha. We were able to feed them scraping every bit we had...God always provides... but that is why I always ask for helping hands....we know we must serve them. YOU are the one truly blessed. These students are appreciative, grateful and a more polite bunch you will never meet. You will also hear some of the funniest things like what kind of food is it? I don't know...looks like church food to me....LOL. After feeding NTU in January, we will go back in a month or so and feed their 50 student leaders. They have a weekly Bible study and have asked the different churches for a meal. We participated last year and will do so again this year. To me in this age when so many students are at college partying away to have these students on campus preaching the gospel seems this is the least we can do for them.

I hope you understand how near and dear this is to my heart and for those of you that participate a great big THANK YOU. If you have not participated, I encourage you to do so especially to come and serve with us. Yes it is a lot of work and I won't kid you it is tough when you are my age with a bad back but so worth it! Time just flies but the blessing lingers. Happy New Year to you all and let's go bless others.

Hugs

Rose

