



Community Blessing Event at Harvest Ministries

18th annual event partnered with Toys for Tots

As the crowd poured into the auditorium of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center on Sunday, December 15 for the annual Community Christmas Blessing event, the spirit and sounds of the holiday filled the room. Lead Pastor Steve Adams shared an encouraging and uplifting sermon entitled "The Great Gift Exchange."

Harvest founding Pastor Tim Adams shared, "Of all of the many outreaches that Harvest has been blessed to be a part of, all of this is the greatest of the year. To know that so many people contributed and came together to make Christmas possible for others - is truly what being a Christian is all about. It's a wonderful day where all people, all denominations, all races, and all situations come together in the spirit of giving."



Pictured above, from left, are Brenda and Tim Adams, and Vancine Sturdivant

Every child in attendance left with new Christmas presents, while many adults left with cash. There were many other great giveaways as well. Prizes included 3 months of utilities being paid courtesy of Harvest, over \$500 in cash, hundreds of dollars in gift cards and prizes. All in all over \$1,500 in gifts, cash and prizes were distributed. Some lucky guests participated in Christmas "Deal or No Deal" - winning many great prizes. One lucky attendee left with their water bill paid for 3 months, \$200 in cash and \$100 in gift cards and prizes - a Grand Prize of \$450!

Christmas Blessing has had the honor of partnering with Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant and Toys for Tots to reach as many families as possible. Lead Pastor of Harvest Steve Adams said, "This is why we are here, to serve God, and to serve others. This day could not be possible without the generosity and partnerships of so many people across Anson and surrounding counties. We are grateful for Commissioner Sturdivant and Toys for Tots for all they do on this special day." On hand to help distribute toys and prizes were Commissioner Sturdivant, William "Bugga" Sturdivant and the Playaz Elite Motorcycle Club.



Steve for opening their doors every year, allowing Toys for Tots to serve our community through Harvest. It really is a blessing. I love them and Harvest Ministries!"

Harvest Ministries Outreach Center would like to thank the many volunteers, organizers, community partners, churches and others who made this year's event possible. Pastor Steve added, "To have this many community leaders, businesses, and individuals donate and give shows the confidence, faith, and trust locals have in the outreach of Community Christmas Blessing."

A special thanks to: Leavitt Funeral Home, Mayor Bill Thacker, Lady Bug Restaurant, H.W. Little, Whits Convenience, Huntley Oil, Badcock, Lafogata, The Express Newspaper, C&M Auto, Pizza Hut (General Manager Ray Kifer), Subway, Wadesboro Lumber, Key Sponsors: Poisson Poisson / Bower, Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, and the Leaders Congregation of Harvest Ministries for their continued heart to serve people with the love of Christ.. not just in words.. but in action!

Thank you to the Congregation of Harvest Ministries for their continued giving and compassion for Anson County and its citizens. For over 20 years Harvest Ministries and its folks have been "Finding Needs and Filling them, and Finding Hurts and healing them."

Pastor Steve summed up the event by saying, "A huge crowd is great, the presents for children are wonderful, and people loving and blessing others is truly what Christmas is supposed to be, and to know that 6 people prayed to have Jesus Christ change their life, simply was the exclamation point on an awesome day! Finding eternal life in Christ is the greatest gift exchange."

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