

## 17th Annual Christmas Blessing Event at Harvest Ministries

As the crowd poured into the auditorium of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center on Sunday, December 16 for the annual Community Christmas Blessing event the spirit and sounds of the Holiday filled the room. Harvest founding Pastor Tim Adams shared, "Of all of the many outreaches that Harvest has been blessed to be a part of all year - 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."

Every child in attendance left with new Christmas presents, while many adults left with cash and many other great giveaways. Prizes included 3 months of utilities being paid courtesy of Harvest, over \$500 in cash, Charlotte Hornets tickets, new bikes, flying drones, and hundreds of dollars in gift cards and prizes. All in all, over \$1,500 in gifts, cash, and prizes were distributed.

For the past few years, Christmas Blessing has had the honor of partnering with Commissioner Vance Sturdivant and Toys for Toys to reach as many families as possible. Lead Pastor of Harvest Steve Adams said, "This is why we are here, to serve God, and 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, Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid and many others.

Commissioner Sturdivant shared, "The smile on a child's face is what Christmas is about - this is a great day."

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: Sheriff Landric Reid, Leavitt Funeral Home, Lady Bug Restaurant, Whits Convenience, Martin Furniture, OM Enterprises, Huntley Oil, Badcock - Wadesboro, Lafogata - Wadesboro, The Express Newspaper, C&M Auto, Arbys - Wadesboro, Pizza Hut - Wadesboro, Subway - Wadesboro, Pinkster, Quality Equipment, Brasingtons and Wadesboro Lumber. Key Sponsors were Poisson Poisson & Bower and Commissioner Vance Sturdivant. The Congregation of Harvest Ministries for their continued giving and compassion for Anson County and its citizens. For over 19 years- Harvest Ministries and its folks have been "Finding Needs and Filing them and Finding Hurts and healing them."

Pastor Steve summed up the event by saying, "A huge crowd is great, the presents for children is wonderful, and people loving and blessing others is truly what Christmas is supposed to be. And, to know that 21 people prayed to have Jesus Christ change their life, simply was the exclamation point on an awesome day!"

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