

# PANTRY PICKIN'S



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**Upcoming Events**

**Pastor's Pot Runneth Over Challenge**

**May 2, 2015**

**11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

**Financial Assistance:**

**First and Third and Fourth Friday of each month.**

## NOVEMBER 8, 2014 9TH ANNUAL A TASTE OF PICKENS

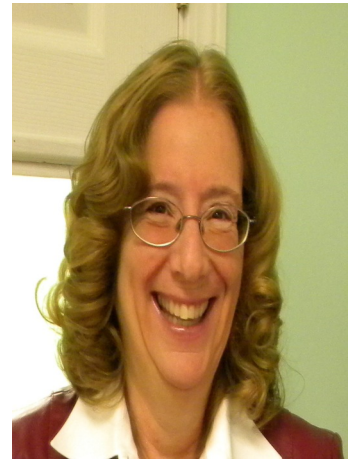
The Ninth Annual A Taste of Pickens took place on Saturday, November 8th, 2014 at Chattahoochee Technical College. If you missed it, you lost out on some of the most scrumptious food the county has seen. Restaurants from all over the county were present. These were Cora's Country Cooking, Mary Ann's, Rocco's Pub, 61 Main, Dos Margaritas, The Last Catch, Lola's, The Carriage House, Mary's Bread Basket, Fuego, Madeline's and Coast to Coast Catering, Wild Onion Grille, Dough Boys Cakes and Catering, Deb's Bakery, Originals to Remember, Pueblo Grill, Kroger/Starbucks and Geraldine's Bodacious Food Company. The Woodbridge Inn was also a participant but was unable to attend at the last minute. They graciously allowed patrons to bring their tickets in to the restaurant to receive a free dessert. What an array was served including Chicken and Dressing, Pumpkins Sage Grits with Pork, Wings, Pinto Beans and Cornbread, Chicken Quesadillas, Clam Chowder and Stuffed Mushrooms. Some of the sweeter things included Banana Pudding, Chocolate Mess, Peach Cobbler, Pumpkin Pound Cake, Cannoli, Pumpkin Bars, Chocolate Cake and cupcakes. We had several beautiful and yummy cakes that were auctioned off to benefit CARES.

It was once again a spectacular event enjoyed by all those that attended. This could not have been pulled off without the ATOP committee and the leadership of Regina Camp. Regina has chaired this event each and every year for the past nine years and has been instrumental in creating a popular event that Pickens County and the surrounding areas look forward to each year.. Thank you Regina for all that you have done for us!



## CARES VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Cindy Dunning has been a CARES volunteer for the last six years. Gene and Rebecca Berry asked her about working at CARES and she became a Thursday shelf stocker. In 2011, she was instrumental in getting the Photo ID system up and running. As of this month, there are over 2400 client accounts set up in the system.



Cindy Dunning

Cindy and Ron have been married for 40 years. She has two step-sons, Michael and P.J. and they have a son Scott. They also have five grandsons and one granddaughter. Cindy retired from Zep Manufacturing Company where she worked in the sales department for 25 years.

She is a member of Fellowship Presbyterian Church and teaches children’s Sunday School, is a member of the Fellowship Committee, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Women and is the Receiving Treasurer for the church

Cindy says, “I love the work I do for CARES, find it very rewarding, and am amazed at the number of volunteers CARES has. It is a joy to work with everyone and the clients are very appreciative of the volunteers and grateful for all the work we do for them”.

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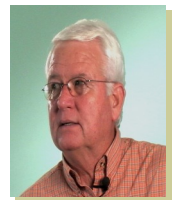
## FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

2015 is the middle of this decade. It could represent that we are all half way through something. For me, one half of my whole immediate family (14) are having birthdays this year ending in 5 or 0. We are 70,70,45,40,35,10 and 5. Fortunately, I am one of the 70’s. So during this year, I am going to contemplate what I am halfway through.

Maybe CARES is halfway through it’s growth. God has brought us a long way

through, for instance 90 families per week for food in 2005 to 208 in 2014. That is a 231% increase.

We all could ask ourselves what are we going to do for God this second half of this decade. God bless.



*Larry*

*“We could ask ourselves what are we going to do for God this second half of this decade”.*

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## FROM THE FRONT LINES

The CARES organization is an volunteer-run organization. We are only as good as our volunteers and would be unable to continue to provide for those in need without them. Each year we show our appreciation to our volunteers at a Luncheon. Bojangles and Kroger provided a scrumptious meal for the volunteers on October 16, 2014. This meal was served by our Board of Directors. Ms. Thelma Cagle provided our entertainment with her wonderful voice and musical skills. Many of the attendees came dressed in costume and enjoyed the day.

This year, we implemented the Volunteer Service Awards to recognize those that have been with us at least two years or more. Beginning at two years then five years and every five years after that, volunteers will receive a commemorative adhesive button

showing the years served that can be affixed to the volunteers name tag. Kay Cook, is the volunteer with the most longevity having served with CARES for the last 17 years. Our board members are also volunteers and several of them are pictured after they received their awards. We truly appreciate those wonderful people that give of themselves to help others. Thank you for all the effort you put forth and the love you give to those needing help.



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## Forty Percent of Americans Slacked Off Financially in 2014, HSH.com poll

FOSTER CITY, Calif., Jan 12, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE via COMTEX) --

With many Americans making resolutions to improve their finances in the new year, a new HSH.com poll finds that many Americans didn't take any actions to improve their debt or credit profiles in 2014, including refinancing or prepaying their mortgages, and a large portion of those had no plans to do so in 2015.

The poll of 1,905 American adults conducted by Op4G on behalf of HSH.com shows that 40 percent of consumers chose not to refinance or prepay their mortgage, pay off credit card debt, improve their credit score or save more for retirement in the previous calendar year.

"It's a shame that more homeowners don't make any efforts to trim their mortgage costs," notes Keith Gumbinger, HSH.com's vice president.

"Even if you've already got a great mortgage rate, you can create real savings over time with even small regular prepayments of principal. Even a small additional amount each month can save thousands of dollars over the life of the loan."

Although consumers were presented with some of the lowest [mortgage rates](#) seen in years, just 15 percent of respondents chose to refinance their home to take advantage. Even fewer - just three percent - said that they had prepaid their mortgage in 2014, despite a rebounding domestic economy.

These are the percentage of people that have a mortgage balance and said they took the following actions in 2014:

- Refinance a mortgage - 15.27 percent
- Save money for retirement - 26.6 percent
- Prepay a mortgage - 3.04 percent
- Pay off credit card debt - 23.92 percent
- Improve credit score - 24.24 percent
- Pay off credit card debt - 29.85 percent
- Improve credit score - 27.75 percent

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706-253-4777  
 Food Ministry/Director

706-253-4778  
 Financial Assistance

*Hours of Operation*

*Monday*  
 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 (food only)

*Wednesday*  
 10 a.m. - Noon  
 (emergency food only &  
 new clients)

*Friday*  
 8:30 a.m.-Noon  
 (food)

*Financial Assistance is  
 provided the First and  
 Third & Fourth Friday of  
 each month. The first 10  
 financial clients are  
 assisted*

**VOLUNTEERS  
 NEEDED**

*If you know someone who  
 would like to volunteer,  
 please have them call  
 Larry Starr at  
 706-253-4777.*



# Happy Birthday!!

## October

- 1 Madena Stallard
- 4 Judy Ferris
- 4 Janice Wolford
- 6 Dayton Adams
- 10 Brendan Long
- 14 Sue Shape
- 16 Fran Bishop
- 26 Ed Weng

## November

- 5 Jack Phillips
- 16 Susan Armstrong
- 17 Charlotte Newman
- 19 Pat Phillips
- 21 Darlene Parsons

## December

- 4 Dan Huth
- 19 Carole Torrey
- 22 Charlotte Carter



Women were more likely to have taken none of the above actions in 2014; 59.69 percent of those who did nothing last year were female. That percentage holds true for 2015 as well, with women accounting for 58.04 percent of those who said they have no plans to take any of these actions in 2015.

Men are twice as likely to have taken or plan to take action to refinance or prepay their mortgages, while both genders are almost equally likely to have taken credit-related action (pay off credit cards or improve a credit score).

The full analysis and results can be found at <http://www.hsh.com/finance/mortgage/financial-slackers.html>

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The Fifth Annual Pastor's Pot Runneth Over Challenge is scheduled for May 2, 2015 from 11:30 a.m.— 1:30 p.m. at the Jasper United Methodist Church. Please check with your pastor and confirm that your church is participating. Will your church be the next to house the coveted Pastor's Pot trophy over the coming year. If there are any questions, please contact us at CARES at (706) 253-4777 or at [cares@etcm.com](mailto:cares@etcm.com). Look for updates on our Facebook page, CARES for Pickens County and our website, [www.pickenscares.org](http://www.pickenscares.org).

# 5th Annual Pastor's Pot





**Dayton Adams**  
**Board Member since 2009**

### **CARES SERVICE**

Member, Board of Directors, Secretary, Executive Committee, Taste of Pickens Committee, Fundraising Committee

### **SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

Volunteer, Good Samaritan Health and Wellness Center  
Member, Jasper United Methodist Church  
Member, Jasper United Methodist Church Finance Committee  
Secretary, Jasper United Methodist Church United Methodist Men

### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science, Physics and Math, Berry College  
Master of Science, Physics, Emory University  
Additional Graduate Work in Physics and Electrical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Retired from the Georgia Tech Research Institute  
Married for 53 years, four children and eight grandchildren

Dayton Adams has an impressive resume and is remarkable in his dedication to CARES. When Mr. Adams was asked what brought him to CARES, he responded, “The influence of our BOD Chair, Ben Laughlin, brought me to CARES. I served on the session at New Lebanon for several years while Ben was the pastor, and he suggested that I join the board. I’m grateful that he did, serving our Lord in this way has been a blessing to me”.

We truly appreciate the service Dayton has given to CARES and our community. Thank you so much for all you have done and are continuing to do.