

PANTRY PICKIN'S



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Upcoming Events

The Pastor's Pot Challenge

May 7, 2016

11:30 - 1:30

Jasper United Methodist

Financial Assistance:

First, Third and Fourth
Friday of each month. The
first 10 people through the
door are seen

10TH ANNUAL A TASTE OF PICKENS NOVEMBER 14, 2015

November 14 dawned bright and clear. The sun was shining and the air was laden with the smells of delectable dishes. Seventeen local restaurants, including the Pickens High School Culinary Club, brought their A-games and best dishes (can't you just hear Paula Deene twanging best dishes) to Chattahoochee Technical College. It was the 10th anniversary of A Taste of Pickens, a decade of deliciousness that has been served up to Pickens County. The tenth year did not disappoint. We had Bar-b-que, Wings, Chicken, Chicken and Rice, Fried Apple Pies, Geraldine's Bodacious line of treats, Quesadillas and so many more fabulous dishes that I would run out of room trying to list them all. If you were there, you know what I am talking about. If you were not there, you missed it. Please do not make that mistake again. Plan your November around this event!! We had a wonderful cake auction with some tasty cakes and pies. We also had an awesome silent auction that allowed us to showcase many of our non-food business' in Pickens County. We would like to thank the outstanding committee for all their efforts this year and we would like to especially thank Amy Denney and Casey Worley for their leadership this year.

Mark you calendars for November 13, 2016 for the 11th A Taste of Pickens. Come hungry, come happy, but just come!

But first, join us at the Pastor's Pot Runneth Over Challenge on May 7, 2016. There the finest cooks from our area churches present their best dishes!



CARES VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

“...I know the work I do there helps the ones in need...”

Betty Ambrose is a wonderful lady. She has been volunteering at CARES for three years. She says, “I like to volunteer at CARES because I know the work I do there helps the ones in need and it is a blessing for me to be there.” Miss Betty is certainly a blessing to us and at 83 is one of our older volunteers, but she can run rings around some of the younger ones. She is here three days a week helping stock shelves and shopping for our clients.

Betty moved up here from Islamorada, Florida after retiring from The Trading Post where she was a cashier and took care of ordering stock for the store. She and her husband Clifford were married for 64 years. She has three children, one is deceased, seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. One of her daughters lived in Georgia and she told Betty that the other two girls had enjoyed her company for twenty years so it was time for her to move north and share the love with her.

We appreciate all that Betty does for us and look forward each week to see her smiling face. AND she is a mean jelly maker. Thank you, Betty!!!



Betty Ambrose

FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

“May you have a BLESSED and productive 2016”.

CHANGES! Most of us humans do not like changes. However, they happen in all our lives. So, it is a matter of how we deal with them. We can take the negative view or the positive view. Many years ago, (after going through some bad times) I decided I would live for God the rest of my life and always stay on the positive side of life. It is the best side to stay on.

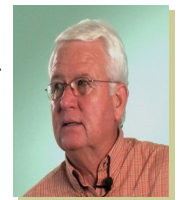
There are a few good changes happening at CARES (notice I stayed on the positive side). David McIlvaine is our new Assistant Director starting January 4. On January 18th, he will run things and work on Mondays and Wednesdays. I will be at CARES on Thursdays and

Fridays starting the week of the January 18. I will still be available if needed, out of necessity, on Mondays and Wednesdays at least for a time. I plan to retire in 1-2 years, God willing.

We will have a new chair of our Board of Directors for 2016. Let's thank Ben Laughlin for being our chair the last seven years.

After 4 1/2 years, our much loved administrative assistant Peige Payne is leaving us to work for Kristal Bearver and BoJangles. In her place we have brought in a vibrant, young lady named Jennie Cleghorn. Let's welcome here aboard.

May you have a BLESSED and productive 2016.



Larry

Pantry Pickin's

FROM THE FRONT LINES

We would like to welcome David McIlvaine to CARES as the new Assistant Director. David officially came on board with CARES, January 4 2016.

David grew up in Texas and has also lived in Iowa before moving to Georgia. He has a degree in Horticulture and was in the landscape industry for 30 years prior to returning to school to obtain his Master of Divinity degree. He graduated December 19, 2015.

He met his wife Melissa on an on-line dating site and they married 15 years ago on April 1. They chose April Fool's Day because most

people thought they were crazy to get married after meeting the way they did. Melissa has two daughters, Katie and Lisa who are married to Amilcar and Konrad, respectively. They have three granddaughters, Madison and twins Emma and Ella and one grandson, Oscar. Family means everything to them.

David has a true passion for God and Jesus and reaching those that are less fortunate than the rest of us. He worked for food pantries and homeless shelters in Chicago. "I am looking forward to working with CARES of Pickens County and bringing new ideas and helping those that need help. We are here to spread the word of Jesus and

help those that need our help. That is why we are here and that is what CARES is all about. I want to help continue that".
Welcome David!!!



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Are US children being left behind in economic recovery?

Report finds more living in poverty than before the Great Recession by Kyle Potter/ASSOCIATED PRESS 7/21/15

A new report on child welfare that found more U.S. children living in poverty than before the Great Recession belies the fanfare of the nation's economic turnaround.

Twenty-two percent of American children were living in poverty in 2013 compared with 18 percent in 2008, according to the latest Kids County Data Book, with poverty rates nearly double among African-Americans and American Indians and problems most severe in South and Southwest.

The report, released Tuesday from the child advocacy group the Annie E. Casey Foundation, showed some signs of slight improvement, including high school graduation rates at an all-time high and a falling percentage of uninsured children. But the bright spots weren't enough to offset a picture that many children have been left

behind amid the nation's recovery.

Here are some things to know about the report:

DIFFERING CAUSES

The foundation's studies cover 16 different measures, delving into economic well-being, health care, education and family and community issues.

The problems extend beyond-and in some cases drive-increasing poverty rates. More children were raised in single-parent homes in 2013 than in 2008, and fewer lived with parents with secure employment.

Foundation President Patrick McCarthy said that particularly troubling is an increase in the share of kids living in poor communities, regardless of their own families' economic standing. The

report says 1 in 7 children live in those areas, marked by poor schools and a lack of a safe place to play.

"They're more likely to fall down the economic ladder, less likely to be employed and more likely to get in trouble," McCarthy said.

A MIX OF FIXES

McCarthy likened child poverty to a "particularly pernicious form of cancer," and he prescribed a cocktail of economic policies and fixes to tackle it.

Tax credits and additional support such as food stamps could give low-income families a much-needed boost, and job training could provide help for struggling to get an economic foothold.

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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

- 4 Judy Ferris
- 4 Janice Wolford
- 6 Dayton Adams
- 10 Brendan Long
- 16 Fran Bishop
- 26 Ed Weng

November

- 5 Jack Phillips
- 16 Susan Armstrong
- 17 Charlotte Newman

December

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



Please send your birthday month and day to Jennie Cleghorn at CARES (cares@etcm.com) so that we may include it in upcoming issues. We love our volunteers and enjoy honoring them any way we can.



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Businesses should implement more family-friendly policies, and massive infrastructure repair campaign could create countless jobs.

“None of them is magic bullet. When you put them all together, you start to put the children on a path to success,” he said.

STUGGLING IN THE SOUTH

States in the South and Southwest continued a steady run at the bottom of the Kids Count rankings for overall child well-being, with issues including economic standing and education.

According to the report, 1 in 3 children from Mississippi live in poverty. Twelve percent of teens from Mississippi and Louisiana were neither in school nor working. Fifteen percent of Nevada children didn't have health insurance, compared with the nation-best 2 percent in Massachusetts.

MIDWEST ON TOP

Minnesota nabbed the report's top ranking, taking a spot generally reserved for a Northeast state and rounding out the Midwest's strong pattern of supporting children.

McCarthy said there's not much to make of one state usurping another for a top spot. Instead, he focused on the broader regional patterns: New England and Midwestern states generally occupy the top 10 while the South and Southwest struggle in the bottom rankings.

“That's where you see a difference in day-to-day lives,” he said.

We would like to welcome Jennie Cleghorn as the new Administrative Assistant. Jennie is married to Brian and has two children, Grayson and Noah. Stop by to see Jennie and wish her well in her new job here at CARES. Office hours are Monday 8:30-3:00, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30-2:30. It's going to be a great year at CARES!!



Reminder: Register your Kroger Plus Card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and choose CARES as your organization to support. When you shop, money is given to CARES. It's an easy way to feed those in need as you are feeding yourself. You need to re-register every year.

CARES is registered with Amazon Smiles. When shopping on Amazon, choose CARES to receive a donation based on your purchase.





Diane Hales
Board Member since 2009

CARES SERVICE

Board Chair since 2009, Taste of Pickens committee, Fundraising committee, Pastor's Pot Runneth Over committee

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Member, Chamber of Commerce
Ambassador, Chamber of Commerce
Board Member, Chamber of Commerce
Member, Professional Women of Pickens County
Member, Jasper Lions Club
Member, Jasper Merchants Association
Treasurer, Jasper Order of Eastern Star
Volunteer, Pickens County Schools & Relay for Life

EDUCATION

Lifelong resident of Pickens County
Married to Keith Hales for 31 years, one daughter

