

# THE LORD'S HELP SOUP KITCHEN

Exciting things are happening with The Lord's Help Kitchen in Cornelia! With God's Help we are making the transition to new leadership. Jeff Hudgens has resigned from his position and that has caused some concern as we try to gain new leadership and move forward. Since the Seekers Sunday School class was instrumental in starting the Soup Kitchen, our church has been faithful to provide volunteers and donations. As a result of that involvement, several of our members met several times to try to make decisions about the best way to proceed. We decided we did not want this to be just a First Baptist mission, but that we wanted to continue with as much community involvement as possible. Since we have at least five different churches that contribute volunteers and monetary donations, we decided to try to build a Board of Directors made up of individuals from each of the active churches and community members at large. We have had three organizational meetings with these representatives. There are a few legal chores that must be completed before the group can function as a Board of Directors for the 501-C-3, but we hope that those will be completed soon.

When we change over, Hazel Cording has agreed to be President, Jarvis McFarlin as Treasurer, and Stacy Harned as Secretary. This will give us leadership from three different churches as well as representation from several churches on the board. As we wait for the transition to be complete, we are happy to report there has been no disruption of services for those in need. We continue to pay our bills, provide needed supplies, and volunteers are there to cook and serve. Linda Henry has agreed to work with fund raising activities and WCHM has had a fund raiser.

We are blessed with money to operate until we can have a more permanent source of funds. The First Baptist Missions Committee approved a Mission Grant totaling \$2,000.00 (\$1,000.00 initially with \$200.00 monthly August through December, 2016.) We are asking all of our churches to consider a monthly donation. New leadership is committed to maintaining current function and growing to include more days to provide meals. Please remember The Lord's Help Soup Kitchen in your prayers and that we are always in need of volunteers and donations.

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