

Men of Hosanna

The Noisy Offering for October was held Sunday Oct 21, 2018 in support of the annual Seafarer's Christmas Gift box program and totaled

\$690.23. Contributions to date from the congregation stand at \$2741.23.

Added to that is \$1500 from six Thrivent Action Teams contributions. That means the combined Hosanna and Thrivent funds total \$4241.23. We now have enough to fund this project and we will fill the usual 110 Seafarer's Gift boxes. FURTHERMORE we will increase the \$300 to the Chaplain's Discretionary fund to \$400. THANKS HOSANNA FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

NEXT, is a wonderful summary of the box packing that took place on Tues Dec 11 in the North Fellowship Hall. It all started at 3:30 when a small group of men and women arrived at Hosanna and began setting up the Fellowship Hall tables for the assembly style box packing line. Within 30- minutes the hall was ready that group plus 2 more volunteers went to the McConnell house about 2 ½ miles away and loaded up all of the box contents and over 130 empty shoe boxes for packing the gifts. By 5:15 all of the box contents and empty boxes arrived at Hosanna. More people showed up by 5:30 and the groups number swelled to 25. The group worked at a feverish pace opening up all the boxes and arranging the contents for packing. By 6:45 everything was ready, the supply of donuts went down to a critical 2 left and now there were 35 Hosanna men, women and youth ready to pack. After a short 10-minute break, the packing commenced at 7:00 p.m. The packing assembly line picked up speed and three crews of tape strappers taped the finished boxes securely. In just 30 minutes all packages were loaded. Pastor Chatman then asked each person to grab themselves one of the packed boxes and he gave a prayer for the Seafarer's who would be receiving the 110 Christmas Gift boxes. Tom Eishen was there taking many pictures of the event. Watch for them on Hosanna's web page. Then all the boxes were taken to the Family Life Director's office for storage. On Sunday morning before church, Jean Waldo and a group of men, women and youth wrapped the gift boxes in Christmas Gift wrap. The group loaded all the gifts, extra empty packing boxes, leftover wrapping paper and misc. gifts into Weldon and Marion Kuhn's covered pick-up bed. The next day, they delivered all the items at the Seafarer's location at the Port of Houston. Thanks, Hosanna, for

all your contributions and hard work to brighten Christmas for Seafarers visiting the Port of Houston.

The next event for the Men of Hosanna will be the annual Men's Breakfast which has usually been held at the local Luby's Cafeteria the last Sat in January which will be the 26th in 2019. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Bill King has agreed to handle this project for 2019. Watch for details in the Hosanna Happenings.

Thanks for continuing to save aluminum and aluminum cans plus any other recyclable metals. Just place your bags of cans behind the trash dumpster. The Men of Hosanna will take the aluminum & recyclable metals to a recycling center. **Jim Sales and David Galica delivered \$47.80 of recycle materials bringing the 2018 total YTD to \$150.70.**

Do you enjoy fun, fellowship and working on service projects for the church and community with other men? Then why not consider joining the Men of Hosanna. You don't have to be a member of Hosanna to join. Contact either Richard Dove (281-370-8287) or Bob McConnell (281-440-5432) and they will get your name added to the roster of eighty (80) other men who have joined. **Feel free to fill out the form on the bottom of this newsletter and return it to Bob McConnell or tack it to the bulletin board in the sign-up area in the Narthex. Please welcome Larry Lee as the latest to join our group. Welcome aboard Larry!**

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