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# The Green

## The Room In The Inn Ministry

**By Cheryl Cathey**

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

through Room In The Inn. Last year, approximately 450 homeless and/or displaced persons received shelter, meals and a safe environment through this program. The program's aim is to pro-

This year, Greenwood blessed 35 men and 15 women, with a safe environment, beds, clothing though our clothes closet, nutritious meals and warm fellowship. All

Greenwood completed its second year of collaboration ministry with the Room In The Inn homeless pro-



gram. This program is comprised of 40 church congregations spanning 13 denominations. Greenwood is presently the only C.M.E affiliated congregation serving holy hospitality during the winter season (November-March)

vide temporary shelter, for the more than 1600 homeless persons, estimated to reside in Memphis.

Greenwood committed to serve, as a temporary overnight shelter, for at least 50 persons and we met our service goal!

aimed at providing hope and encouragement, to "the least of those" in need.

Thanks to Pastor Dykes and all members, who contributed prayers, fellowship time with our guests and

financial support, to assist with completing another successful season of ministry with Room In The Inn.



**Join the Mission  
“Reaching the  
Lost and  
Teaching the  
Cross”**



## **Remember to Look for the Good By Glover Tillman**

No matter what age we are, we have, at some point, asked ourselves this question, “Why Me?” Life has a way of throwing us a curve when we have alternate plans. We can plan, organize and arrange perfectly. Unfortunately, something will invariably go wrong. We study hard to make an A and we make a B. We interview for a job and the answer is no. When someone is diagnosed with an illness we are afraid. One minute all is well and the next minute anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.

When bad things happen, as they often do, we have to look deep into the situation and find the good. If we look hard enough we will find it. A grade of B is good. Another job is just around the corner waiting on you to apply. Fortunately, an illness has a proven cure. Don’t allow yourself get bogged down in negative thinking. Select a Scripture verse that encourages your heart, think positively and continue on. When you stop and think

about it, you might ask this question, “Why Not Me?”

God is in charge of our lives. He watches over us and asks only that we believe in Him and abide by His words. God has a way of working things out for us. We just have to believe and look for the good.

## **Deadlines By Jewel McGahee**

There are deadlines in all walks of life. Students have project dates, college application deadlines and fee due dates. Adults are faced with bill payments and of course, this month we face the important April 15 IRS deadline.

Some people tackle their deadlines immediately and get the task out of the way (good for them). Others are procrastinators who put the task off and wait until the very last minute to get things done. A New York

Times article explains, that the word procrastination, comes from both a Latin verb which means to put off until tomorrow and a Greek word which means, doing something against our better judgment. Do you know someone who needs help changing their last minute ways?

Studies reveal that procrastinators are not lazy people! They just feel it doesn’t make sense to do something they don’t want to do. Therefore, it’s

an emotion regulation problem, not a time management problem. Some strategies, to tackle these emotions, include changing tasks mentally from negative to positive and making temptations more inconvenient. Or, as Christians, our pastor taught in Bible Study that the gospel of Mark reveals that Jesus did things immediately. There is no better example.

## Newsletter Survey---Responses

From the resources below, which one helps you to be more aware about church activities?

- Worship Bulletins---55%
- Greenwood Newsletter---15%
- Web site---www.greenwoodcme.com---18%
- Sunday morning announcements---10%

Does the monthly Newsletter keep you informed of current church involvements?

Agree---68%      Disagree---5%

Do you enjoy reading all the features in the newsletter?

Agree---82%      Disagree---7%

Would you write an article (s) for the Newsletter?

Agree---55%      Disagree---5%

Using a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being most unlikely, to 10 being most likely please respond to the following questions:

How likely are you to read the Newsletter? 10---37%, 9---5%

How likely are you to complete the word search or cross word puzzle?  
10---37%, 9---8%, 8---21%

How likely are you to learn about Church activities from the newsletter?  
10---34%, 9---10%, 8---10%

Please respond to the following questions:

What additional information/subject matter would you want the newsletter to cover? **Health, School Resources, Finance**

Church members under the age of 40:

How likely are you to read the Newsletter using the scale of 1 to 10?  
10---20%, 6---10%, 5---10%, 3---20%

What would make the Newsletter more interesting to you? **Pictures of different people at church activities.**

**3.17.2019 Rust College A' Cappella Choir inspired and uplifted our hearts through songs of praise, under the direction of Rev. Karl Twyn-er.**



**3. 17. 2019 Annual Missionary Day. Local Observance, local President, Jeraldine Davis.**



**Bonnie Holmes introduced the speaker, our very own, Rev. Omar Dykes.**





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**Monthly Greenwood Updates**

- ⇒ April 13 Greenwood United: Building Our Future 9a-12p
- ⇒ April 14 Palm Sunday
- ⇒ April 16 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Conference 6p
- ⇒ April 18 All member 65+ are invited to fellowship and luncheon with Pastor Dykes at Greenwood 12noon.
- ⇒ April 19 Good Friday
- ⇒ April 20 Ushers Workshop 11a/ Easter Rehearsal12n/  
Easter Egg Hunt 1p
- ⇒ April 21 Resurrection Sunday/ SunRise Breakfast 7a/ Sun-  
day School Program 9a/ Blood Pressure Screening after Wor-  
ship Service.
- ⇒ April 28 Minister Spouses Connectional Day Program 3p

**Church Website**

[www.greenwoodcme.com](http://www.greenwoodcme.com)

**Were you There ?**

Present day: Garden of Gethsemane, (Olive Garden)  
where Jesus prayed before being arrested

