



Breezewood Trucker/Traveler Grace and Peace Winter 2024-25

ANNUAL BANQUET & AUCTION!

The annual banquet and silent auction in September at the Everett Church of the Brethren provided an evening of Christian fellowship, good food, and some spirited bidding on auction items! We are thankful for the delicious meal prepared and served by our ministry team under the capable supervision of Sylvia Smith. Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to bid on jelly baskets, gift cards, home-made & home delivered lasagna dinners, "one of a kind" artwork, Christmas decorative items and so much more- generously donated by a host of supporting businesses and individuals.

Thanks to Ruth Bowman, ministry treasurer, for her attention to the details of registration, check out, and bookkeeping. This annual event has become a consistent fund-raising event for the ministry, raising over \$2300 this year! Thanks to all who made this effort possible!!

SMITH TRANSPORT RECOGNIZES THEIR DRIVERS



Joe Musselman and Lee Musselman

Smith Transport, headquarters in Roaring Spring, PA has been hauling freight across the country for decades. The company recently joined forces with the nationwide carrier Heartland Express of North Liberty, Iowa. Among their many hauling contracts is the demanding Walmart account into and out of the Walmart Distribution Center in Cessna, PA. Smith Transport has hundreds of tractors/drivers dedicated to haul Walmart loads- warehouse to warehouse or warehouse to store locations across the east. It has developed into a very steady source of miles for many Smith drivers who take pride in delivering loads safely, on time, and undamaged. Lee Musselman is being recognized by VP of Operations Joe Musselman (no relation to Lee) as "Driver of the Year" for this account- an award with monetary significance. The Breezewood Ministry was present as this award was presented at their Driver Appreciation Day held at the Smith terminal in Cessna (behind Walmart Distribution Center).

Alongside Smith Transport and so many other trucking companies, we hope that each professional driver feels appreciated and valued, as well as supported by the prayers of God's people lifting them up in the Name of Jesus.

"TRUST IN THE LORD" WRIST BANDS: GOING FAR AND WIDE!



Chaplain Bruce and Joktan at the Gateway

On a route to or from Norfolk, VA, Joktan would occasionally travel through Breezewood and pick up a few "Trust in the Lord" wrist bands- which were offered as a fundraising tool for the ministry

at various business locations in town. Theresa Bricker (currently directing Renewing Hope Ministries) began this ministry fundraiser years ago and it has never slowed down. Young and old alike never seem to tire of flexible wrist bands with a message!

Joktan began handing out the wrist bands as a tool to lift others up, and the opportunities multiplied! Joktan now buys 75-100 at one time! We give thanks for the ways faith is shared through simple bracelets from the Breezewood Ministry!

HOMELESSNESS IN BREEZEWOOD

The Breezewood Ministry continues to encounter situations of homelessness among bike/foot/vehicle/bus/truck travelers as well as individuals from our local area. The increase in calls for lodging/shelter assistance in recent years has been caused by a variety of issues: addiction, unemployment or underemployment, trauma, human trafficking, mental/emotional health issues, broken relationships, and the choice to “drop out” of society as an expression of protest to something or someone in today’s culture. Traveling the “homeless” road can pose tremendous challenges to one’s health and wellbeing; that is why I am always amazed to encounter long term travelers who can remain in good health and sound mind living town to town. Traveling with spiritual purpose is a rare calling, but as the scriptures reveal there were many special messengers (prophets) who were authentically called and did not often enjoy the comforts of a settled lifestyle. Help us discover by faith what it means to “be home” or “have a home” with our heavenly Abba, wherever He calls us to be or to go!!

GET ORDERS IN EARLY!

The ministry is hosting a pumpkin roll sale on November 7th at the Everett Church of the Brethren! Using Bev Swindell’s time tested recipe the pumpkin rolls are nearly 15” long and a holiday favorite! You can place an order with any committee member.before we sell out!

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LABOR DAY HOSPITALITY TABLE!



Paul Shotts and Craig Cutshall

Fairview United Methodist Church (Hustontown), long time partner in the ministry hosted a wonderful Labor Day weekend table at Gateway Plaza! It is a joy to share Christian fellowship and encouragement with truckers, travelers, and plaza associates who enjoy the surprise gift of hospitality in a busy marketplace! During the day a stranded young traveler from Silver Spring, MD came to the table and was grateful for the assistance provided in arranging transportation back home. Many thanks to Fairview and other partner churches!

“BRAVE MEN TALK:” WALKING FOR MEN’S MENTAL HEALTH



Anton, Mike Gibson, and Chaplain Bruce

Anton Nootenboom, a Dutch veteran is walking barefoot from Los Angeles to New York raising money and awareness for the cause. His trek through PA brought him into Breezewood and onto Fulton County through the old turnpike trail(photo). For more info: <https://bravementalk.com>