



Breezewood Trucker/Traveler Ministry Newsletter Summer 2025

Grace and Peace

Summer is upon us; the days are longer and vacationing brings an increase of traffic into and through the Breezewood community for a brief respite, fuel, directions, or overnight stay. Most truckers do not break for the summer as demand for seasonal freight keeps the trucking community busy all year. In addition to truckers, families on summer vacation as well as individuals who are homeless or transient seeking the basics of daily life come to Breezewood. Besides motels, there are numerous inconspicuous places throughout town where highway wanderers may sleep for a night; some reach out for assistance and some prefer to remain "under the radar."

The business of hospitality as well as the ministry of hospitality often finds an increase of opportunities in the summer months to serve. The Trucker/Traveler Ministry offers meals, lodging, gas, hygiene care kits, counsel or other forms of pastoral care through an on-site chaplain. The Management Committee does not officially meet during the summer months but the work continues through subcommittees, emails, and text messages. Please lift this Ministry in prayer and if you're able donate to this ongoing work to present Christ to many that are touched by the Ministry.



The Management Committee hosted by Everett Assembly Church



The Management Committee in Deliberations!

COMING EVENT!

This fall we will host an annual fund raiser! The Ministry is soliciting donations and/or services from local businesses and organizations for the September 27th Banquet and Auction. As a faith-based ministry we rely upon the generosity of businesses, churches and individuals for their support to keep the message of Jesus Christ going forward to those we minister to in the travel community.

An invitation to the Banquet & Auction is included with this mailing. This is open to all who wish to attend; please RSVP so we can prepare for those attending.

OWNER-OPERATOR: JON VOUTSAS

Jon Voutsas, an owner operator driver leased on with Prime Transportation stopped into the Gateway TA garage for repair of a slow coolant leak underneath the sleeper cab. His 2019 Freightliner looks brand new; all repairs, maintenance and upkeep are his responsibility. At 750,000 miles he needed a new transmission while on the road; nearly \$15,000 plus hotel costs for over a week. He was glad to get back on the road!

His years and driving record with Prime enable him to pick and choose the loads that work best for his family schedule. He lives in New Cumberland, PA area with his wife who really enjoys her job as interior designer (mostly kitchens and bathrooms). She appreciates and supports Jon's job over the road with flexibility to be home when needed, or for family events/vacations. Jon does his

“homework” before starting out on a route, tracking weather, construction, and traffic backups. He is thankful to have never been stranded in rain or snow. He has been to the lower 48 states and enjoys the beauty of the country as he travels east-west routes.

May the Lord watch over Jon and the multitude of professional drivers who deliver freight all over this land.



Jon Voutsas owner/operator

MEMORIAL & JULY 4TH HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY TABLES!

The Steven’s Chapel United Methodist congregation and Ebenezer Christian Church hosted fabulous hospitality tables at the Gateway Plaza visited by a multitude of truckers, travelers, bus students(on school trips) as well as plaza staff!



Ebenezer Christian Church host table



Driver Marvin at TA Garage with Ebenezer youth

Travelers were warmly welcomed as they sometimes need to be convinced that a table full of free stuff could be without “strings” in today’s modern marketplace. There were copious supplies of snacks, fruit, drinks, devotionals, books, Bibles, sweets and best of all: smiling faces to greet them!



Hicks family visit table

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hicks of Blairsville, PA stopped by the Memorial table and enjoyed a few moments of fellowship & prayer. Thanks to Pastors Sylvia Smith and Erik Sollenberger and congregational members present for a day of pure mission offering encouragement and fellowship to those who accept/receive the grace & goodies freely given!

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL

The ministry email was changed early last year to: chaplain@breezewoodtruckertraveler.org

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