

November 2025

Tabernacle Methodist

Monthly Newsletter



Put It All Together

"What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ... So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless." James 2:14, 17 (NLT)

James doesn't mince words. He basically says, "If you say you believe it, prove it." It's like when someone tells you they've started a diet while holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut or bag of

Doritos in both hands. I've been there. I've even told myself, "This one doesn't count if I eat it standing up." (That's not in the Bible, by the way.) James would probably raise an eyebrow and say, "You can't just say you believe in healthy living—you've got to put down the Doritos." In other words, belief isn't just what we say; it's what we live. Our faith must have feet.

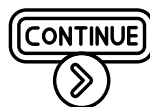
James reminds us that faith isn't an accessory—it's an action. It's not a badge we wear on Sunday mornings; it's the way we walk through every day of the week. Faith has feet. It moves. It serves. It gives. It shows up.

John Wesley put it this way: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

John Wesley and the early Methodists were people who took James seriously. As members of Tabernacle Methodist Church, we commit to five practices that turn belief into action: our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. These are not just nice words for a membership form. They are the shape of a living, breathing, active faith.

Our Prayers

Prayer is where all action begins. Before we act, we listen. Before we move, we kneel. Prayer isn't a last resort—it's our first move. When we pray for our church, our community, our leaders, and our neighbors, we open the door for God to work—not just in them, but in us.



STAFF MEMBERS

Matt Morris - Senior Pastor | **Joe Essick** - Associate Pastor | **Carla Ely** - Minister of Music | **Zach Jones-Ely** - Contemporary Music Director
Allie Roth - Kids Ministry Director | **Joyce Sosnowski** - Financial Administrator | **Christina Nelson** - Campus Administrator
Steve Nelson - Youth Ministry | **Cindy Odum** - Daycare Director | **June Sofley** - Daycare Assistant Director

Our Gifts

This includes our finances, but it's about so much more. Our "gifts" are all the resources God has entrusted to us: our time, our talents, our creativity, our compassion. Giving changes us. It loosens the grip that fear and selfishness can have on our hearts. It reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God in the first place. Its not optional or extra, generous giving is faithful living.

Our Service

Faith is love made visible through action. When Jesus washed the disciples' feet, He gave us the perfect picture of what service looks like—not glamorous, not convenient, but deeply holy. When we serve others, we're serving Christ and serving on behalf of Christ. Our serving isn't meant to change the world. Our serving sets the table so that Jesus can savior our neighbors.

Our Witness

You may not think of yourself as an evangelist, but every day your life tells a story about what—and who—you believe in. You witness through your words, yes, but also through your kindness, your integrity, your patience, and your hope. The way you treat people at work, at school, or in the grocery store—those moments preach louder than any sermon I can give.

Putting It All Together

When we put these five commitments—our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness—into motion, we become Christ's love, truth and grace in action. We move from being consumers of faith to being contributors to God's kingdom. James would say, "Now that's faith that's alive."

Sometimes we think we need a special calling or a big platform to make a difference, but most of the time, it's the daily acts of sacrificial faith that shape eternity. A whispered prayer. A steady presence. A generous gift. A servant's hand. A kind word that points someone toward Jesus. It's the ordinary, everyday choices of faithful people that God uses to do extraordinary things.

John Wesley once wrote, "The gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness." In other words, faith is not a private possession—it's a public expression. It's how we live together, love together, and serve together. It's how the world sees Christ in us.

Lets not just talk about what we believe. Let's live it. Let's put our faith into action. Let's be a church that doesn't just gather inside these walls—but goes out into the world with the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus.

And maybe, just maybe, if James were to peek into Tabernacle on a Sunday morning and follow us around during the week, he might smile and say, "That's what I was talking about"

~ *Pastor Matt*



TABERNACLE METHODIST
REVIVAL
NOV. 2ND - 5TH 6:30 - 7:45PM
IN THE CHAPEL
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL OUTREACH

We will be delivering

- Uncooked Meals on Sat. November 22nd from 11am - 1p
- Cooked Meals on Thurs. November 27th

We are grateful for the opportunity
to serve and share God's love
this Thanksgiving Season !

More info... Contact Karen Moore 336-601-3674

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not
unto your own understanding*

PROVERBS 3:5

Meeting and Loving the
HOMELESS



Come help serve...
Saturday November 1st
Contact Joe to sign up.

Church Under the Bridge
Saturday, November 1st

Reaching out to Greensboro's homeless every
Saturday at 6:00PM under the bridge at 300
Spring Garden St. Each meeting includes a hot
meal, fellowship, & worship. Please join us.

Meal prep at Tabernacle CLC 3:30 pm

Meet at CUB to help serve 5:30 pm

To sign up, or call Pastor Joe

Men's Basketball



Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:30

pm in the CLC

Mondays in CLC
5:30 - 6:30 pm

WOMEN'S FITNESS
Fellowship

Dance / Sculpt / Stretch w/ Lauren Haywood
\$5 / bring mat / light weights optional

GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY

To express the love of God to our neighbors in need by offering food, shelter and solutions.

Help feed the hungry in our community!

Greensboro Urban Ministry provides free bags of groceries to our neighbors in need of emergency food assistance.

Canned Fruits & Vegetables: Low Sodium & Low Sugar:

- Sweet peas
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Mixed Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Beans
- Applesauce
- Fruit

Protein Items:

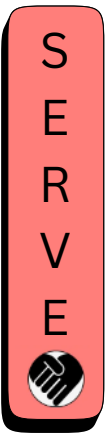
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna/Salmon
- Beef Ravioli
- Spam
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Low Sodium Soup/Stew
- Peanut Butter (18 oz.)

Dry Items:

- Rice
- Pasta
- Oatmeal/Grits
- Saltine Crackers
- Dry Beans
- Ramen Noodles
- Low Sugar Cereal

Please, no glass containers or #10 Cans.

On Saturday, October 25th, 17 folks from Tabernacle collected Food for the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry at the Food Lion across the street. These collections are held twice a year and are one of the main ways the Food Pantry is stocked. On that day, we collected 2025 lbs. of food and \$149. The food drive is citywide at Walmart and Food Lion stores and the entire drive collected 33,000 lbs. of food. The Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Pantry feeds thousands of families each year. In September alone, they fed 5,527 people, with 241 new families receiving food. For ways to serve in the Food Pantry or in other areas of Greensboro Urban Ministry, please contact Pastor Joe.



We're excited to share that profits from the Color Run for the Playground Fundraiser reached **\$5,698.89!** Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this fun event. We're still accepting donations if you feel led to give - every bit helps us reach our goal! ❤️

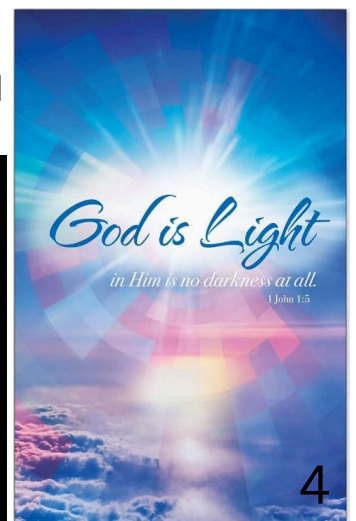
Church Council Meeting

- Sun, Nov 9 at 5:30 PM
- Sun, Dec 14 - TBD

Tabernacle's Charge Conference

- Sun, Nov 16 @ 2:30 PM

During our Annual Women's Sunday on October 12th, Tabernacle was blessed to have Juanita Reid and her family lead us with wonderful music and a great message. Juanita's ministry is called "Share the Lamb" and is focused on "making a difference one person at a time". Also during the service, Chris and Amy Ehrhardt were recognized for their years of faithful service to God through the ministries of Tabernacle. It was a blessed Sunday of celebration and worship! Please join us as "Share the Lamb" will be with us again for the first evening of our revival on Sunday, November 2nd. You will not want to miss the chance to experience their beautiful music that will lead us to worship the Lamb of God!



Come and join us through the Fall while we study the time of Exile and Return of the Israelites.

The Parable class is a mix of women, men, couples and singles of various ages. We meet in **Room 126** each **Sunday from 10-10:45 am.**

If you are interested in an in-depth Bible study with lively discussion, **we would like to have you join us for this study.**

Exile & Return

A TIME TO BUILD



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers, shepherds, leaders to help with Sunday School classes and kid's worship. Please consider signing up and help lead them to Jesus.

For more information or questions, please contact Allie Roth at 336-813-2133 or aroeth@tabernaclemethodist.com

Find Your Place to Serve

As members of God's family through Jesus Christ, we are called to serve others. We have multiple ways you can do that on a Sunday morning and beyond. Call Pastor Joe for opportunities to sign up.

- REMINDER -

Monthly Newsletter deadline is on the 20th of every month.
Email or call office.



DISCOVER WHERE YOUR YOUR GIFTS can make a difference

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TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH AS OF OCT 27, 2025

Receipts	\$468,400.58
Disbursements	\$528,348.51
Deficit	\$59,947.93



Need to reserve the CLC, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary or Chapel for your event?
Contact the office at 336-674-2941 or email.

SHOP AT
<https://rb.gy/7vtgy>

SCAN ME



Support Tabernacle Methodist Women Missions

Get your Christmas Shopping done!!

- **MADE IN THE USA!**
- **HIGH QUALITY**
- **GREAT GIFTS FOR ALL**
- **PERFECT FOR YOURSELF**
- **SHOP AND SUPPORT**

Rada also has soup and dip mixes which make wonderful hostess gifts!

Cub Scouts at Tabernacle has kicked off another exciting year, and we're thrilled to see our pack expanding! If you know a child in kindergarten through 5th grade (ages 5-10), there's still time to join the fun. We're grateful to Tabernacle for partnering with us by providing a welcoming space where young scouts can learn, grow, and explore while helping us connect with families throughout our community.



Troop 426 is proud to announce that Tabernacle member Bryce Whiteside has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting. This distinguished achievement represents years of dedication, leadership, and service.

For his Eagle Scout project, Bryce designed and built a Free Little Library at Stewart Memorial Ball Field, creating a lasting resource that benefits Tabernacle, our daycare and playschool students, and the wider community by promoting a love of reading for years to come.

We congratulate Bryce on this remarkable accomplishment and thank him for his commitment to the values of Scouting. His achievement reflects the support of his family, troop leaders, and the Tabernacle community.

Please join us in celebrating Bryce's success as he continues to make a positive impact.

Scout Troop 426 BBQ Fundraiser

Support Troop 426 at our major fundraiser of the year and stock up on delicious barbecue while helping our scouts continue their programs and adventures.

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Boston Butts: \$45

Chopped Barbecue: \$14/lb

All proceeds directly support our Troop's programs, activities, and service projects, helping our scouts develop leadership skills, pay for summer camp, build character, and serve our community. You can place orders with any scout or contact Brandon Burke directly.

Boy Scout Troop 426 BBQ

Saturday, Nov. 22nd from 2 - 4 PM,
Fellowship Hall

PRE-ORDERS
MUST BE IN
BY 11/15/2025

★ **Boston Butt Roast: \$45.00**
★ **Chopped Barbecue: \$14.00**



DON'T MISS OUT
Pre-Order Today!

For pre-orders contact: Any Scout or Brandon Burke at
(336-782-4675) or (info@brandonburke.com)

PREORDER NOW

**COME TO
OUR TABLE
@ TABERNACLE**

Coming Soon
Wednesday, January 28th

FREE DINNER

Every 4th Wednesday of each month

5:00-6:30PM

— EVERYONE WELCOME —

Thank you for joining
us & for your support!

We look forward to
gathering again for
our next community
meal on Wednesday,
January 28, 2026.
Everyone is welcome
— there's always a
seat at Our Table.

Thank you
for
supporting
**TMC's Annual
Trunk or Treat**
It was BOO-TIFUL!!

FALL BACK DAY LIGHT SAVINGS END

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2025
AT 2:00 AM



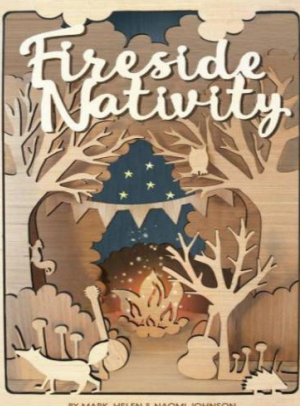
Remember to
SET YOUR
CLOCKS
BACK ONE
HOUR!

Gain an extra hours of rest - don't forget to adjust your clocks
before you go to bed Saturday night.



Items needed for
Operation Christmas
Child (OCC)

<https://bit.ly/TMCOCC2025>



*The Tabernacle Kids Choir
Presents:*

Join us by the Fireside as
we share our favorite
Campfire story of the the
birth of Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 14 - CLC
5pm - CHRISTMAS Musical
5:45pm - Dinner
(Soup Supper)
*Everyone bring a crockpot
of your favorite SOUP or
CHILI to share :)**

Packing Party

JOIN US
Sunday, November 12th at 6 pm
in the FH

JOINING HANDS IN MINISTRY

We are excited to welcome **Steven Nelson** as our new **Youth and Young Adult Director!**

Originally from Wilmington, NC, Steven has spent the past nine years in High Point. He brings infectious enthusiasm and a genuine passion for connecting with others - he's truly never met a stranger.

Steven enjoys one-on-one evangelism, mentorship, and friendly competition in games like cornhole, putt-putt, ping-pong, and basketball. He also loves Christmas, coffee, and spontaneous conversations!

With over 20 years of experience in student, young adult, sports, coaching, and camp ministry, Steven has discipled and mentored countless interns and leaders. He's known for developing strong, relational teams and creating sustainable ministry both within the church and the wider community. His heart is to encourage and equip students to boldly live out their full potential in Christ-them to make a lasting Kingdom impact wherever they are called.

Steven and his wife, **Jessica**, have been married since 2009. They have three children-**Avery, Sully, and Addy**-and recently added a new puppy, **Judah**, to their family. Together, they love coming alongside families and "stacking the stands" for students-cheering them on and pointing them to Jesus. They're honored for the opportunity to serve at Tabernacle and to become part of a new church family!



Food - Fun
Fellowship
Faith building

6th - 12th
grades

Bring a friend!

Tabernacle
youth
Wednesday nights!
STARTS BACK SEPT 10TH 6:30-8PM
friends, crazy games & dinner provided



**PRAYER QUILT
MINISTRY**

Join us
the 2nd Wednesday
of every Month
(10am-12noon)
REC ROOM
Contact: Paula Ginn
336.908.5019

NOVEMBER 2025

Birthday's

3 Sarah Hendricks
4 Anita Cockman
4 Mavis Ely
5 Ryan Blunk
7 Lori Pugh
8 Julie Coble
10 Andy Griffin
10 Beau Jones
11 Gene Knight
11 Dee Bradley
12 Robert Dunlap
12 Logan Ehrhardt
12 Taylor Coble

13 Cindy Webster
14 Harry Griffin
15 Sue McCulloch
15 Michaela Palmer
15 Charlie Pratt
15 Morris Cockman
15 Leon Brown
15 Christina Nelson
16 Carter Jones
18 Lane Winfree
19 Joe Essick
20 Nick Goodwin
25 Ben Little
26 Jane Lackey
27 Patsy Phillips
28 Mike Palmer

28 Ranita Pearsell
28 Ann Isley
28 Lane Lambert
29 Barbara Ross
29 Matt Stevenson
30 Janie Cockman
30 Richard Oliver
30 Talitha Holt

Anniversaries

02 Tyler & Megan Griffin
15 Ron & Sue Hill
25 Mike & Heidi Brown

Upcoming

NOVEMBER 2025

1 - Church Under the Bridge @ 3pm
2 - Daylight Savings End "Fall Back"
3 - GCSNC No School - Teachers Workday
2-5 - Tabernacle Methodist Revival @ 6:30-7:30 pm Chapel
11 - **Veterans' Day** (Office & TWDS- Closed)
12- Operation Christmas Child Packing Party @ 5:30 pm FH
16 - Tabernacle Charge Conference @ 2-5 pm CLC
20 - Newsletter deadline to submit content
21 - Boy Scouts Prep for BBQ Fundraiser - FH
22 - Thanksgiving Community uncooked Meal Deliveries
22- Troop 426 BBQ Fundraiser @ 2-4 pm - FH
27 - **Thanksgiving** (Office - TWDS Closed)
27 - Thanksgiving Community cooked Meal Deliveries
31 - **New Year's Eve** / 1st Day of Advent

DECEMBER 2025

6 - Community Christmas Tree Lighting @ 5:30-8:30 pm
Ball field
14 - Kid's Choir Christmas Musical @ 5pm CLC
14 - Church Council Meeting @ TBD FH
20 - Newsletter deadline to submit content
21 - Christmas Cantata @ 5pm Sanctuary
22 - Playschool & GCSNC - Winter Break (resumes 1/05/26)
24 - **Christmas Eve**
25 - **Christmas Day**
31 - **New Year's Eve**

Monthly

Kids Choir Practice - **Sundays 11 am**
Alive Praise Band practice - **Sundays 7pm**
A "Good Start" Bible Study - **Mondays 6am CLC**
Women's Fitness Fellowship - **Mondays 5:30 pm**
Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts - **Mondays 6:30 / 7:30 pm**
Sunshine Circle - **3rd Monday 7pm**
Men's Basketball Fellowship - **Tues/Thurs 6:30 pm**
Kids' Tumbling - **Tuesdays 4:15 pm**
Backpack Ministry - **Wednesdays**
Quilt Ministry - **2nd Wednesday 10 am**
Youth Group - **Wednesdays 6:30 pm (not in summer)**
Chancel Choir practice - **Wednesday 6:30 pm**
Methodist Men - **2nd Thursday 6:30 (not in summer)**
Fellowship & Friendship Circle - **2nd Thursday 2 pm**
Campus Life Youth - **Thursdays 4:30 pm**

Adult Sunday Classes

Adult Disciples **Rm 130**
Curiosity Class **Rm 134**
Men's Bible Study **CLC**
The Parables Class **Rm 126**
Women's Bible Study **CLC**
Classes Start at 10-10:45am

AWARENESS AND OBSERVANCE

NOVEMBER 2025 FEATURES A WIDE RANGE OF AWARENESS MONTHS, INCLUDING AMERICAN DIABETES, LUNG CANCER AWARENESS, NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS, NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING AND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND SO MUCH MORE.

THE 'N' IN NOVEMBER IS FOR... NURTURE, NOURISH, NEW BEGINNINGS

- a gentle reminder to care, reflect, and grow as the month bridges autumn to winter,
inviting renewal before the new year.

National Days in November 2025

11/1: November Begins
11/1: World Vegan Day
11/2: New York City Marathon
11/2: Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/6: National Cash Back Day
11/6: Project Management Day
11/10: International Accounting Day
11/11: Singles Day
11/11: Veterans Day
11/13: World Kindness Day
11/14: World Diabetes Day
11/15: National Philanthropy Day
11/17-11/23: Global Entrepreneurship Week
11/18-11/24: World Antibiotic Awareness Week
11/26: National Cake Day
11/27: Thanksgiving
11/28: Black Friday
11/28: National Native American Heritage Day
11/29: Small Business Saturday
11/30: National Computer Security Day

Full Moon and Other Celestial Events

- Full Moon (Beaver Moon)- Nov 5 
- Third Quarter Moon- Nov 12
- New moon- Nov 20 
- First Quarter Moon- Nov 28
- Comet C/2025 A6 (Lemmon): 



Why do birds fly
south in the Fall?

-Because it's too
far to walk



Hawaiian Word of the Month

mālama - [mah-lah-mah]

Meaning: To care for, tend to, or look
after. To preserve or protect. To be
careful.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Loving Memory of Larry Proctor by

Jay & Lynda Gordon

Jimmy & Janice Horney

Fellowship/Friendship Circles

In Loving Memory of Averil Burke by

Chelsea Kiger

In Loving Memory of Glenn Griffin by

Fellowship/Friendship Circles

TABERNACLE PRAYER CONCERNS

NEWER CONCERNS

Evey Miller, Helen Wilson, Brenda Stephens, Ronnie & Glenda Stout, Jimmy Horney,
Shirley and Charlie Pratt, Jean Rankin, Betty Worley, Bob Zane, Sandy Jones,
June Sofley, Robert Dunlap, Linda King, Patsy Helms

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Ophie Timmons, Mike & Mitzi Brown, Kay Kiger, Mandy Cox, Warren Ginn, Diane Hancock,
Rick Harris, Roger Johnson, Sherry Proctor, Howard Fields, Dianne Smith, Bob Sosnowski,
Leon Brown, Rebecca Collins, John Dyson, Richie & Ruth Winquist, Linda Zane,
Janet & Larry Wagner, Dale & Bernie Sartin, Joyce Ensley, Phyllis Love

HOMEBOUND

(Addresses found on REALM)

Linda Billings, John and Carol Dyson, Mary Sue Laws, Fred Morrell, Jean Penry, Jean Rankin,
Barbara Ross, Nancy Royal, Margaret Sheets, Sadie Clapp, Poochie Neece, Nina Stout

EXTENDED FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Vivian McKnight, Terry Brothers, Emily Brame, Mark Loy, Wesley Hall, Samantha Panzner,
Bob McCaskill, Ricky Ingram, Kevin Jones, Dawn Canoy, Jason Stephens, Robin Staley,
Duane Staley, Christina Holloway, Dale Atkinson, Pat Branson, Billie Ramsey, Colton Scoggin,
Bailey Gaskins, Gary McPherson, Angie Samsel, Sue Oakley, Ruth Carr, Adam Graham, Jill Miller,
Paul Brown, Daryl Fogleman, Joe Orsak, Virgil Thomas, Albert Smith, Ricky Cauthren

MILITARY

Jason "Caesar" Wolff, Joel Woods, Trevor Zane Ward

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Alger & Joyce Morris (Cambodia), Anup & Darcy Rai (Thailand), Greensboro Urban Ministry
Church Under the Bridge, Operation Christmas Child, Room at the Inn
Backpack Ministry, Youth for Christ/Campus Life



24 Acts of Kindness in December



1	Leave waters on your front porch for delivery drivers.	2	Bake Christmas cookies for a neighbor.	3	Draw a card for your principal, teacher, librarian, custodian, or school nurse.	4	Paint a kindness rock and hide it somewhere in your neighborhood.	5	Offer to help a neighbor decorate the outside of their house.	6	Donate dog or cat food to a local animal shelter.	7	Help a neighbor shovel their walkway or bring in trashcans.
8	Collect warm clothes that no longer fit and donate them.	9	Make Christmas decorations and take them to a nursing home.	10	Donate canned and boxed food to a local food bank.	11	Take hot cocoa to the crossing guard near your school.	12	Donate a new toy to an "angel tree" or Toys for Tots.	13	Help a sibling do their chore.	14	Take a warm meal to someone who is hungry.
15	Purchase or make small, thoughtful gifts for your siblings.	16	Call family members to say "hi" and tell them about your day.	17	Make Christmas crafts and give them to a neighbor or friend.	18	Bring your teacher their favorite drink.	19	Bundle up and pick up trash on your street or local park.	20	Compliment neighbors' holiday decorations and lights.	21	Clean up your toys and books without being asked to.
22	Take a warm drink out to your mail carrier.	23	Read or "read" Christmas stories to your sibling.	24	Take cookies to a fire station to thank them for working tonight.								

Spread kindness!

Spread kindness and cheer.

