

“Providing Labor of Love for Christ-Centered Ministries”



Upcoming Events

- Labor Day: Hickory Cove Bible Camp
- Oct 14-15: Camp Oak Hill
- Nov. (date TBA): SC Nazarene Camp



A Tribute To a True Servant

By Scott Blakeman

As most of you are aware, Della Moore (“Nana” to me) will not be joining us on future SWAT trips. After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Nana traversed to the land where her Savior abides and where cancer is an unknown word. On March 26, Nana breathed her last and crossed the threshold to a cancer-free eternity. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her, but she will be especially missed by the SWAT Team. Nana was a founding member of the SWAT Team and her passion for the ministry was obvious. She believed wholeheartedly in the mission statement of the ministry and was a devoted participant, scarcely missing an event until her health became an obstacle. However, even while in the midst of recovering from chemo and radiation therapies, she bravely attended as many events as she could, not allowing health issues to deter her from serving her Savior.

At SWAT events, Nana would be seen tackling many tasks. She played a tremendous role in helping plan, purchase, and prepare the meals SWAT members enjoyed. However, her SWAT resume never consisted of only kitchen duties, and it would not be uncommon for you to see her pick up a hammer or shovel to complete manual labor when necessary. With a background in nursing, she fell naturally into the role of the SWAT Team’s on-site nurse when people suffered worksite injuries. During the latter years of her service she found an-

other special niche. On hot days while working in the sun, Nana would be a sight for sore eyes and parched throats as she rode around on a golf cart, carrying water to all the workers, wherever they were. She made sure no one would be dehydrated on her watch!

For many seasoned citizens, the latter years of life are a time of relaxation and, unfortunately, spiritual atrophy. This was not the case for Nana. She was a devoted servant of the King until the very end. SWAT was in her blood and was a true passion deep within her. She will always be remembered as a SWAT Team “Legend,” a woman of faith, hard work, commitment to family, and, most importantly, commitment to Christ. We will miss you, Nana, but we will see you soon!



Della was always happy to have a few “helpers” on her appointed rounds!

Tear That House Down!



By Rashod Atkins

On October 1 2008 Faith Church of the Nazarene purchased 23 acres (debt-free) to start our relocation from the fire that we had in March 2004. We are currently working on our Master Site Plan and designing our Phase One building. The new property had two houses on it: one we use for our office (The Faith House) and the other had been condemned and vandalized before we purchased the property. The condemned house is located where the driveway and parking lot will be in the new design. The tear down of this house would be very expensive but needed to be done. So we got with the SWAT Team to see if they were up for a challenge. I had been to one SWAT meet in SC where we tore down a cabin that

was overrun with termites but this would be a little different. After talking with Steve, I learned they were up for the challenge. Thursday night March 4th 3 guys from SWAT showed up to be ready to start work the next morning. Friday morning after talking to Bud from SWAT and my pastor, Bill Crane, we were not sure how much we could get done in so little time. We had 4 guys from our church and 5 from the SWAT team hard at work. Hank and Scott started tearing off the shingles and the roof boards, while the Pastor and I suited up to tackle the siding on the house which was asbestos so we had to wear protective suits, mask, and gloves. Bud was hammering away at the chimney while the rest of the guys were stripping out the inside walls and windows. On Saturday we had a total of about 21 people there at one time and the boards and plaster were flying. By Saturday evening the only thing left standing was the 4 outside walls. We had an awesome two days of fellowship and hard work. Not only did the SWAT team provide working bodies but a friendship that will last forever, and a spiritual uplifting to our church family and the excitement of the church building to come. Thanks to the SWAT team for lives that were touched that weekend and the lives that will be touched by future events held at the property!



A “Growing Experience” at Hickory Cove



By Logan Wray

I have come to experience my first SWAT trip at Hickory Cove Bible Camp. God has revealed to me that this ministry is more than just merely doing work for a Bible Camp, but more of a time of fellowship and a corporate worship service to God. This was more than service and more than a good experience, it was a growing experience for me as I drew closer to God and became closer to other fellow believers. From the stacking of wood to using them crazy “loppers” it was a sacrifice to be made to serve God in a greater way and to be a witness to others as well a heart transformation. Being reminded of the fact that we are to serve others with a joyful heart, I put to practice the act of servitude to others with a joyful and experienced God work mightily through the SWAT Team.



The author clears some fallen timber at Hickory Cove Bible Camp.

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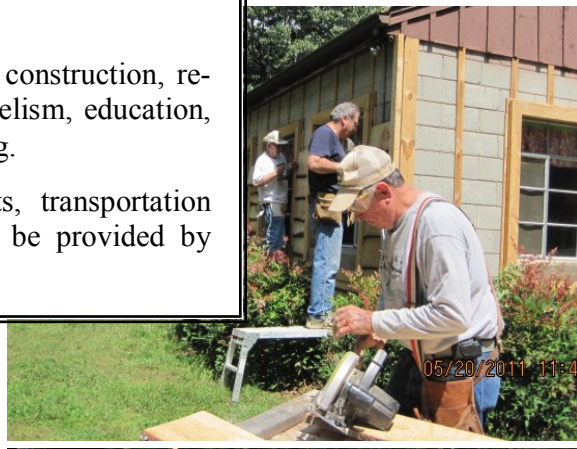
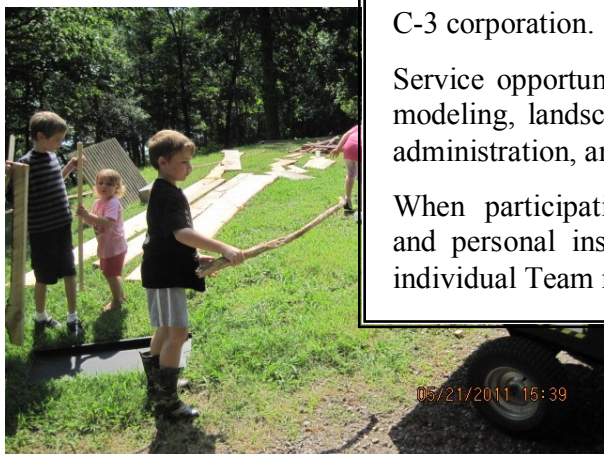


About S.W.A.T

The S.W.A.T. Team is an all volunteer inter-denominational ministry, and a non-profit 501-C-3 corporation.

Service opportunities include construction, remodeling, landscaping, evangelism, education, administration, and fundraising.

When participating in events, transportation and personal insurance must be provided by individual Team members.



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