



Lighting of the Missions Christmas Tree (Christmas in many languages)

You are cordially invited to attend the "Lighting of the Missions Christmas Tree" We will be hearing from approximately 15 different ethnic groups as we kick off our Christmas Season with the Christmas Story and Christmas Songs sung in native tongues. God's Country Band will be the house band for the evening.

Directly following the evening service we would like to invite you to stay for fellowship with lots of Christmas goodies.

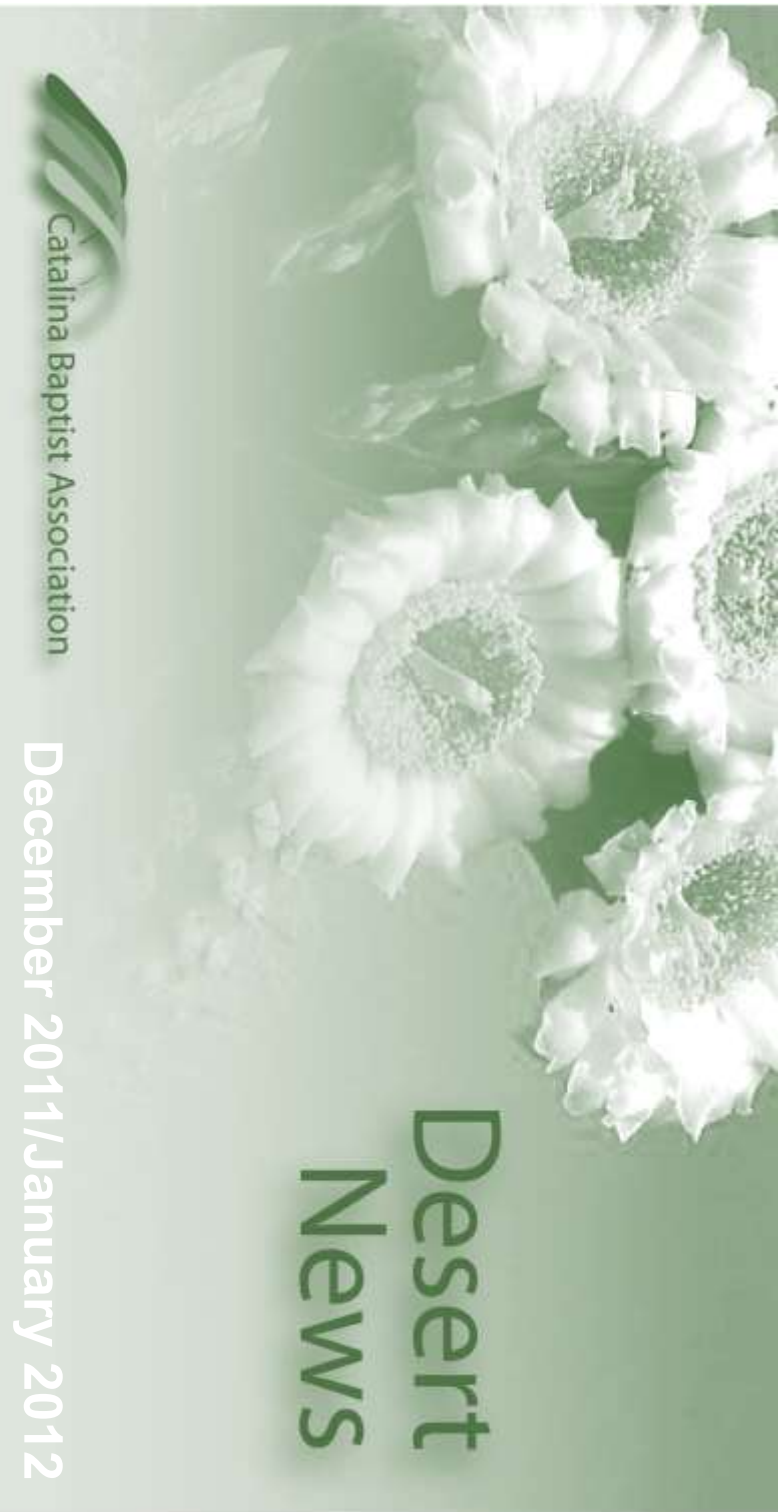


Thursday, December 1st

7:00 PM

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1825 N. Alvernon Way

This is a free event the entire family will enjoy.



A Day at Caring Ministries

By Donna Guillott

Three years ago Bob Stewart volunteered to help deliver Thanksgiving baskets from Caring Ministries (CM). He then began to volunteer two days a week. "I jokingly told Jerry Gollihue, the director, that I needed a raise, he gave me a route picking up food donations 4 days a week," said Bob.

Bob arrives at CM at 6:15 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to start his route to various stores to pick up food. He fills in on other days as needed. Each day one of the following people go and help him, Charley Logan, Jim Orchard and Ron Lightford.



Jerry Gollihue and a volunteer unloading donated food.

As Bob and his helper for the day arrive at each store, they unload banana boxes to put the food in. They use banana boxes because they are easy to stack. They sort the food into the following categories: fruits and vegetables, breads and sweets together, meats, cheeses, dairy and deli. Most stores have the food ready for them, but sometimes they have to go to each department and ask if they have anything for them that day.

After Bob and his helper finish picking up food from the stores, they return to CM where other volunteers are waiting to help sort the food for distribution. Some foods are placed in storage for future distribution in the warehouse where it is kept in the food room, bread room, walk-in refrigerator or freezer. Over a year, CM averages distributing 300,000 pounds of food a month. At the end of September CM had collected and distributed 3,000,000 pounds of food.

It takes a minimum of 4-5 hours to make the run each day. CM has two routes Monday—Friday and three routes on weekends and holidays. There are 37 different grocery stores and outlets to collect donations. There are approximately 60 distribution points in Tucson and along the Mexican border where food is transported for distribution.

After his run on the 1st Tuesday of each month, Bob delivers approximate 3200 pounds of food to Sahuarita Baptist Church (SBC) in Sahuarita. SBC ministers to an average of 60 families a month through the food distribution. Bob said "You can't explain to someone what we do. They have to come experience it to understand."

Bob is one of 40—50 people who volunteer at CM each week. CM has 2 paid staff members, Jerry Gollihue, Director and Rob Landry, Assistant Director. On any given day approximately 20 volunteers will be working. Some volunteer an hour or two and others several days a week. If you would like to become involved as a volunteer or donate financially, food, clothing or furniture, visit their website at <http://www.caringministries.us/> or call 520-882-2645.

The schedule for food distribution at Caring Ministries is:

- Monday—Thursday 1:30—4:00 PM Food box distribution must have picture ID and proof of address
- 1st Saturday and 3rd Tuesday—Fill your own box



Volunteers help by sorting donations.

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Events

- **Hispanic Pastor's Breakfast**—First Tuesday of each month, 9:00am. Sharing Ministries Baptist Church.
- **Pastor's Breakfast**—Second Tuesday of each month, 8:30 AM at The Hungry Fox, 4637 E. Broadway Blvd. Dutch treat breakfast is approx. \$5.

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Announcements

- Darnell Strayhorn was called as the pastor of Verde Heights Baptist Church.
- Ashley Evans was called as pastor of 22nd Street Baptist Church.
- Please pray for our pastorless churches: Green Valley Baptist Church, Manor Baptist Church.
- E-subscribers get the newsletter first! Help us reduce postage costs by switching to the electronic version of the Desert News. Send an email to office@catalinaassociation.org to subscribe.
- New Life Pregnancy Center in Tucson needs donations of diapers and toddler clothing. Call 520-795-7541 for information.

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Budget Requirements 2011

Annual Budget	\$165,432
Monthly Requirement	\$13,786
Contributions October	\$12,137
Over (under) for month	(\$1,649)
Contributions YTD 2011	\$126,462
Over (under) 2011	(\$11,398)