



MISSION AND OUTREACH

*"...whatever you did for one of the least
of these brothers of mine,
you did for me..."*

Matthew 25:40

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The following is a partial list of Outreach Projects to which members of The Brandermill Church dedicate their time and talents. If you have an interest in any of these projects, or have ideas for other areas where The Brandermill Church could be involved, please contact the church office at 744-3661, ext. 108.

Service to Families in Need

Angel Food Ministries

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MINISTRIES

In January 2009 The Brandermill Church became a host site for Angel Food Ministries. This national, nonprofit, non-

denominational program helps minister to the needs of people by providing food relief to church members and the community by offering an outlet to order food. Once a month for as little as \$30 this preordered food is delivered and distributed at the church. It is designed to feed a family of four for one week. Food items vary month to month and include fresh as well as frozen items. Convenience/Senior, Allergen Free & Seafood boxes are also available. There are no qualifications, minimum income restrictions or applications needed to participate. On distribution day as many as 30 volunteers assist with this ministry.

Brandermill Church Children's Clothing and Toy Consignment Sale (BCCS)



The ministry of the semi-annual sale serves four specific purposes:

- 1) provide a convenient way for local families to buy gently used clothing and toys for pennies on the dollar and to offer them the opportunity to consign these

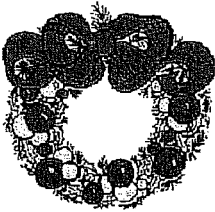
items at a future sale when they no longer need them.

2) donate designated items leftover after the sale to various organizations to help supply their needs for outreach and families in need.

3) offer "gift certificates" to local families in need. These families are identified by members of the church and local school counselors. With the gift certificates, families are able to shop for their specific needs.

4) contribute money raised from the proceeds of the Sale to support The Brandermill Church Outreach ministries in order to help make a difference in our community.

Christmas Mother



Brandermill Church members provide gifts for about six families who are sponsored by Chesterfield County. In the past, each family member received a complete outfit; the children receive toys, books, educational games as well as two requested special gifts. Household items such as paper goods, cleaning supplies and toilet articles and a gift certificate from Ukrop's for a Christmas Dinner have also been provided. Church members sign up either for the gift(s) they wish to purchase and wrap or to assist with filling of stockings for the children.

Habitat for Humanity



Habitat For Humanity is an international organization whose mission is to build houses for low income families to buy at a price they can afford. Each owner must invest 300 hours of volunteer time with Habitat and make regular mortgage payments on their new home.

The Brandermill Church has helped build several Habitat homes in the Richmond area. Our involvement is both financial and physical. In 2008 we, as a congregation, built

the Melba Burgess Gamble house off of Walmsley Blvd. In 2009 we plan to partner with eleven other churches on an "Apostle Build" house.

Service to Those Who are Homeless

2ND Presbyterian Church Walk-In-Ministry



Six Mondays each year, The Brandermill Church assists with preparing and serving 120 to 180 lunches to the needy of Richmond at the 2nd Presbyterian Church. While most of the food comes from the Food Bank, we provide bread, milk and desserts. A total of six men and women are needed for each visit to accomplish the task.

CARITAS -

(Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter)



CARITAS

CARITAS is a community-based organization which enables member congregations to provide shelter and hospitality to persons who are homeless in the Richmond metropolitan area. The Brandermill Church has served as a host since 1998, and employs more congregational support than any other outreach project. In 2010 our goal is to host two weeks; one week in March for men, followed by a week in October with families. This would be our first time with families, and we will need additional support to meet this goal – either from our own congregation or through cooperation with neighboring churches.

EMBRACE Richmond



Embrace Richmond is a faith-based charitable organization which helps families exiting Richmond area homeless shelters achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. EMBRACE has recently consolidated with CARITAS and the Healing Place to further the cause of easing the burdens of those seeking to escape homelessness. The Brandermill Church has been conducting "Pack the POD" collection drives for household items during our CARITAS hosting weeks.

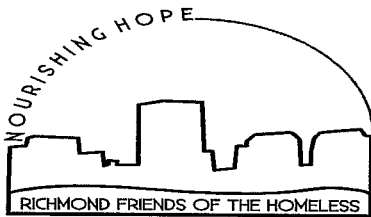
Freedom House



Freedom House is a non-profit organization that helps homeless men and women recover from substance abuse, provide housing during the initial recovery, and provide a disciplined structure so individuals can get jobs and become independent.

The Brandermill church supports Freedom House in many ways. Six times a year we prepare a meal at the church, take it to Freedom House where we serve the residents and dine with them. The church also donates items such as paper towels, toilet paper, and house hold furnishings.

Richmond Friends of the Homeless



The Brandermill Church prepares lunch on the first Tuesday of every month at Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church on North 1st Street. Three to five volunteers prepare fried chicken,

green beans and white potatoes. These are either purchased by the volunteers out of pocket, or are donated by the congregation. Donations of compartmentalized disposable plates, flatware, and paper goods are also needed .

Service for Hunger Relief

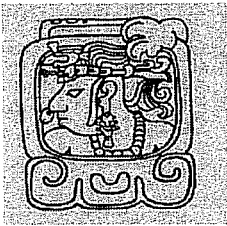
Crop Walk



Church World Service's CROP WALK for world hunger has been supported by The Brandermill Church for many years. The money from the walk is for hunger relief efforts in 80 countries. 25% of the money remains in Richmond for Freedom House, Richmond Friends of the Homeless, and other local organizations. Since 2003 The Brandermill Church has hosted the Crop Walk in Brandermill on the bike trails.

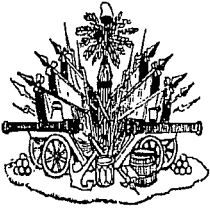
International Ministry

Guatemala Mission



The Guatemala mission effort is a cooperative construction project with the Mayan Indians in the Highlands of Guatemala. This effort began in 1996 when The Brandermill Church sent its first international mission team to serve in a foreign country. It has continued every year since with a team of approximately ten that spends seven or more days doing some form of construction work. In the initial years homes were built and recently the effort has been to build vented cook stoves to replace unvented pit fires. The stove project resolves a chronic problem of respiratory and eye infections and conserves firewood. Although this is a construction effort no construction experience is required the physical skills needed are taught "on the job" in a few hours. All that is required is a desire to serve those in an underdeveloped country that lacks the financial resources that we take for granted. This is a unique spiritual opportunity to experience and do the work that Christ commanded us to do.

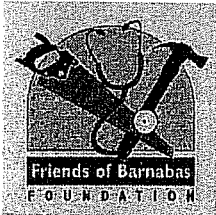
Haiti



The Brandermill Church has had a strong relationship with Haiti. For many years we sent medical mission teams to Haiti developing many friendships and strong personal ties. Unfortunately the unsafe political situation has made it difficult for us to build a team to go to Haiti. In 2009, individuals from

The Brandermill Church traveled with a group from another church to serve on a medical mission.

Honduras Medical Missions / Extended Care Program



The eleven annual Friends of Barnabas Foundation's Mountain Medical Mission Teams to Honduras identify and treat malnourished children suffering from parasites, vitamin deficiency, and related health problems. Team size average: 12 to 14 volunteers.

The Extended Care Program sends two to four surgical teams to Honduras annually, specializing in pediatric cardiology, neurosurgery and oral maxillary (cleft lip/cleft palate) surgery. Making up these teams are 20 to 50 volunteers (surgeons, nurses and O.R. technicians). As would be expected, healthcare providers are particularly valuable to these teams, and members of The Brandermill Church family have been serving these missions since 1997. Described by veteran volunteers as “a life-changing experience,” some Mountain Teams have checked and treated as many as 3,000 patients on the week-long missions. Surgery teams perform between 30 to 50 procedures each trip. Opportunities are ongoing for Brandermill Church members to go and serve. The FOBF motto is *“Making the world a little better ... one child at a time.”*

Youth Ministries



The Brandermill Church focus on missions is also modeled in our youth program. Our youth participate in several summer mission trips:

The Jeremiah Project



JEREMIAH PROJECT

is for middle school youth.

This mission focuses on providing a service focused program for youth in those tough transitional middle teenage

years. This is a highly structure week that helps the youth form both relationships with others their age, but also with the teachings of Christ and how they relate to service.

<http://www.jeremiahproject.org>

ACTS - a middle school youth ministry run by the youth directors of local Richmond area churches provides a hometown service project for those youth that may not be able to do a full week away from home.

The Pittsburgh Project



The
Pittsburgh
Project

For high school students, this mission trip specifically targets fixing up homes for those in need in the Pitts-

burgh, PA area. <http://www.pittsburghproject.org>

Other Ministries

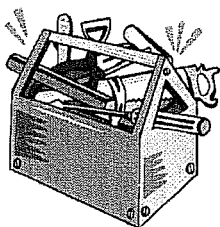
Blanket Drive (CWS)



The Brandermill Church has participated in Church World Service's Blanket Drive since 1994. Each year we take a special offering to support the Blanket Drive. The blankets are purchased by Church World Service and are distributed all over the world providing warmth and security to the poor and

homeless. The success of this project has been largely due to the enthusiastic support of the children of The Brandermill Church. They bring in donations for 4 weeks and participate in presentations to inspire the congregation's generosity.

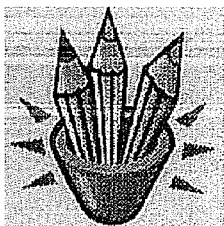
Disaster Relief Programs



The Brandermill Church has sent more than half a dozen teams to the Gulfport, MS area to assist in relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina. In the near future we will explore the potential to establish a team of people to stand ready for needs identified by the relief organizations of our United Methodist or

Presbyterian USA parent churches.

"TOOLS for SCHOOL"



This program ensures that every student has the educational supplies to start the school year. The program benefits children already receiving help from the Department of Social Services and has been supported by The Brandermill Church for several years.