

## "RENEWED MINDS"

I was first hesitant about talking to you about these scriptures.. What is the Holy Spirit stirring up in your life? We all know what we are to do in our life as far as God is concerned....love Him with all our heart, soul and mind. Second, love our neighbor as ourselves

(*Matthew 22:37-40*). This scripture always makes me aware of how little time I spend doing these commandments. Most of the time all I give is my spare time.

We often get busy with life on earth and the distractions that are present with each day. The God of this world, "satan" (*2 Corinthians 4:4*) as we read in last month's newsletter has a plan for our lives which is to lead us to hell. Self centeredness keeps us from seeing the needs and hurts of those around us. We cannot love God if we do not love the people He surrounds us with.

What I need and perhaps some of you need is a renewed mind. *Romans 12:2*,

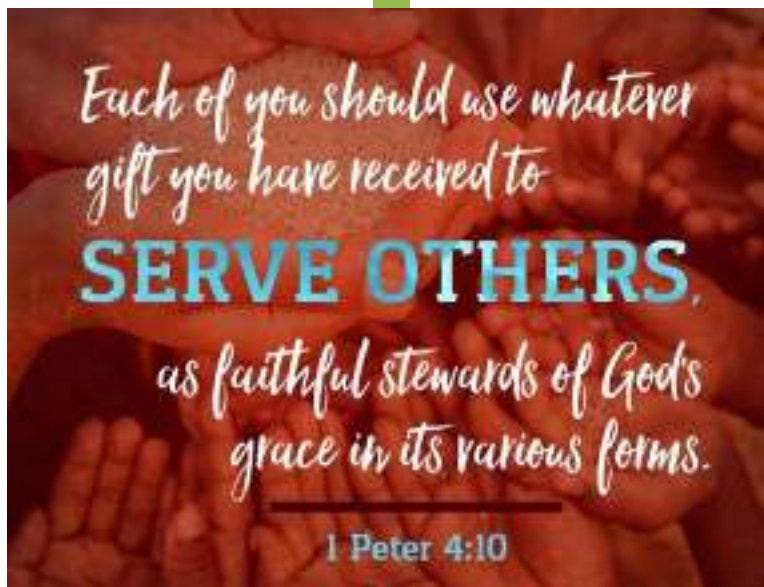
"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Another scripture that stands out to me when I feel like I have failed

these precious commandments is *Matthew 7:21-22*, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter the kingdom of heaven but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." Remember, God was talking to people who prophesied in His name

and cast out demons in His name and performed many miracles in His name.

It has been said that God doesn't care how high you jump, but how straight you can walk when you hit the ground again. We may be able to say all the right things, but if our faith does not impact the way we live, it is meaningless. In truth, we may not even have a real relationship with God.

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## **Total meals served for June and July: 7,094!!**

It's been a challenging summer but a summer of many days filled with joy and satisfaction in serving so many hungry and thirsty souls! It is especially rewarding to feed all the children! Your financial support helps us pay the bills and continue to serve all those whom the Lord so loves.

## **Thank You!!!**



The city of Monroe Fire, Police and Urban Development along with Mayor Jamie Mayo recently donated to Grace Place cases of bottled water. I am reminded of the scripture in Matthew 25:35-40

“For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.” “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, “Lord when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?” And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.”

### **Our Current Needs:**

- Finances
- Bibles and devotional materials
- Children's books and small stuffed toys
- Deodorant, toothpaste, soap
- Canned goods, rice, pasta, mac & cheese, dried beans etc.
- Men and boys underwear, socks, shoes
- Blankets, linens, towels
- Black pepper shakers (tables in the soup kitchen)



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