



# Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

JUNE 2023

## FISHING ANYONE ??

Just like many in this area, one of the fondest memories of my childhood was fishing. My grandfather, "Papa", taught me how to fish at a very early age. Papa had worked his entire life at Olinkraft paper mill, and even though he could have spent his retirement traveling or enjoying the world's greatest treasures he never liked to be too far from home, because his greatest joy was fishing from his dock!

I learned very early that fishing was a true test of your **PATIENCE!** Papa could spend all day fishing and be completely happy with just catching a few, or maybe even just ONE, big fish. Instead, I enjoyed most when the rains would cause the bayou to flood, and the water would pour over into the grass in his front yard, and we couldn't catch the fish fast enough!!! As quickly as you could get your bait back on the hook, you were reeling in another one!!

Often like many, these early life lessons from our parents and grandparents, spilled over into LIFE. It has certainly been lessons for daily life at Grace Place!

Jesus instructed Simon and Andrew at the Sea of Galilee, **"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of Men!"** Jesus had just met Simon and his brother Andrew, who were both fishermen. They didn't know Jesus at this moment and surely they were confused as to what his words meant, but they still dropped their nets, and followed him.

It's such an awesome thing to see our community join together to serve hot meals to thousands each month at Grace Place, to provide food through the food pantry to hundreds, and distribute clothing and household items to so many people in need....but in reality, this is all just **"BAIT!"** It's the bait to draw them to Grace Place to spread **God's LOVE** to them!!

It is so amazing when there are seasons like the floodwaters spilling into the grass at Grace Place, where the fish can't seem to be caught fast enough, and then there may be times, when catching a few, or only ONE, is what God seems to be focusing on!

Rhonda Grace taught me SO MANY things early in volunteering, but one of the first things I remember her teaching me was, "the Lord would have created Grace Place if only to save the Soul of ONE lost person!"

God uses His church to display His glory as we serve others in the name of Jesus. Most importantly, when we share the Gospel we are glorifying God by sharing the most important message of all time!!!

It's a miracle every day to see God use so many people in our community to come fish for men at Grace Place!

Please consider joining us in anyway, if you haven't already, and experience the miracle of all the fish being caught, or sometimes just the ONE!

God Bless You! Love, Misty Loe



# TOTAL SERVED

## May 2023

### 3,736

Hot meal served 3 times a week  
Food pantry twice monthly

## CURRENT NEEDS:

Bibles  
Monetary Donations  
Mens Shoes & Jeans (size 28-36)  
Backpacks  
Hygiene Products  
Triple Divided Plates  
33 Gallon Trash Bags  
Pine Sol and Bleach  
Bath Towels

## SOUP KITCHEN LUNCHES:

Mon., Wed. & Fri. 11:30am-1:00pm

## CLOTHES CLOSET:

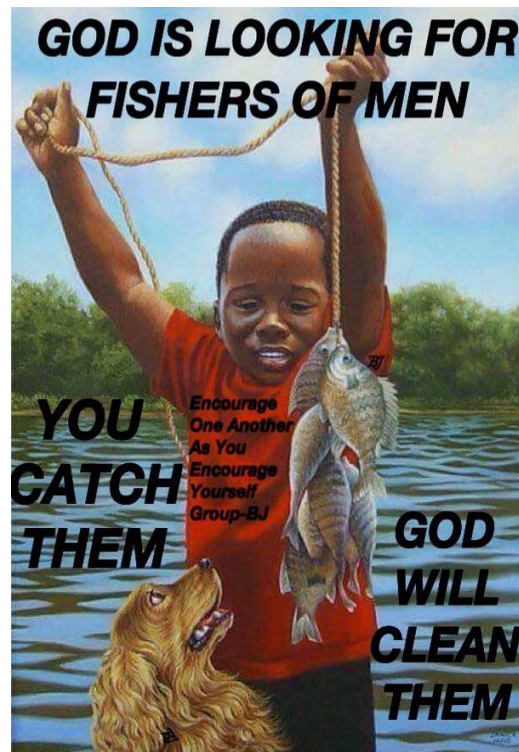
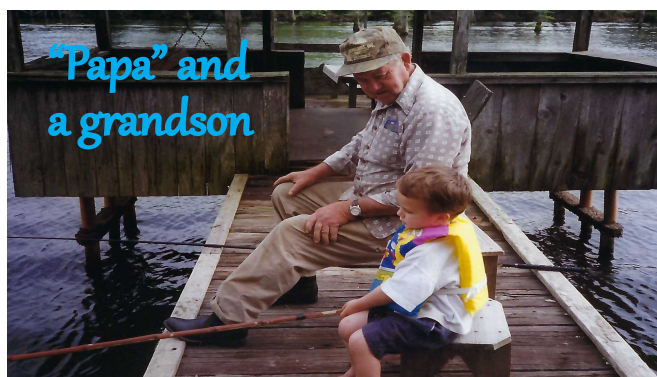
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10:30am-12:45pm

## FOOD PANTRY:

2nd & 4th Thurs. 10:00am-11:30am

## DONATION DROP OFF EVERY

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-2:00pm



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