

BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PIG ROAST TEAM

In the August and September newsletters we had a full-page article about the Pig Roast, detailing the importance and involvement of every person in our church family. Particularly, we spoke of our pledge to serve the Lord with our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. Every indication we witnessed gave us proof that our church family took that pledge seriously!

Prayers were for God's smile with good weather, good food, good staffing, good customers, and good ambassadors for Christ. It seems all those prayers were answered in spades!

The Yard Sale from 8 AM to 2 PM was a sell-out event thanks to advertisements and the diligence of Kelly who worked tirelessly to get the many spaces filled.

At least 14 people participated in the cooking at Gainesboro Fire Hall on Friday morning from 9 AM to 1 PM. That crew made potato salad by the gallons, mixed beans by the buckets full, and coleslaw by the tubs!

Over 30 people appeared on Friday evening at 6 PM to set up the fellowship hall, raise five tents, haul 20 tables and 120 chairs from Gainesboro Fire Hall, and help prepare yard sale items to benefit the Day Care. Thank you to Donna for her efforts to get the fellowship hall cleared so our teams could go to work immediately at 6 PM.

Overnight from Friday to Saturday, the weather was calm and made things easier for Jim McGraw and his crew allowing the pork to cook at a consistent temperature through the night.

Saturday morning the women of the Ladies' Society arrived to prepare and serve breakfast and lunch for those who were hungry. Hylton & Charmayne arrived to make the vegetable-beef soup and began to prepare their wonderful BBQ chicken.

The auction team prepared the items for the silent and live auctions, doing a terrific job of setting up and management of that very important part of our fundraising activity. Donations poured in for both auctions and our thanks to the businesses and individuals who made those donations. Sterling Shockley came gain to lead the auction and we thank him and all the auction team, including Carolyn Cook and her expertise as the clerk of sale.

At 2 PM, the meal service started for carry-out meals, and we were ready! At 3 PM, all the workers were in position to assemble the eat-in dinners, and the good people of the Redland Community came. The pork pullers were at work in the kitchen in a timely fashion and did a great job.

Praises for the many jobs Scout Master Bobby Moncrief and Troop 107 did to aid us – from traffic control, parking, trash duty, table moving and storage, transporting meat from the cooks to the kitchen. Boys – what you do does not go unnoticed! We are blessed to have your young and willing hearts in our midst. Thank you.

For our many donors who provided our cause with advertisements, apple sauce, beans, cakes for auction, desserts, special sauces, ice, meat (port & chicken), silent and live auction items, yard sale donations for the Day Care, those who used their vehicles to transport many items, and the hundreds of hours of labor to make it all happen – we thank you!

Thanks to the music team, Redland Grace and Danny McFarland, who comes whenever asked.

We salute the Kitchen Commander, Libby Davis, for her tireless efforts to make sure the food is top quality and all the accessories are available to serve it. Please tell her "thank you" for all she does for the food events of Redland.

On Sunday morning, we asked for help to strike the tents in the courtyard and, once again, you poured forth to tackle the task, and the job was finished quickly.

From among the leftovers there was an opportunity to feed the Salvation Army residents and staff. Our RUMC Youth fed about 35 people who came with appetites and ate everything they had. Thank you to the Youth Group for their efforts.

As of this writing, not all expenses have been determined, but your Pig Roast Committee believes that we may have a profit of about \$9000.00. Our thanks to all who helped make it happen.

God is Good! Amen!