

## **Angel Tree: Loving the Caregivers**

As women, our hearts long to be known and remembered, to be loved and cherished. We come to know the power of these beautiful realities as we experience them in various ways, maybe through a thoughtful message from a friend or loving act demonstrated by a member of our family. As these precious encouragements touch the deep parts of our souls, we are reminded that we were made for such realities. Our Heavenly Father knows us. He enjoys us. You are cherished by Him!

We have the ability to pass this great truth along to a group of people longing for these same encouragements --- to caregivers raising their children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews with a parent (or parents) in prison. Again this year, the women's ministry will be collecting \$5 gift cards as a way to remind them that they, too, are not forgotten by Jesus and His church.

In addition to helping provide gifts to children this next month, we would invite you to also participate in the Angel Tree ministry in this small but important way. The next time you are out and about in the places you frequent, pick up a gift card from a fun place of your choosing (i.e. coffee shop, Juice Stop, Eileen's Cookies, Sonic, etc.). Purchase in \$5 increments and bring them to the church anytime between now and November 30th. You can drop them in the gift box at the Angel Tree table in the narthex on Sundays, in Katharine's office, or with Ryan Randolph, Director of Care & Compassion Ministries.

Thank you for being a part of the Church's task of loving our neighbors and being witnesses to the love of God. Today, take delight in the fact that your Father sees you in Jesus and He loves what He sees! That is certainly a message worth sharing.