

Thank you, St. Philip's!

St. Philipians donate over 300 gift cards to people in need



Home Missions placed each gift card in an envelope adorned with a cross, heart, and a Bible verse.

Thank you to all who enthusiastically participated in the Christmas gift card drive! Truly, we are a loving and generous congregation that showed up big for our community this Christmas season.

The Home Missions Committee members were privileged to collect cards from so many, from bright-eyed young children to grown men who proudly brought back wrapped cards to moms who'd used the handmade ornaments as hostess gifts and stocking stuffers and returned gift cards for each one—all donated with joy, love, and a heart for others.

Your efforts paid off and we collected 306 gift cards in all! First, we gifted 73 cards to the hardworking teachers of Sanders-Clyde Elementary in Charleston's East Side. Our goal was 30. Exceeding that goal meant every teacher AND each food service cook received a card. The Sanders-Clyde community was so excited and thankful at the Christmas teacher party. The Rev. Matthew Rivers from St. John's Chapel prayed for all the teachers and Amey Warder passed out the surprise cards. She was able to meet and thank the teachers for their devotion to the students of our community. What a blessing!

Next, on Dec. 22, many St. Philipians volunteered at the Tricounty Family Ministries Christmas party, where over 1500 people were served a meal donated by Jim and Nick's BBQ. Groceries, toys, and turkeys were gifted and over 200 gift cards were given to families. The St. Philip's congregation was thanked and many hugs were given in gratitude for our devotion, generosity and service to others. What joy!

Finally, because of your generosity, the Home Missions committee enthusiastically agreed to donate a card to each man who is currently living at Star Gospel Mission!

This Christmas season, our St. Philip's community was able to make significant donations to each of our identified Home Missions organizations. What an accomplishment! At the outset, we were not sure how many gift cards might be donated, but we truly believed in our congregation, and to our delight, we exceeded our giving goals. We are thankful for each of you who helped make this happen!

Please continue to pray for these organizations, the wonderful people who run them, and those who seek their services. Also, please keep an eye out for opportunities to serve and get involved in these important ministries in the coming year.

With gratitude and humility,
Your Home Missions team

Please turn to the back page for thank-you letters from Tricounty and Star Gospel.