



DEACON BENEVOLENCE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Benevolence Ministry is one of the Deacon Ministries at Broadman, with a primary goal of providing assistance to those in need. Although we do help members of the community, we have also been able to help members of our own church family who may have *fallen on hard times*. There has been a strong need this year to help those of Broadman.

The ministry is funded by donations which are collected once each month at the end of our Family Day / Lord's Supper worship service. Other special offerings may also be taken throughout the year as special needs arise. These funds are used to directly assist with utility bills, rent/mortgage, medical bills, etc. Needs are prioritized by the Deacon Board and the Pastor.

Another important part of this ministry is the Food Closet, located in the library. This closet is stocked with donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and paper and cleaning products. Although special collections are taken, donations are welcomed at any time. Our Food Closet got a great boost this year from Woodridge High School. Several boxes of food collected at the *Walk-a-thon* there were donated here.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season provides a special opportunity for this ministry. Each year, items are collected to assemble baskets-of-food which are delivered to families within our church and throughout the community. This year we were able to provide several families with a nice Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.

I thank all who have so generously supported this ministry. It has been a blessing for me to serve as a Deacon and especially to serve in this outreach ministry.

In His Service,

Brad Mouser
Deacon Benevolence Ministry