



Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry

April, 2003

The Call

Ministry Opportunities - For Churches, Church Representatives, and Volunteers

Crisis Ministry Says "Thanks!"

Crisis Ministry volunteers make a tremendous difference in the lives of others through their work throughout the year. In honor of those works of faith, the ABCCM Crisis Ministry cordially invites all Crisis Ministry volunteers to a **Volunteer Recognition Drop-In Reception** during National Volunteer Week, April 28 - May 3, 2003. Each day during the week, a reception will be held from 11:00am - 2:00pm in the Board room at 24 Cumberland Avenue. Crisis Ministry volunteers are encouraged to drop in during the week. It's also a great time to bring a friend interested in volunteering.

Be sure and drop in during National Volunteer Week so we can say "Thanks" for sharing your gifts throughout the year.

Clean Up Projects Shine

The Crisis Ministry sends a special thanks to the **Susanna Wesley Circle** from **Montmorenci United Methodist Church**, and the **Youth Group** from **Groce United Methodist Church** for their recent clean up projects at Cumberland Avenue. Thanks to their efforts, the Crisis Ministry grounds are clean and inviting for both clients and neighbors. If you have a group interested in outdoor projects for spring, contact Ethel Kelly at 259-5300.

April Food Needs

- Self Rising Flour
- Corn Meal
- Beef Stew/Spam
- Tuna
- Rice
- Spaghetti sauce/pasta
- Grits
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Vegetable oil
- Peanut butter/Jelly



Crisis Volunteer Opportunities

- Receptionist (Cumberland and Hominy Valley)
- Counselor (Cumberland, Hominy Valley and North Buncombe)
- Data Entry (All sites)

Spring Cleaning

If you are already into your spring cleaning, remember that the ABCCM Donations Center and Thrift Store can put your unused items to good use. We need kitchen items, toys, books and knickknacks. If you're getting rid of it, we can use it to help others and generate valuable support for Ministry programs. For more information or pick up call 259-5322.

Medicine for the Soul

'Spiritual Medicine' Project Needs Your Help



The ABCCM Medical Ministry dispenses more than just medicine for the body at its Pharmacy. "Spiritual Medicine" is an important way to let patients know that they are never alone as they deal with their physical illness. The Medical Ministry needs groups to help "fill" these prescriptions for the soul. We'll provide the supplies - you provide the love and caring to prepare these important aides to healing. To sign up, call Susan Haldane at 259-5339.

Another great project for Sunday School or upcoming Vacation Bible School is our Pharmacy "Get Well" bags. Kids can have a great time decorating white lunch bags with messages of hope and caring and some of the greatest art work around! Contact Susan for more information on this fun project.

Medical Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Spanish speaking volunteers for morning clinics, Monday - Wednesday.

Shelter Ministry Opportunities

The Shelter Ministry has several opportunities for **volunteer groups to serve lunch** at both shelters. Please consider a monthly or bimonthly commitment to serve lunch or send food for lunch. The Shelter generally serves 35 people for lunch.

Drivers are needed to assist residents with transportation to and from job interviews and medical appointments. The Shelter Ministry has vans for you to drive. Drivers are needed for 1-2 hours each day.

Shelter veterans need your help finishing a **landscaping project** for the Men's Shelter courtyard. Residents have raised some funds for the project, but additional pavers, shrubs and flowers are still needed. Consider taking this on as a group project that will add to the morale and beauty of the Shelter.

Winter traffic through the Men's Shelter has taken a heavy toll on the lobby furniture. The Shelter needs some good **used waiting room furniture** or some talented individuals to refurbish the furniture.

To promote its "homey" atmosphere, the Women and Children's Shelter tries to serve meals on regular service ware. We are looking for **place settings for 43 residents**. Help us make meal time at the Shelter a special time for mom's and their kids.

Both Shelters are always in need of good **used towels, wash cloths and pillows**.

Jail/Prison LAIS Program Grows

The Life After Incarceration Support Program (LAIS) recently accepted its first two candidates in March. The two young men are being released from the Buncombe County Detention Center and Craggy Correctional Facility. As participants in LAIS, they are matched with a mentor and receive counseling, assistance with employment and housing, and encouragement to return to school.

The LAIS program provides training to mentors that aides in guiding their proteges from a Biblical perspective. LAIS is in need of both male and female volunteers to work as mentors, fund-raisers and trainers. To volunteer or seek additional information, contact Rev. Fran Hines at 259-5300, ext. 326.

19th Annual ABCCM Benefit Golf Tournament

Show your support for serving others in our community by supporting the ABCCM Benefit Golf Tournament. The cost for players is \$75 each, or show your support as one of our special sponsors:

- Hole-In-One - \$5,000
- Eagle - \$2,500
- Birdie - \$1,000
- Par - \$ 750
- T-Sponsor - \$ 200

For more information on being a sponsor, call 259-5300.



5K Walk/Run
Saturday, May 10, 2003
9 am - Noon, Rain or Shine
UNC Asheville
Karl Straus Track

Grab your friends and your walking shoes and join the United Way's Human Race to raise funds to help others through ABCCM. For more information and pledge sheets contact ABCCM at 259-5300.

Salt of the Earth

"You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, what good is it?"

Matthew 5:13

One of the main functions of salt is to prevent decay. That's the important role churches and volunteers play through ABCCM - working to stop decay in the lives of those in need. As an ABCCM volunteer, you truly are the salt and light that spreads God's word through works.

A family being helped by the Crisis Ministry has been fighting hard to keep their home intact for their three children. The dad has been on medical disability and going through Vocational Rehab in an effort to get back to work. He is only weeks away from completing his retraining and entering the job market again. With the light at the end of the tunnel, his wife had an accident and is now unable to work, and of course, the medical bills are mounting. Frustrated with the seemingly endless difficulties, the father recently told one of ABCCM's Crisis Ministry volunteers, "They can take everything I have but my wife and kids." ABCCM volunteers and staff, along with Vocational Rehab and others in the community are working to be salt to this family, trying to keep the family intact and in their home until they are back on their feet.

The reason that ABCCM can provide so much salt to stem the decay in our community comes from the fact that "sprinkles" come from so many churches and individuals. Through the thousands of "salt shakers" in our community, we are able to apply just the right amount of salt to stem decay and even add flavor to the lives of those in need.

Salt doesn't do much good when it stays in the shaker, however. And in difficult times such as these, with war raging on the other side of the world, people criticizing our country all over the world, and the economy still staggering in uncertainty, there is a tendency to hoard the salt we have. The Scriptures remind us that hoarding can lead to salt losing its saltiness and thus its value. ABCCM encourages you to use your salt to befriend the homeless through the Shelter Ministry, to bring healing to the sick through the Medical Ministry, to feed the hungry through the Crisis Ministry and to bring hope through the Jail/Prison Ministry. It is during the most difficult times that God calls on us to be the salt of the earth. We hope you will consider sharing your blessings and being salt by serving others in the name of Christ at ABCCM.

Yours in Christian Service,
Rev. Scott Rogers, Executive Director

ABCCM Locations, Opening Hours, and Telephone Numbers

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Opening Hours</u>	<u>Telephone Numbers</u>
Administration	30 Cumberland Avenue	8:30 am-5:00 pm /M-F	828-259-5300
Crisis Ministry	24 Cumberland Avenue	8:30 am-4:30 pm / M-F	828-259-5300
ABCCM South	10 Buck Shoals Road, Arden	9:00 am-12:00 pm /M-F	828-684-3872
Hominy Valley	155 Candler School Rd, Candler	9:00 am-12:00 pm/M-F	828-670-1221
North Buncombe Samaritan	108 N. Main, Weaverville	12:00 pm-3:00 pm/M-T-Th	828-645-6141
Jail/Prison Ministry	24 Cumberland Avenue	8:30 am-5:00 pm /M-F	828-259-5300
Men's Shelter	207 Coxe Avenue	24 hours a day /M-S	828-259-5333
Women & Children's Shelter	141 Hillside Street	24 hours a day/M-S	828-259-5365
Thrift Store	217 Coxe Avenue	10:00 am-5:00 pm /M-F	828-259-5322
Donation Center	217 Coxe Avenue	8:30 am-5:00 pm /M-F	828-259-5335 pick-up
Medical Ministry	155 Livingston Street	9:00 am-5:00 pm /M-F	828-259-5339

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ABCCM Calendar of Events

April	27-3	-	National Volunteer Week
	29	-	4:30 pm ABCCM Board Meeting (24 Cumberland Ave.)
	30	-	19th Annual ABCCM Golf Benefit Reems Creek Golf Club
May	10	-	The Human Race , sponsored by the Asheville Buncombe United Way
	27	-	4:30 pm ABCCM Board Meeting (TBA)
		-	6:00 pm ABCCM General Assembly of Churches (TBA)
June	24	-	4:30 pm ABCCM Board Meeting (24 Cumberland)

Take a Swing at Hunger and Despair
in the

19 Annual ABCCM
Benefit Golf Tournament



Wednesday, April 30, 2003
Reems Creek Golf Club

