



Amazing Love Ministries, Inc.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

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Monthly Feeding Schedules...

Amazing Love Ministries is in need of groups or individuals who would be able to assist in preparing the meals and delivering them to the site on Monday evenings. We have the ingredients needed to prepare the meals which we will provide to you, or you may purchase and prepare the meal, or a portion of it, on your own. We have the greatest need on the 1st and 4th Monday of the month. If you or your organization would like to participate, please contact Jim and Barbara Killeen to schedule.

An Amazing Wedding at Amazing Love

When Greg and I first started talking about marriage, we had no doubt where the wedding would be held and who it would include. We met serving at **Amazing Love Ministries** and we would get married there surrounded by our friends and family. We would elope and have a quiet service by the fireplace on a Thursday evening. Jim and Barbara, whom we have grown to love dearly over the past four years, would be our witnesses. As our concern grew over the number of potential participants, we decided to move outside to the stage area. Then, one particular sweltering Monday evening, as I sat sweating profusely while I listened to the choir, I changed my thinking and, thanks to the generosity of Pastor Mumsford, we moved the "elopement" into the air conditioned church next door. My plan for a simple cake and soft drink reception grew...with the help of well wishers...to a catered event with finger food and an open bar...ice cream bar that is! My friends from the ministry assisted by taking charge and setting up, delegating duties, decorating, assisting with parking, performing the musical selections, photography, providing security services, not to mention newspaper coverage by the St. Pete Times! Not one invitation was sent. Everyone was invited by word of mouth. The resulting wedding was one that only God could have orchestrated! Greg and I feel truly blessed that so many of our friends and family joined us to witness the exchange of our wedding vows and the celebration of our new life together as man and wife. We would not have been able to do it without our **Amazing God** and the **Amazing Friends and Family** we have grown to know and love through **Amazing Love Ministries**! We would like to thank Jim and Barbara for everything they have done for us, as well as all those who helped to make our "elopement" the beautiful celebration that it turned out to be!



Volunteer of the Month: Janie

We at **Amazing Love Ministries** strive to feed those in need spiritually, as well as physically...for your nutritional needs though, you need to see Janie! Born and raised in Glen Head, New York, Janie was the youngest of three children (two boys, 1 girl) in a Christian family that was very involved in the United Methodist Church. Both of her parents led by example and served the Lord in their community. Janie left home at the age of 17 to attend college in Switzerland and after graduation, returned to complete her Masters Degree in Bio-chemistry at New York University. There she discovered her true love was nutrition and earned her Masters in Clinical Nutrition. She moved to Tampa in 1979. Janie married and was blessed with two wonderful sons, Chris and Brian. Unfortunately, that marriage ended in divorce and Janie returned to work specializing in pediatric nutrition and management of diabetes. She re-married in (cont)



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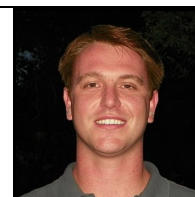
1996 and she and her husband served together for 24years at Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church. Janie was widowed after her husband’s long, but valiant battle with cancer. She began attending Van Dyke United Methodist Church where she is now a member and that is how she was introduced to **Amazing Love Ministries**. Janie has always had a heart for the homeless, but she has also been truly blessed by watching her sons spiritual growth as they serve the Lord at the ministry (see below). She is currently a member of the faculty at the University of South Florida Diabetes Center where she works primarily with children with Type 1 Diabetes, and provides community and professional education on diabetes and related topics. Next time you see Janie, let her know that you appreciate her serving heart and the work she does for the ministry!

Praise
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Praise and Worship Spotlight: Brian

An ever present member of the **Amazing Love Choir**, Brian performs with them on Mondays and practices with them on Thursday evenings. He began serving at **Amazing Love Ministries** while they were still located at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. He was drawn in by the passion and enthusiasm that was displayed by the volunteers and the needs of the people that seemed to be met, though resources were scarce. It reminded him of his favorite Bible verse,



Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Brian is humbled to be a part of this ministry and is amazed that it has grown this large in such a short period of time. He feels that he is truly blessed by being able to be even a fraction of a part of it! Brian graduated from Chamberlain High School where he was active in athletics (football, basketball, tennis, and golf), Younglife, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He then earned a degree in Finance at Florida State University and is currently a Certified Claims Adjuster for The Hartford Insurance Group. He was baptized, confirmed in, and currently attends Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church with his mother, Janie and brother Chris (see above). Brian didn’t include any musical interest in his biography, interestingly enough. When I asked him about it, he stated that he serves with the choir because he enjoys the fellowship and to assist his brother Chris. His prayer is that the ministry will keep it’s passion, it’s volunteers, and continue for generations to come! Thank you Brian, for all you do and your serving heart!

Person
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Person to Person: David

You might have caught a glimpse of David running around **Amazing Love Ministries** as he works to assist the ministry in running smoothly. If you can catch up with him, you might want to sit him down and talk to him about his life.



Born at Lilly White Hospital and raised in Tampa, David was a graduate of Tampa Bay Tech. After graduation he joined the Army and was in the Special Forces for 16 years (10 active duty and 6 in the Reserves). He originally was a Forward Observer (This oft-overlooked position is considered one of the most dangerous and challenging positions on the battlefield.), but also worked in Avionics on Helicopters. Space does not allow me to list all the places David has travelled over his military career, but I am sure he would share his experiences with you! The experience that most moved me is the one that changed his life forever. Married and living in Savannah, Georgia, David suffered emotionally when his wife of six years lost their third child during pregnancy. He fell into a state of depression and decided that there was no hope left...nothing to do, but end his life. As he sat on his bed ready to die, the phone rang. His God Parents from Tampa were on the line and that call saved his life. David was introduced to Charles Stanley that day and became a Christian in 1997. Since then he has lived in a variety of locations and has worked at a variety of jobs. David moved back to Tampa in 2009 and has been unable to find work. He loves serving at **Amazing Love Ministries** and feels Jim and Barbara are genuine and serve out of the kindness of their hearts. He feels safe and comfortable here and gets spiritually fed in the Bible studies that he attends on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Make sure you say “hi” to David when you see him and thank him, not only for his work at **Amazing Love Ministries**, but for serving our country!



Steve and David helped with setting up and tearing down.



On August 18th, 2011 we an had an Amazing Wedding at Amazing Love!



Will helped too...when he wasn't eating ice cream!



Jim and Barbara walked Estelle down the aisle and helped make the wedding possible.



DJ helped Bridezilla with everything...including her hair!



Janie was in charge of boutonnieres and processional order.



Greg and Estelle chose the God's Knot ceremony to show that He would be the center of their marriage.



The Amazing Love Ministries Choir led by Chris preformed for the wedding.



Introducing: Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Armand!



Greg and Estelle cut their wedding cake.

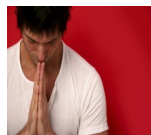


The wedding party with family and friends!



The bouquet was thrown and caught at the end of the evening.

Verse of the Month And



John 8:31-32

"You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teaching. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

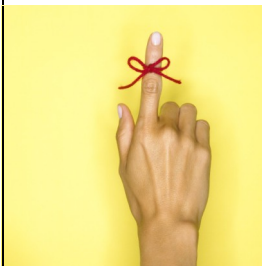
If you have a prayer request, please see **Pastor Greg** or **Dawn** on Monday evening at [Amazing Love Ministries](#) or send an email to amazinglovemin@verizon.net . A separate Prayer Request email will be sent out by mid-week to all of our faithful prayer warriors! There is POWER in PRAYER!!!!

News and Updates



- **Can you say "BBQ"? Mark your calendars! Saturday, November 12th is [Amazing Love Ministries](#) 2nd annual BBQ charity event!** Food will be prepared by **Dawning Light Ministries** and there will be **music, entertainment, gift baskets, silent auction, and much, much, more!** **Bring your family! Bring your friends!** Tickets are **on sale now** and **must be purchased by November 7th!** See volunteers for information.
- **Calling all Yard Sale-ers!** There will be yard sales on **October 22nd (1901 S. Village Ave.); November 5th (13505 Greentree); and December 3rd (13601 Westshire Dr.);** all benefiting **Amazing Love Ministries.** You may shop at the various locations or make donations of **clean, working, items.** Please see Carole for further information.
- Fall is approaching quickly and with it cooler weather. Have extra blankets around the house? Coats? Jackets? Please bring them with you on Monday evening or contact Jim and Barbara at amazinglovemin@verizon.net .
- **We are still in need of clothing items for men...Large to XXXX sizes.** We specifically are in need of athletic shoes, long basketball shorts, tee shirts, jeans, and shorts. Please bring your donations on Monday evening or contact amazinglovemin@verizon.net for more information.
- Come and join Chris and the **Amazing Love Ministries Men's and Women's Choir** for practice on Thursday evenings! They meet at 6:00 and have fellowship and fun as they sing Praise and Worship. Make sure you visit and listen to them perform on Monday evenings before the message!
- Interested in learning how to sign? Join the fun on Thursday evening at 6:30 as Nicole shares her love and knowledge of her second language! You might even get to perform with the **Amazing Love Choir!**
- The **Amazing Love Ministries** running group, **The Amazing Blazers** are back hitting the pavement! Join Nicole on Thursday nights at 7 at the Amazing Love Building. Please see Nicole or Andre if you have any questions.
- Don't forget Bible Study at 6:00 on Monday, and 6:30 on Wednesday, and Thursday evenings! Bring your Bible or borrow one of ours! Get fed spiritually as well as physically!

Reminders



- While serving at the ministry, please do not give money to any of our friends from downtown. **Amazing Love Ministries** offers provisions in many ways and our friends know to ask us for any specific needs that they may have. If anyone asks you for money, please direct them to Jim or Barbara. We realize that your desire is to help them; however, we do not want to encourage others to ask for money or make anyone feel uncomfortable. We ask that you leave your money and valuables at home or locked in your vehicle. If you would like to make a donation of certain items, such as bus passes, ID cards, etc...please see Jim or Barbara and they will advise you on how you can assist. Thank you for your cooperation!