



IT IS ALWAYS APPLE SEASON

I like to grow flowers as a hobby. Which means I often have dirt under my fingernails and on my clothes. At times I think I have soil in my veins like so many of my farming ancestors. Then again, I remember another ancestor in a garden a long time ago called Adam with a gal named Eve. My, have we drifted a long way from that time with the Father. Even then in that paradise with Him we were still so vulnerable to the deceit of the Enemy. It is no small wonder that our legacy of sin has grown and adapted to each new environment and culture over the centuries. I wonder, would Eve still have taken the apple if she could first have Googled it on a smart phone?

Yes, so much is different now, and yet, much is exactly the same. At The City Gate, we are blessed to be invited into the lives of so many who have taken many bites of their own apple of sin. Before our Father, we have all fallen into that dark place. As we touch the lives of so many locked in despair and hopelessness, we quickly realize there is really no difference between The City Gate guest and us as a volunteer serving them. Without Jesus Christ we are all destined for eternity in that place that makes this earth look like Heaven. As we share the hope in Christ over a simple meal or cup of coffee, lives are changed and the bondage broken by our Lord and Savior.

I would like to report that since I came to Christ I have not sinned. But I most certainly have and will likely again in my future. So, this gift of salvation becomes even more confusing as I try to serve others who are exactly like me. May we all learn to keep our eyes more clearly focused on Him and not on the small speck in someone else's eye. I invite you to walk with us in this life-giving ministry at The City Gate. Your life will be changed forever by the grace of God.

Submitted by Rich Paulsen,
member of the Board of Trustees



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The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko
co-director / office mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko
co-director / food bank
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station
- Jim Horton, cook
- Glory Phelps, kitchen manager
- Cheryl Jimeno, kitchen
- Kathy Gibbons, office assistant
- Wes Heimbecker, social services
- James Gulbranson, security & maint.
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House mgr.

Please PRAY for:

- Anderson family
- David
- Fire fighters & victims
- Nancy and family
- Joe
- Karen

Letter from a guest

By: Mary

The City Gate is more than a refuge from the heat, rain or snow. They also help people who are on the street, by making sure they have both food and clothing. They also give out water, coffee, cookies, doughnuts and sandwiches. Donnie is the person who does the food bank. Buffie is the person who does the clothing bank. They also give out bread and produce which is handled by Jimmy. There are several people who work in the kitchen. Jim is one of the people who works in the kitchen and helps with the Wednesday meal. They also have meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Glory and Brenda also work in the kitchen by either serving the food or doing the dishes. Kathy is a sweet person and right for working at the front desk.

The City Gate is a very spiritual and God loving place. Pastor John is a spiritual person along with his wife, Shirley. James does security and is married to Brenda.

The City Gate is a great place to make new friends and meeting up with old friends. The atmosphere is wonderful and amazing during the week, Tuesday through Friday and the atmosphere triples on Sunday.

Thank you for being here for the people.
God bless you City Gate!

Mary



Timely advice is lovely, like golden apples in a silver basket. Proverbs 25:11 NLT

Would YOU consider holding...

A BLANKET DRIVE?



Who can help you?

- ◆ Youth groups
- ◆ Small groups
- ◆ Whole congregation
- ◆ Offices
- ◆ Families
- ◆ Friends

We need to gather as many blankets as we can BEFORE cold nights begin. That will be soon! While the days are warm, the nights get cool. So many of our guests DO sleep outside. Challenge everyone you know...let's FILL OUR SHELVES! Donations can be dropped off Tues-Fri 10-3 or call 455-9670 to make arrangements. **READY...SET...GO!**

A glimpse into a typical evening at The City Gate. With daytime meals served 4 days/ week, evening meals 4 nights/week & Saturday breakfast twice each month, more 6,000 meals will be served inside these doors. Bless our staff, volunteers and donors for all YOU do.

“And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’ Matthew 25:45

How will **YOU** help?



Help us to be good stewards of our finances

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To Reclaim, Rebuild, and Restore Lost and Broken Lives

The City Gate

"A Gathering Place"

Matthew 11:28

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Fall is near...

Please take notice of some items we can use as a new season approaches!

Food bank

- Canned protein
- Pasta sauce
- Canned soup

Clothing bank

- Men's jeans
- Winter clothing (men and women)



Kitchen

- MEAT!
- Butter
- Coffee
- Creamer

* Items can be dropped off at 170 S Madison St.
Questions? 455-9670 Tues-Fri 10am-3pm



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors every-day. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

Love, Pastor John & Shirley