



The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

This edition in memory of
WES HEIMBECKER and
GARY ANDERSON.

“Grief is
the price
we pay for
love.”
Queen Elizabeth II



Wes

May 2, 1958 ~ September 6,

Wes was a man of God! His love for people extended beyond walls. He worked for decades as a social worker and counselor, bringing Jesus to each and every meeting. Most recently, he worked with us at The City Gate. It is the mission of The City Gate to reclaim, rebuild and restore lost and broken lives...Wes did just that! He spoke honestly and in love. We were quick to refer our guests to Wes, knowing he could speak into them and spark a desire for change. Countless hearts found hope inside his office. He will be missed more than we can express. Staff and guests alike will forever be changed for knowing him. The love he possessed for his family was immense, please hold them in prayer.

Gary had been a friend of The City Gate and Alberta House Apartments for 14 years. One of our first tenants. We grew to know him well over those years. Staff and guests would look forward to a visit from Gary to hear a latest joke or maybe the plot of a new movie he had seen. Gary was a great friend to his neighbors in The Alberta House, often sharing movies and games with them. He settled well into the community upstairs and will be greatly missed by those who came to know him as family. Staff and volunteers will miss his visits, his sense of humor and friendship. If you had the pleasure of being Gary's friend, he cared deeply for you. Gary is missed!



Gary

March 15, 1975 ~
August 27, 2015

October 2015

Next month is
THANKSGIVING...



The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko
co-director / office mgr.
- James Gulbranson, assistant
director/security
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station
- Glory Phelps, kitchen manager
- Cheryl Jimeno, kitchen
- Kathy Gibbons, Front desk
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House
mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko, newsletter/sub

Please PRAY for:

- Heimbecker family
- Joe B
- Vanessa
- BLANKETS
- Jim H
- Eileen
- David
- Betty

Word from the board

By: John Kittel

With October here, we can start to feel the cooler nights, shorter days and a nip in the air signaling that fall is on its way. For many of us, this means relief from the abnormally hot summer temperatures this year and, perhaps, enjoyment of the fall colors or preparations of our yards for winter.

For many of The City Gate guests, however, this means longer and colder nights, a search for warmer clothes, or a respite shelter during the day. The City Gate attempts to meet many of these needs, providing a clothing bank, a food bank, hot meals and a Christian social center where coffee and snacks are always available. But, like many non-profits, we always struggle to keep up with the demand. And this year is no exception. We are in particular need of warm winter clothing for both men and women, blankets, and various non-perishable food items. A more complete list can be found later in this newsletter.

While no one can tell for sure what this winter will be like, we CAN be sure it will be difficult for many who have few resources and who come through our doors seeking help. I would ask, therefore, that, as you contemplate the change in the season, you consider helping us help them. Many of us are blessed with far more than we need, and to share that bounty means we are heeding the words of Christ:

*“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’
Mat. 25:40”*



Do you have old reading glasses laying around?

PLEASE...don't throw them out!

SHARE THEM WITH US

*Prescription or over the counter readers are great. A lot of guests ask and it is a need we like to fill.

Call 455-9670 with question.



*Drop them off Tues-Fri 10-3 @
170 S Madison St.*

Happy Birthday

Shirley!

Oct. 17



We are blessed by your heart, your wisdom and your love for family and friends. Thank you for all you do for our ministry.

BE BLESSED on your special day!

Autumn Blessings

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9

Help us to be good stewards of our finances

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"A Gathering Place"

Matthew 11:28

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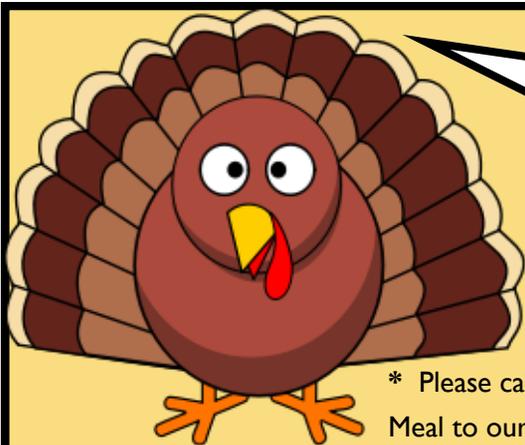
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Save the date:

Thanksgiving dinner

Wednesday November 25

Time: TBA

***Volunteer
opportunities
available!**

* Please call Shirley, 455-9670, to reserve your spot to help serve a traditional Thanksgiving Meal to our inner-city. Space is limited. We would love to share this ministry opportunity with you and your family or service group. Donations will be accepted for food and finances as well. Please call for updated needs lists.



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