



Love, Hope & a Future for Life

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The Christmas Village gets Front Page

Sunday, January 28, 2007 we opened the Clarion Ledger and found an article on the front page of the 'State/Metro' section. The previous day had been a rainy and cold workday in Canton.

The picture accompanying the article showed Julie Walker, the wife of Rev. Jeff Walker, painting a window in the foyer. Over 30 volunteers from Grace Baptist Church in Brandon came on a 'Mission Trip to Canton' to build a storage building and help paint.

We also had volunteers from the Madison Ridgeland Jr. Auxilliary Crown Club and the Northwest Rankin Amnesty Club.

Later that week we had

an opportunity to share the story of The Christmas



Julie Walker and other members of Grace Baptist brought talents

Village with the WJNT (1180 AM) listening audience by invitation of Kim

Wade. God continues to give us positive exposure in the media for which we are thankful.

Other recent and upcoming opportunities to share include Brenda as the guest speaker for two WMU classes at FBC Jackson and Michael at the Pearson Rd Baptist Church's upcoming Men's Meeting.

We look forward to speaking to some of the area Methodist congregations in upcoming months. If your church has a group needing a speaker for a program, short or long, please let us know. We love to tell the story.

Watch for dates and news on our website www.TheChristmasVillage.org.

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Christmas Village Dates:

Volunteer Orientation Class 2/27

Fundraising Meeting 2/27

Workday 3/3

Volunteer Orientation Class TBA

Mentor Orientation Class TBA

How Sweet It Is!

If the first few weeks of The Christmas Village Confections is any indication, business will be great. Word has barely filtered out to the public and Hannah and Lou have been filling orders every week.

While it is only a few each week, the rave reviews will mean a growing clientele.

Brenda & I have been

taking 'leftovers and rejects' of petit fours to Sunday school classes and ladies Bible studies around Madison County. It leads to orders every time.

We already have four weddings planned between May and October. If you know of anyone planning a wedding, they may miss having the best tasting and most beautiful cake unless they check with TCV Confections

before they decide.

Prices on wedding cakes start at \$2.00 per serving. Petit fours are \$15 and \$17 per dozen. We make cakes for any occasion in sheets or layers. Check the website for a complete listing of prices and options available.

If you haven't tasted them yet, find out how to get samples for your church by calling 601-853-7687. Do-



The Christmas Village Confections provides the most beautiful and delicious baked goods for all your events from petit fours to wedding cakes.



Prayer Requests:

- Birthmothers
- Healing for the hurting
- Our Staff
 - ⇒ Nikole
 - ⇒ Hannah
 - ⇒ Brenda & Michael
- Provision
- Protection

“Mom, I’ve been praying for two years for God to show me how I can learn baking and be in the ministry!”



Will you help fill our garden? When you divide your perennials would you pass along a start for The Christmas Village? Or buy an extra plant when shopping at your favorite nursery?

Come to the Flea Market, Park & Ride

The second Thursday of May and October is known far and wide for the Canton Flea Market. This year it is May 10th. For the first time The Christmas Village will have a booth.

Our booth will be at the Old Madison Co Jail. As a non-profit, we were able to get booth space at the one area that allows us to sell whole-

sale items. (In all other areas the vendors must sell their own handmade crafts.)

We will have a large collection of crosses and other Christian-themed items. If you have handmade crafts that you would be willing to make for the booth please contact us at (601) 853-7687.

We will also have an open house where we will

provide bottled water and use of our restrooms. Like October, we are planning to provide parking and shuttle service for \$10 in the vacant lot two doors down. All proceeds go towards operating expenses of The Christmas Village.

Shop til you drop, and we’ll come pick you up!

God Winks

We want to continue sharing our God Winks with you for a couple of reasons. One, because I am not disciplined enough to journal and I don’t want to forget them. Also, I want to use them as a witness to the glory of our God.

I get excited when I think that God loves us so much that He occasionally shines a light on His plans as a way to confirm and affirm that we are within His will.

The decision whether or not to have a live-in chaperone was decided by God. We told many people that we did-

n’t have the wisdom to find the right person for a ‘housemother’ and when the time was right God would bring her to us.

While telling a volunteer about the plans to operate a bakery to help fund the operations of The Christmas Village, it allowed God to work in our lives.

The volunteer originally contacted us about a girl she knew looking for a shelter. We learned why God showed her to our website.

She told Brenda that her daughter wanted to go to culinary school but the tuition

was almost \$50k per year. Brenda told her she could learn from Lou for free if she would agree to operate the bakery.

She wanted to run it by her daughter, but that her daughter wasn’t the type to get real excited.

On the way home, Wanda called Hannah and told her about the conversation. “Oh, mom, I’ve been praying for two years for God to show me how to learn baking and use it in a ministry!”

Thank you, Lord.

Pass-along Plants

We are meeting with a landscape architect whose company is taking on The Christmas Village as a community service project. As a historical home we want to try to create a garden that will add to the beauty while reminding our guests of the past.

The weather is warming and it will soon be time to divide perennials and bulbs. If

you have any heirloom plants or hardy plants that you would be willing to share, would you put a sample in a pot and bring it to The Christmas Village?

We want to add more flowering and aromatic plants to the garden. There is currently Nandinas, a few azaleas, narcissus and Lily of the Nile. In the back

there is a good stand of periwinkle and wisteria. We hope to add more flowering shrubs and trees. Will you pick up an extra plant when buying at your favorite nursery?

If you would like to volunteer to teach the women about your plants, we urge you sign up as a volunteer.