



# Season of Giving

Each year at Central we provide opportunities for everyone to give...regardless of your financial situation, your age, or your schedule. We encourage you to pick one or several ways for you and your family to participate in giving this season.

## **BOOLVD**

For the first time, Central will be a part of the City of Lancaster's extensive block party, "BooLVD." Join us in the Lemon Leaf parking lot where we will have a maze and other activities. Last year more than 30,000 people participated! This will be a great ministry to our community. We need Blow Pop candies to hand out at the event. Please bring those into the church by October 28.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Help provide Christmas for a child by filling a shoebox with supplies. Shoeboxes are available to pick up in the lobby. Once you have filled the box with the supplies listed for you, bring it back to the church and we will bring them to the distribution center. The gift-filled boxes will then be delivered to needy children all over the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, which is an international relief organization.

## **PANTRY/COAT DRIVE**

Throughout the month of November we will collect non-perishable pantry items as well as coats and gloves for the Homeless in our community. Bring these items to the church anytime in November. Top Ten pantry items: canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, spam, ManWich, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, crackers, canned fruit.

## **HOMELESS DINNERS**

Every Thursday in the Gallery we serve a hot meal to the Homeless in our community. We need volunteers to provide food and to serve. This is an ongoing ministry, so we encourage you to serve/bring food when you can.

## **YOUTH THANKSGIVING DINNER**

On November 16, Central is hosting two Thanksgiving dinners: one for High Schoolers and one for Junior Highers, both from our church and outside our youth group. Our goal is to encourage our youth to bring a friend, especially someone they might know who won't have their own Thanksgiving dinner. We need volunteers and food to make this event happen.

## **CELEBRATE THE SEASONS**

The theme this year is "Great Joy." Ladies, enjoy special music, an inspirational message, and dessert served on beautifully-decorated tables. This is our most popular women's event of the year. Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors! One night only.

## **TOYS FOR TREND**

This Christmas we would like to help families in the TREND area provide gifts for their children through our TREND Christmas Store on December 10. We need hundreds of unwrapped, new toys. The Kids' Small Groups are also participating in this through their Toy Drive, as well as through our Christmas Carnival. Please bring the toys to the church lobby or to Kids' Small Group on Tuesday nights or to the Kids' Christmas Carnival on December 4.

## **CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**

Central is hosting a Kids' Christmas Carnival on December 4. There will be games and activities and the Gospel will be clearly shared. We need candy and volunteers to make this event happen. Also, bring your unwrapped, new toy for the Toys for TREND Toy Drive.

See other side for Calendar of Events

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **BOOLVD —**

October 29, Downtown Lancaster at The BLVD  
 Donations: Blow Pops  
 Invite: Friends & neighbors

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD —**

Deadline: November 13  
 Donations: Shoebox filled with supplies (list will be provided)

## **PANTRY/COAT DRIVE —**

Month of November  
 Donations: Pantry items (see Top Ten list), coats, gloves

## **HOMELESS DINNERS —**

Every Thursday Night  
 Donations: Food (call church office for current week's food items)  
 Volunteers: Serve on Thursday nights (call church office)

## **YOUTH THANKSGIVING DINNERS —**

November 16  
 Donations: Traditional Thanksgiving meal items  
 Volunteers: To serve at the event  
 Invite: High School & Jr. High Students

## **CELEBRATE THE SEASONS —**

November 18  
 Invite: Women in your family, neighborhood, etc.

## **TOYS FOR TREND —**

Deadline: December 4  
 Donations: unwrapped, new toys  
 Volunteers: December 10 to help run the event

## **CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL —**

December 4  
 Donations: individually wrapped candy, Toys for TREND  
 Volunteers: To help run the event  
 Invite: Neighbors, friends, family

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES —**

December 17 & 18  
 December 24  
 Invite: Neighbors, friends, family

## **COMEDY NIGHT —**

December 31  
 Invite: Friends, family, neighbors

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>OCTOBER</b>				Dinner		BooLVD
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Harvest Block Parties	<b>NOVEMBER</b>		Dinner		Pantry/Coat Drive Begins
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Dinner		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Operation Christmas Child Deadline			High School Thanksgiving	Dinner	Celebrate the Seasons	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Thanksgiving Eve Services	Dinner		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				Dinner	<b>DECEMBER</b>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Christmas Carnival Toys For Trend Deadline				Dinner		Christmas Store
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Dinner		Christmas Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Christmas Services				Dinner		Christmas Eve Services
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
One Service 10:45 a.m.				Dinner		Comedy Night

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