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REFLECTION : *LOAVES AND FISHES*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Mark 6: 30 – 44)

Dear Friends:

Miracles abound.

A multitude of people were fed when Jesus blessed the five loaves and two fishes. One of the most intriguing facts to me about this story is that it is the only miracle, along with the miracle of The Resurrection of Jesus, that is told in all four gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Last Tuesday, volunteers from The Rock MCC participated in another loaves and fishes miracle when six food vouchers were given away. These vouchers multiplied into 300 pounds of food that fed a multitude of hungry people in Chattanooga.

This Sunday we have the opportunity to participate in another miracle. The first Sunday of each month we receive a second offering that supports The Rock’s Loaves and Fishes ministry. This ministry allows us to buy food vouchers for \$9.00 from The Food Bank and to give those vouchers away to hungry people who then can get 50 pounds of food per voucher. I invite you in the spirit of generosity that is so prevalent at The Rock, to give what you are able to this offering trusting that Jesus is always

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PRAYERS / PRAISES

- >Continued healing for all those in Haiti
- >Prayers for all those without power due to snow/ice
- >Prayers for Matt Hicks cousin Suzanne Benjamin and husband Don

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Strides of March HIV/AIDS walk Date: Sunday, March 28, 2010
Register: 1:00 pm Walk: 2:00 pm Location :Coolidge Park
Pre-register at:
http://www.chattanoogacares.org/subpage.php?naw=march_reg
Register under team: The Rock MCC “Feet for God”

Rock MCC Valentine’s Dance/Strides Fundraiser
Spaghetti dinner/dessert auction/dance
Sat. Feb 13, 2010 @ 6 pm Cost — \$10 per person
Location : The Rock MCC

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able to multiply our efforts so that needs are met accordingly.

It was Albert Einstein who said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

May miracles abound in your life.

Peace,



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P.S. Sign-ups are underway for you to participate in our upcoming Valentine's Dinner, Dance, and Auction on Saturday, February 13th. Do you have a skill that you can auction such as giving piano lessons? Are you able to help cook, set-up and/or clean-up after the event? Please let us know by signing up on the sheets located on top of our bookstore counter or see Pam T. for further details. Remember: The money we raise will go to support Chattanooga Cares and the Strides of March.



STRIDES OF MARCH DETAILS

The Rock MCC annual Valentine's Dinner/Dance/Strides of March Fundraiser will be held on February 13, 2010 at 6 pm at The Rock MCC. The dinner will begin at 6 pm. There will be a dessert auction at 7:30 pm. The dance begins at 8:30 pm.

Tickets are \$ 10.00 per person. If you cannot attend, you can still donate any amount of money with which you feel comfortable. All of the profits raised will be donated to Chattanooga CARES and the Strides of March walk on behalf of The Rock Metropolitan Community Church congregation.

Tickets may be purchased from Scott Baker, Cheri Harr, or Pam Thomas.

**Bonus — There will be at least one door prize given away at some point during the Fundraiser evening.

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