

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why: I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.'

(Mat 25:34-36 MSG)

*It is clear in scripture that God intends for the church to reach out to the poor, sick, lonely, and those in need.*

### **But you may ask...**

- How do we get started?
- How do we accomplish this on our limited budget?
- How do we get organized?
- Where do we prepare to serve?
- How do we keep it simple and yet have an impact?
- How do we serve people so that it draws them to Christ?
- Are there others with whom we can work together?

**Common Heart Missional Community exists to help the local church fulfill its mission in reaching out with the love of God.**



## **What is Common Heart?**

- *We are a community of local churches, ministries, and individual followers of Jesus who share a common heart to impact our communities for Christ.*
- *We are an equipping resource helping local congregations to demonstrate God's love in practical ways. We do this not only through teaching, but by providing the ways and means to reach out.*
- *We host the "Outside The Gate" conference in Monroe, NC as an instrument of encouragement and preparation for the local church to reach outside their four walls.*
- *We provide to the local church a resource known as Common Cupboard which is located in Indian Trail. The Cupboard is a food pantry with a dual purpose. By delivering free food to those in need, we touch their hearts with God's love and fill their cupboards with the essentials for nourishment.*



**Regardless of your church size, Common Cupboard is a way to make an impact on families in your community!**

## **How does Common Cupboard help you do this?**

- *We can share some new approaches to presenting the gospel that are simple, yet powerful.*
- *We can show you how to reach out to people in need through personal visitation and delivery of groceries.*
- *We can provide you with groceries and other items to give away freely.*
- *In addition to reaching out to people and families you already know, we can provide you with some new faces and new opportunities to share God's love.*
- *We are also an emergency food pantry for your church members who are in need due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, family crisis, etc.*



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What would our ministry look like?

*Once a month volunteers from your church will visit and deliver groceries to people that either Common Cupboard or your church has identified as having a need. As you show God's love practically and build relationships, opportunities to share the gospel come about and folks are brought closer to the kingdom.*

### Are there other ways we can help?

*Yes, we need volunteers to....*

- *Work at the Pantry*
- *Organize Food Drives*
- *Collect Food Donations*
- *Administrate & Solicit Funding*
- *Assist in Shopping at Second Harvest Food Bank in Charlotte*

*From time to time there will be other opportunities to serve as well.*

*So.... if these are the kinds of things you or your church would want to participate in, we want to hear from you.*

### How is Common Cupboard funded?

*Common Cupboard is a "pooled resource". Since there are expenses to operating our facility, maintenance, acquiring food, and getting the word out, those involved with us also contribute. We ask that if you use the Cupboard to reach out to others that*

*you also chip in financially . We also receive some funding from businesses and individuals.*

### Is there a suggested contribution for churches?

*We encourage churches to include us in their monthly local missions, outreach or benevolence budget. Some churches give \$50 per month, others \$100, some can give more. No amount is too small.*

### Can someone come talk with our board or speak in our worship service?

*We would love to do that. We have representatives who can share with your Church Board, Sunday School, Home Group, Bible Study, Christian School, as well as and not limited to speaking in your worship service.*

### How do we contact Common Cupboard?

*Call Keith Adams at 704-458-3744 or email - CommonHeartMC@gmail.com. Or you can send Mail to Common Cupboard, 507 Galesburg Drive, Monroe, NC 28110. Our facility is at 106 Business Park Dr, Indian Trail, NC 28079.*



## In Practical Ways To

**Families In Crisis**

**The Disabled**

**The Lonely**

**The Needy**

**The Elderly**

**The Poor**

**The Sick**