

Blessings of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

The first meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry was held on June 20, 2011. We have experienced many blessings since we have begun.

There is a core group of approximately twelve women that continue to work diligently to make prayer shawls, lap robes, baby blankets and fleece blankets. They are knitted, crocheted, quilted, and the fleece is finished off with a border and usually "Blessings" is embroidered on them. We have members that are not attendees of Bethlehem or Trinity (TLC) but have been led in some way to be a part of our group.

The purpose of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to give comfort to those that are in need of peace and prayers during a difficult time in their life; whether it is an illness, loss of a love one, loss of a job, or emotional distress.

Nearly 400 items have been made and blessed by a Pastor of the church and most have been given out. Fifty-four items were taken to Jamaica by the Mission Team two years ago and given to patients in the infirmary.

Those involved in the ministry receive a blessing each time we prayerfully work on a project or deliver an item knowing that we are doing something to help those that are suffering or struggling in some way. We have received many cards and comments of gratitude, testimony, and positive feedback from recipients.

These items are never sold but we accept donations in the form of yarn, gift cards to craft stores or other stores that sell yarn or fabric. Several items have been made and donated by people that do not wish to join our group but feel led to make items for the ministry. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We meet twice a month; the first Thursday of each month from 9:30 am until noon normally at my home and the third Monday of each month from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm in the parlor of Bethlehem church. The friendships that have been formed and the fellowship are amazing. Each one walks away feeling blessed in some way. If you would like to become a part of this group and experience what we do I strongly encourage you to join us. You most certainly will be **Blessed!**

Blessings,
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