

# Church Invites Community to Breakfast *continued from front page*

people who could use it. I wanted to make sure that the job of cooking breakfast didn't fall on the same people each week. And I wanted to make sure that the expense didn't all fall on the church. I felt like if we accomplished two of those three goals we would be successful."

Brown says the church has seen several new people take advantage of the gatherings. He also said that he has been able to find new volunteers almost every week, including some folks who are not members of the Grace Family Fellowship congregation.

The church is currently funding the entire program, although donations are accepted. The meal, which is served from 9:30 until 10:25 am usually includes eggs, a breakfast meat of either sausage or bacon, pancakes, juice, and coffee. Sometimes there are pastries or muffins if the church receives them in the free bread delivery that they usually make available to anyone in the community.

"The important thing for me is that we're providing an opportunity for someone who could really benefit from, and could really use, a hot meal," said Brown. "It has also provided the members of our congregation a chance to get together, because we're all so busy and we don't spend as much time together as a congregation as we should. It gives us a chance to sit down and break bread together."

"This is one way that we can show the community that we care, that we're here, and that we want to help them," says Grace Family Fellowship Pastor Greg "Mac" McCallum. "When we talked to the congregation people really stepped up and owned the idea. People with chickens bring in their eggs and other people donate food and money and time. I think it's been successful, it's meeting a need in the community and we're happy to do it."

Brown says the usual turn-out has been about 40-50 people, depending on weather. "It's starting to grow and we're seeing more and more people each week."



*Above: Mark Brown coordinates weekly breakfasts at Grace Family Fellowship. Below: Mason Hummel volunteered to help prepare breakfast on January 15.*



doing and shows that there might be a need or purpose beyond what you started out to accomplish."

"It gives us a chance to visit with some friends over a meal," says church member Rose Nelson. "It's warm and hearty and I get comfort and friendship from being here. Sometimes people have preconceived ideas about what it takes to walk through the door of a church. The fact that we hold it in the gymnasium and it's a relaxed atmosphere helps. We all catch up with each and what's been going on in our lives. I hope more people will come and give it a try."

Brown says he welcomes members from other churches volunteering to cook, and is also open to the idea that other churches might step up and share the burden by hosting the meal at their church for a month at a time. "If another church called us up and said, 'We'd like to do breakfast this month,' that would be great," says Brown. "I think it would be great for the community to see the leadership of one church in someone else's house working together, or working together on an outside service project. The end result is to meet a need and if that leads to something else that would be great."



*Rebecca Nelson enjoying her pancakes and scrambled eggs.*

For Brown, his willingness to serve is really pretty simple. "If you have a heart for people, and you see a need, and you have the resources to do it, why wouldn't you help?" he says. "You always feel good when you do something for no purpose other than because it's the right thing to do, there's a personal reward in that."

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