



Loaves & Fishes

September 2015



Construction is almost complete!

Please help us reach our goal

Thanks be to God and everyone who has made donations to the building fund -- we are almost at our goal! So far we have raised \$301,197.00. We now only need \$23,579 to reach our goal!

How you can help...

Donate Online: Visit our website at www.loavesandfishesapopka.com – please indicate “Building Fund” in the “Comment” section or

Donate through the mail: Please make checks payable to “Loaves & Fishes” – Indicate “Building Fund” in Memo line.

Visit our web site for weekly updates on our expansion progress (pictures updated weekly) and a donation tracker to track our building fund goal.



Make a "Turkey Pledge"...

We need turkeys for Thanksgiving!

We are prayerfully asking for your pledge. Our goal at Loaves & Fishes is to provide a turkey to every family this Thanksgiving along with all the traditional holiday food. Please let us know if you, your group, organization, or church would be able to pledge a turkey or turkeys! Or you can make a monetary donation and we will buy the turkeys in bulk at a discounted price! Just mark your check "turkeys" on the memo line, made payable to Loaves & Fishes. Call us at 407-886-6005 and ask for Lory or Karen.



**Thank you,
Compass Community Church,
for the Loaves & Fishes
Baby Shower!**

Compass Community Church of Apopka had a "Baby Shower" for Loaves & Fishes after church services. We received a variety of much-needed



baby supplies for our new mommies and enjoyed an afternoon of food, cake and fellowship! Thank you so much!

**Important Dates
to Remember:**

**Thanksgiving
Distribution**

November 23, 24
& 25th

**Christmas
Distribution**

December 14,
15, 16 & 17th



Thank you to the Wekiva Springs Strutters for the wonderful food, toiletry and household donations!



LARGE PRINT Bible Donations Needed

Please consider donating a new or gently used bible to be made available to our families who have requested one. Thank you!

Did you know you can make financial donations online?

Financial donations help us purchase items in bulk at reduced prices! Visit our website at www.loavesandfishesapopka.com and click the link on the homepage. It's so easy but will help so many! Thank you!



Helping Hands = Changed Lives

Get a jump-start on Christmas!

Our Christmas Needs:

- Leggo Sets
- Board Games
(i.e. Monopoly, Yahtzee, Clue)
- Art/Craft Kits
- Hand-Held Games
(i.e. Hangman, Boggle, 20-Q)
- Sports Balls
- Barbie Clothes
- Ethnic Barbies
- Tea Sets
- Baby Toys
- Big Trucks



Christmas in July

For the "Women on Mission", at Sweetwater Baptist Church, *Christmas in July* has become an annual tradition. They had a lot of fun putting up two Christmas trees decorated with all the trimmings and ornaments labeled with special toys to buy each child. Congratulations on collecting 318 gifts and giving us a head start for the upcoming season. Thank you ladies and God bless you and all who so generously made donations!

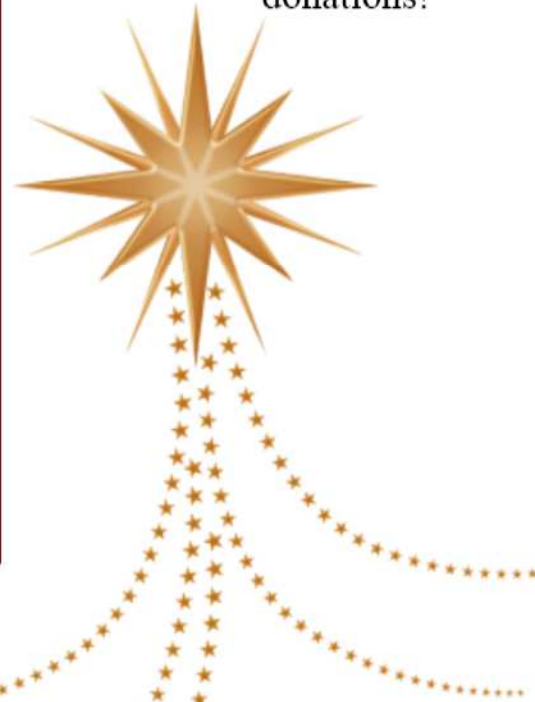
Love Chocolate?



So do all of our families! Every year we fill 650 tins with Hershey's miniature chocolates & Kisses as a family 'gift' on behalf of Loaves & Fishes and the community. This requires a HUGE amount of chocolate so we need to start collecting now. We have found Costco sells the miniatures and Kisses in bulk at a reasonable cost. In addition, we are in need of 1,000 full-sized candy bars to include two in each child's Christmas bag.

Do you shop on Amazon?

If so, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchases to a charity of your choosing. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> for more information. Loaves & Fishes is registered with the AmazonSmile Foundation Program. You can also visit our website and click on the icon "AmazonSmile Foundation Program". *Please note: there are several different Loaves & Fishes charities across the United States listed on AmazonSmile. When choosing the charity you wish to have your donation benefit, make sure to choose Loaves & Fishes, Inc. Apopka, FL.* Thank you for thinking of us while doing your online shopping!



CONTACT US!

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HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

As summer ends and fall begins, our pantry shelves are especially bare. Currently we are helping up to 500 families per week. We are so busy it is sometimes overwhelming! Please consider sharing some extra items from your shopping cart this week. Thank you!

TUNA
CANNED MEAT
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY
MAC & CHEESE
RICE
PASTA
HAMBURGER HELPER

SHAMPOO
TOOTH BRUSHES
TOOTH PASTE
SOAP
DISH SOAP
DEODORANT
PINE CLEANER
DETERGENT