

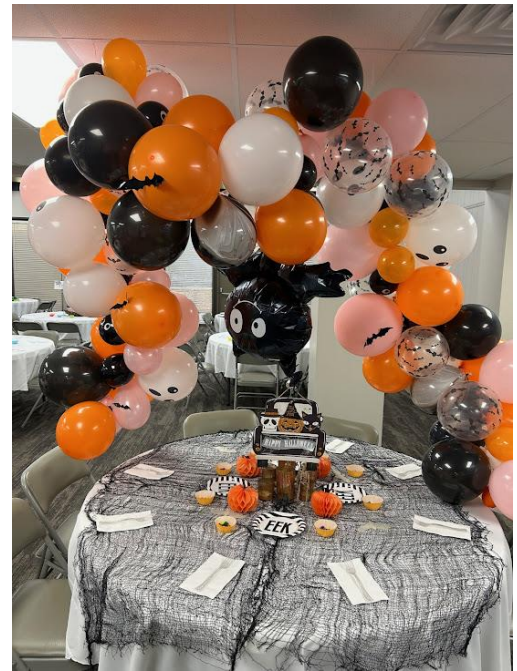


Sisterhood kicked off the year in style with a PARTY! We celebrated our First Birthday Party with games, gifts, and birthday cake (of course!!). Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. As we reflected back over our first year, we were simply amazed at all God had allowed us to do, and we look forward to ALL that God has planned to do in and through us this year!

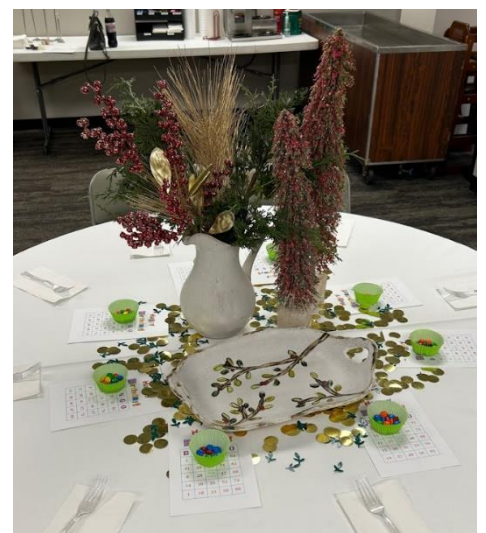
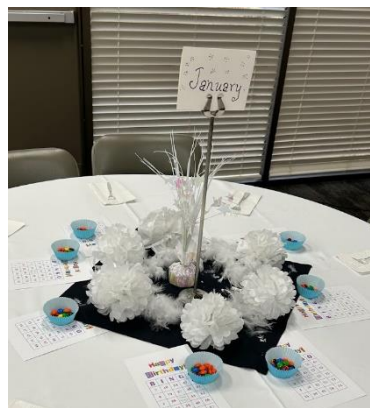


The cakes were delicious, the fellowship was amazing, and the BINGO games were crazy-fun. Prizes were given to BINGO winners, people with “Holiday” birthdays, and the eldest lady at each table.





Beautiful and creative tables were decorated with each month's holiday theme by sisters in the group.





A sweet time of prayer was when the younger sisters prayed over the older sisters and the older sisters prayed over the younger ones.



The Beautiful Bags project has somewhat taken on the new name, The Mat Ministry. This ministry has proven to be an assignment from the Lord. Last year we started by asking church members to bring in Walmart and Kroger bags. Our original plan was to partner with FBC Sardis in their efforts. Soon, however, we realized we were to take on our own mat-making project.



As mats and pillows were being completed, it became obvious it was time for us to distribute the gifts. One of our Sisters connected us with Matthew 25 Ministries which is a group that goes into Memphis every Tuesday night to deliver pizza, hamburgers and “snack bags” to the homeless. As we planned to partner with this ministry, the WMU of the Sisterhood realized that we also had the ability to pack “snack” bags. They gathered toiletries, socks, washcloths and more and packed 30 bags to be delivered with the mats and pillows!! As news of the delivery of the items spread, another Sister suggested we get blankets donated. Before we knew it, we had a load of blankets to take as well! The original project blossomed into such a BIG, beautiful product from so many Sisters. It truly was a picture of us all being a part of the body of Christ doing our part in Kingdom work!





A couple of brothers built us a loom, and that gave us double work space. We have hosted a couple of Saturday “workdays”, and many ladies have come out. Our younger and older Sisters seem to really love helping in the folding, cutting, and tying part of the project. Several ladies took “plarn” with them to crochet mats at home, and a team of ladies have spent countless hours at the church throughout the weeks looming the mats.



One Sister had the idea that we should make little travel pillows using waterproof material for the outside and the bag scraps as the pillow’s stuffing. NOTHING from that “beautiful bag” is wasted! It was a GAME CHANGER!! They turned out amazing!



Tuesday, February 28th, a team of ladies (and Bro. Chris- our fearless driver) loaded up the mats, pillows, blankets and “snack” bags, and headed to Memphis. They met the other ministry team, loaded the food items, and headed downtown.

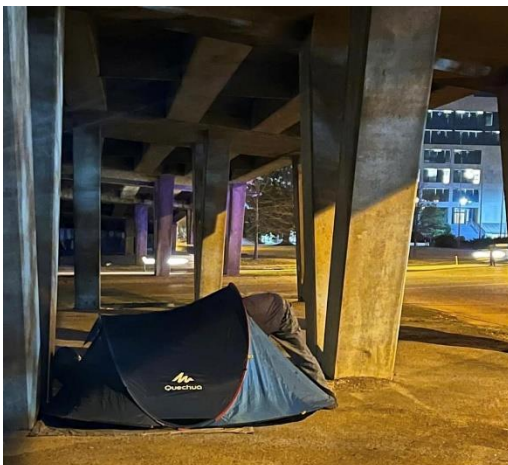


THIS is what Sisterhood is ALL about.





The night was filled with looking into the eyes of people whom God desperately loves. The team saw and understood that each homeless person was one of God's special creations; each person had worth; each person had needs; and WE were given the chance to be the hands and feet of Christ!



The Sisterhood partnered with the ESL Ministry of FBC and celebrated an authentic Mexican Fiesta Fellowship for the 40's and under Sisters. Two ladies from the ESL Ministry served as the hostesses, and they prepared a delicious spread of food for our Sisters. **EVERYTHING** was authentic from the decorations to their attire to the game to the food! It was a precious time for our Sisterhood to let our younger sisters who have so much going on in their busy lives have a night of food, fun and fellowship! Don't you know it pleases the Father to see his children loving across cultural lines as well as across generational lines!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Abide Conference – April 28-29 (it's NOT too late to register)- Call the church office if you are still interested. We will ride the bus together to and from the conference both Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$89.
- Help for HOPE- HOPE needs Sisters to come sweep and mop once a month. With 5 or 6 workers, they said it should only take an hour. They have all of the necessary supplies.
- Mats will always be a work in progress.
- Adopt-A-Sister Prayer Partner will kick off in March- stay tuned!
- SonRise Sisters (details coming soon)



The Sisterhood's theme verse is Ephesians 2:10 which tells us "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Once again, we give thanks for being given the opportunities to serve Him as we love and serve others.

**Our next meeting is Sunday, May 7th at
3 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We invite all
SFBC women to come and join our fun group!**

**If you are interested, please contact Susan McNulty in the
Church Office at 562-8503.**