



# LOVE LINK LETTER

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## Hot Meals at 1st Indian Church of the Nazarene

There is an old saying that, "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach." Several years ago a young man approached me in the hallway of the church. He told me that he and his wife had started coming to 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Church because someone told them we served good meals. "But," he continued, "We come now because we like the services." The young man was struggling with his alcoholism. The young lady was pregnant. They lived in a very inadequate and open shelter down by the river. *The time was drawing near for the young lady to deliver, her health was not good, and the weather was turning cold.* I invited them to stay in a room in one of the recovery houses.

*About a month later the young lady gave birth to a beautiful baby boy.* One month after that, she had a pulmonary problem during the night and died. The father of the baby, in his grief, turned back to the bottle. We were left to find someplace for the baby to stay. Eventually, the father decided he would not be able to take care of his son and had him adopted into the family caring for him at the time, a very wonderful Christian family. Now that baby boy is headed toward his teen years, a very handsome and intelligent young man.

Mealtime at 1<sup>st</sup> Indian is a very special time. It is not a gimmick to get people to church. It is not merely to feed the hungry, though that is a part of it. It is an opportunity to draw people together in a common bond. The homeless and those who have homes are brought together. It is an opportunity for fellowship and the forging of friendship. It is an opportunity to share the love of Christ, along with food.



Occasionally there may be an argument between a couple of distraught individuals at one of the meals. But, for the most part, there is significant social and spiritual impact on many lives. We consider the serving of meals an important ministry at 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Church.

Hundreds of people have been served a meal at 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Church during the past dozen years. And many individuals have been involved in serving the meals. Choctaw Church of the Nazarene, Western Oaks Church of the Nazarene and Trinity Church of the Nazarene have been coming on a consistent basis for a number of years. Community Baptist Church from Guthrie, Britton Christian Church, Light Church, Oklahoma City Church of the Nazarene and Lakeview Park Church of the Nazarene have become involved in serving in more recent years. There is still opportunity for other groups to become involved, especially for some of the Thursday services.

There are many other opportunities for service besides serving meals.  
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## NuWay Update

Good news. We have received a copy of the design for the fire sprinkler system that is to be installed in the north offices. The contractor is now waiting for the official design approval from the city. As soon as that is received, they will



be ready to start the installation. They anticipate beginning work around October 25<sup>th</sup>. SM

## Food Pantry STATS

*September 2007*  
*405 Families served*  
*128 New Families*  
*388 Children and*  
*125 Senior Adults served.*



## Hot Meals STATS

*Thus far in 2007 - 17,229 meals served*

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## Thanks to Our Stars!

The following churches collected items for  
Love Link Ministries' Food Pantry in  
August and September!

**Williams Memorial**  
Aug—21 jars of Peanut Butter

**Lake Overholser**  
Aug—20+ jars of Peanut Butters  
September—29 cans of fruit and  
42 single serving fruit cups

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The food pantry and thrift store provide some wonderful opportunities to serve.

We have been picking up donations from two Long John Silver's restaurants for some time. We have now been asked to pick up donations from a Red Lobster, an Olive Garden, and three KFC restaurants on a consistent basis. This will provide considerable food for those we are serving. There are opportunities in both the pick up and the distribution of these products.

As we transition into the NuWay facility there are many opportunities for maintenance work, construction, cleaning, etc. We greatly appreciate the many who are involved in ministry through Love Link already. If the Lord lays it upon your heart to become involved in some aspect, or some new aspect, of Love Link Ministries, **WE WELCOME YOU!** WS