

Breakthrough Goals Achievement

At Genoa Trinity UMC we were blessed to meet or surpass our Breakthrough Goals for 2014. How you ask? We pray!! Each month after our Administrative Council meeting the members go to whatever room in the church they choose, pray over the room and its use for the Glory of the Lord, and then we meet together and I pray over our goals. God surprised us last year by providing the means to meet each one and blessing us by going beyond the goal in Radical Hospitality. I guess our saying "Feed them and they will come" has worked. We have various times of offering food, including coffee hour each week, Thursday night supper and Bible Study, and yearly Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts and two picnics with the obligatory pot luck thrown in once in awhile. Then I trust they are also being fed spiritually when people join us in worship and studies.

At a planning meeting at the beginning of 2014 we brainstormed and decided to try two new ideas. In May we had a "Membership Appreciation Dinner" that was provided by the church and cooked by the Administrative Council chair, pastor, and their spouses. No one else was asked to do or bring anything. We just ate and enjoyed each other's fellowship. In July we hosted a "Neighborhood Block Party" in our parking lot. Doorknob hangers were distributed to the houses in 2 blocks south of the church and we invited our neighbors in order to get to know them and so they could get to know each other. Three families came, we gave them tours of the church, provided hot dogs, chips, cookies, and beverage, and had games set up. The 30 people from our own church that attended really enjoyed getting to know them and each other. One family has continued to attend and they were baptized and joined the church last fall and the little girl in another family began attending Sunday School. We will do both events again this year.

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