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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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Does He, or Doesn't He?

Benjamin Franklin gets a lot of credit for a statement that originated five centuries before Christ. "God helps those who help themselves."

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We can agree, it's not a Bible verse. Yet scholars and theologians have enjoyed discussing the merits of this saying for centuries.

As with any saying that spans generations and cultures, it is likely because civilizations find a degree of truth in its application.

Truth is powerful and whenever an ounce of it is present, it strikes the heart of people. Unfortunately, there are those who will use a little truth mixed with a lot of untruth to achieve their own outcomes.

God does help those who help themselves; when they are earnestly pursuing His will. That's called grace. God helps those who cannot help themselves too...even when they are undeserving. That's called mercy.

God also does the opposite; He opposes the proud. Believe it or not, that's "helping" too! I know that personally.

The truth in these statements is what keeps me focused on what I'm doing. It's not that God helps me accomplish what I believe He has called me to do; because sometimes he frustrates my plans— "my plans." What is consistent is God being God.

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One quips, "God helps those who help themselves" most often when focused on what a person is doing or not doing. If we focus on the truth in this statement, "God helps", then we are likely to ask the question, How does He help? Quite often, His answer to that question is, you and me.

They were acknowledging Him in the 5th century B.C. and He is still acknowledged by men today.

Thank God! He does whatever He pleases.
(Job 23:13, Psalm 115:3, I John 3:21-23)



Mobile Food Pantry Schedule

July/ August

10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Forest Hill UMC July 13th

Mt. Olivet UMC July 27th

Midway UMC Aug. 24th





Cabarrus County Nonprofit Workshop

August 24, 2017

8:30am — 1:00pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Cooperative Christian Ministry Food Pantry Grand Reopening

July 19th
2:00-3:00pm

Join us in celebrating
the redesign of
CCM's Food Pantry!

*Attend a tour of the new space.
Preview new recipe cards and
nutrition resources.*

246 Country Club Dr. NE
Concord, NC 28025

Light refreshments and taste tests will be provided.



Summer Fun Food Drive

Combine your summer fun with a great "make a difference" activity!
Help us refill the pantry!



Team Honeycutt is known for being the first real estate team in Cabarrus County and consistently ranks as a top producing team for the Allen Tate Company, as well as nationally in the real estate industry. With more than 200 years of combined real estate experience, Team Honeycutt has helped more than 4,500 families move to their dream home!

As longtime residents of Cabarrus County, they value the "quality of life" enjoyed daily and they are committed to giving back to the community! CCM is one of the non-profits they have partnered with since 2010. Through the use of their Team Honeycutt truck, CCM has been able to pick up food with over 360 trips to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, 65 trips to mobile food pantry sites, and numerous trips to Cabarrus County Fair, businesses, schools and churches who hold food drives for CCM. The truck also helps to pick up donated furniture and supplies for our housing programs.

You will find members of Team Honeycutt involved in many different community efforts and their motto: "Giving back to the community that has been so good to us is a commitment we plan to continue to fulfill". Thank you, Team Honeycutt, for all you do for our community and especially CCM!



Heating Bills

The City of Concord is offering an easy way for you to make a difference. The Neighbor Helping Neighbor program allows you to help for as little as 50 cents per month.

Click the link below to find out how!

[Concord Neighbor Helping Neighbor](#)



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