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**Dexter, Missouri** - The First Baptist Church of Dexter has been steadily collecting non-perishable food for the Stoddard County Gospel Mission. During the Holidays we think about those that are less fortunate or are having a difficult time. We forget that there is a need year round and that the Stoddard County Gospel Mission never stops helping.

This wonderful project is not just limited to the church. Suzanne Collier stated, "We want the community to be involved, since the Mission serves the entire community. Everyone can get involved and bring a grocery bag filled with food."

The First Baptist Church will continue their food drive each Sunday until their goal of 10,000 pounds is reached. The Church received approximately 1500 pounds of food this past Sunday. Many people even took bags home to bring back food.

There were young volunteers like Mason Keena, Ryan Collier and Garrison Collier on hand to greet the church members and carry bags of food from their vehicle to the collection trailer. This is a community effort and it helps teach young children the importance of giving and helping those in need.

Dave Fleming, Maintenance at First Baptist Church, has set up a Christmas tree with 10 rows of lights (1 strand for every 1,000 pounds of food collected) and the rows will be lit as the food comes in. The Christmas tree is set up in the atrium of the First Baptist Church on Castor Street. If you get a chance when you donate your food next Sunday, visit the atrium and see the beautiful decorations.

For those of us who are truly blessed this Christmas season, remember those that are less fortunate. With your kind gesture of giving, you will show compassion and love and warm many hearts this year.

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