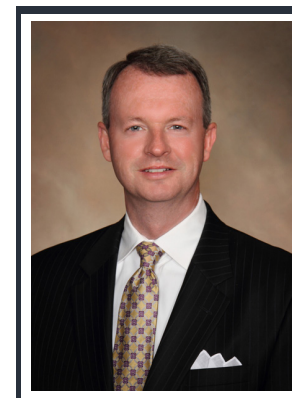


WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Greenhouse is excited to welcome our newest board members, Tracey Binkley, Andrae Crismon and Jon Troutt. Each board member brings their own set of skills and expertise and we cannot wait to see what is in store for Greenhouse. Thank you gentlemen for agreeing to serve.



TRACEY BINKLEY

1. How long have you lived in Murfreesboro?

I am a native of Middle Tennessee and have lived in Rutherford County for 18 years.

2. What are you passionate about?

My biggest passion is probably children's ministry. My wife Beth and I have been foster parents and are blessed to have three boys of our own. We are active church volunteers and Boy Scout leaders. I am also passionate about sharing the love of Jesus, Tennessee football, running and BBQ judging (yeah, I know those last two seem to fit together).

ANDRAE CRISMON

1. How long have you lived in Murfreesboro?

I have lived off and on in the Rutherford County community for the past 21 years.

2. What are you passionate about?

Service to others. Whether the service is counseling a person who has lost a relative, assisting with a person's case who is being evicted or delivering a meal to a person who is hungry and incapacitated, being able to help others is one of God's greatest compliments to humanity. It means he trusts us with the resources he has provided us to be good stewards.



JON TROUTT

1. How long have you lived in Murfreesboro?

I grew up in Sumner County. I took a job in Murfreesboro in August of 2006 and met my wife here in 2007. We got married and bought our first home here in 2011.

2. What are you passionate about?

I love Jesus and try to use him as a barometer for my life. I am passionate about my wife Kristen and baby girl, Ruby James. I absolutely love driving around the countryside, looking at real estate and being outside. I enjoy my work which allows me to help people to buy homes and I hope to use my resources to show love and hope to people that were not given the same opportunities as me.



GET TO KNOW GREENHOUSE

Our Greenhouse spotlight this month is staff member, Bill Martin. Bill is the housing director for the WELLspring Program, our men's housing program. Bill also coordinates our donation pickups and gathers all of our statistics. Bill is a hard worker and very dependable. He has a great personality and an awesome sense of humor! Read below to get to know him more!

1. How long have you worked at Greenhouse?

I have worked at Greenhouse for 10 years, the longest any staff member has been at Greenhouse.

2. What is your favorite part about working here?

My favorite part of working at Greenhouse is the ability to help individuals.

3. If you could be any superhero who would you be and why?

I would be a sports hero: Mickey Mantle, a previous center fielder for the New York Yankees. Growing up they were my favorite team, and they still are today!

GARDEN PATCH NEWS

UPCOMING SALES

April 4-8:

25% off glassware, kitchen items, dishes and linens

April 11-15:

25% off clothes and shoes

April 18-22:

25% off decorative items, frames, framed pictures and collectibles

April 25-29:

25% off purses, belts, scarves, jewelry, crafts and toys

Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Tuesday - Friday:
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tracey Binkley

Mark & Janet Blackwelder

Andrae Crismon

Phil Dodd

Steve & Teresa Howell

Rosland Rhyne

Drew & Christy Sanford

Cliff & Jane Sharp

Jon Troutt

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THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE

-  We had another successful Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry thanks to our sponsors, Shawn and Jennifer Kaplan!
-  We welcomed three new board members this month, Tracey Binkley, Andrae Crismon and Jon Troutt. We are excited about these additions!
-  Through our generous donors, we were able to serve 384 families with food assistance this month.
-  Christian Publisher's Outlet donated 53 Bibles to Greenhouse. Thank you to those who came to Cliff Sharp's book signing for the release of his book, "Cliff's Notes."
-  Garden Patch Thrift Shoppe had a Spring Sneak Peek to celebrate the new spring clothes in the store!
-  Our Nursing Clinic provided medical advice and over the counter medicines to 27 clients this month.



Greenhouse has copies of Cliff Sharp's book "Cliff's Notes" available for purchase. "Cliff's Notes" is filled with God's stories at Greenhouse! The cost for the book is \$11.99 plus shipping. If you are interested in purchasing a book, you can stop by Greenhouse or contact Rachel Young at rachel.young@greenhousemin.org. You can also call Greenhouse Ministries at 615.494.0499.



CLIFF'S NOTES

At our monthly Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, we pray with all who come for produce and groceries. I asked a few volunteers to share some of their experiences for this month's newsletter:

"I had the pleasure of being part of the prayer table at our last food giveaway. The whole experience was wonderful, but I had two specific encounters." I asked the first client what we could pray about for her. She said, "health for her and her husband." We prayed for a few minutes and then started chatting about a few things; crafts, her Sunday school she was teaching, family, etc. We talked for 10 minutes and as she walked away she stopped and said that she appreciated sitting and visiting. No one had sat and listened to her for a long time and she felt energized and blessed.

The second experience I had was another volunteer praying for people sitting beside me. The man was very upset because his family was falling apart. I did not get to hear the whole conversation but the counselor was very in tune to what this man needed and seemed to lead him where he needed to go. You could tell the man needed to hear scripture and a fresh direction. When the man left, he said the counselor had helped him more than he could ever express.

When I originally said that I would sit at the prayer table I was afraid because I do not feel that I am as strong of a prayer as most people, but I quickly realized that God has us encounter who we are meant to encounter. My job was to sit, pray, listen and visit the people that came to me to pray with and the other counselors are meant to pray with the people God brings to them. We all have our purpose and even if we think it's too small to matter, it is not because that is what HE wants you to do. That is your seed to plant."

"It was a distinct honor to volunteer at the prayer table at Greenhouse Ministries' last Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry. One of the ladies came and sat at my table. I asked her how she was doing and she said, "great." She said that on a beautiful morning like this you had to feel great. We prayed about her family's needs and then she started telling about all the problems she had been having in such a humorous way that soon the whole table was laughing. As she was walking away to get in line she said, "I don't know when I have laughed so hard while praying. But I feel refreshed and blessed. Thank you so much."

Usually I [Cliff] stand where the clients line up to meet the person who will push their cart and take the food to their car. I visit with them after they leave the prayer table. I had one gentleman thank me for the food but said that he was most thankful for the prayer. Another lady came over with tears in her eyes and said this is the first time anyone has prayed for me in "I don't remember when."

The opportunity to touch the spiritual heart of our clients as well as to serve the physical needs is what Greenhouse Ministries is all about. To be able to see their smiles and tears lets us know that they have been touched by the love of Jesus and that makes the day worthwhile.

I tell you the truth, whatever you do for the least of these my brothers you do it to me. Matthew 25:40

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 13:
Volunteer Orientation

Good Friday:
Greenhouse CLOSED

April 21:
Mobile Food Pantry

May 6:
Oil Changing Event

THANK YOU!

We want to extend a thank you to Blackman United Methodist Church for donating food and other miscellaneous items. Your donations will serve many families!

GREENHOUSE NEEDS:

1. Toothpaste
2. Tooth Brushes
3. Steel toed boots
4. Shampoo and Conditioner
5. Volunteers to help with furniture pickups
6. Cereal
7. Dry pinto beans
8. Canned pasta
9. Crackers
10. Coffee