

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS*

*As the year ends, we think about all we are grateful for. Our relationship with you is one thing we treasure. Thank you for the opportunity to know you and to recognize all of your volunteer efforts in our communities.*

*This Christmas, we wish you all the best gifts in life -  
The gift of happiness; the gift of love; the gift of peace.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

*RSVP*



Maybe because of the time of year, maybe because I am older and notice these things more, but there are so many things for which to be thankful.

In January our tax volunteers will spend 2 weeks at the Gadsden Public Library Computer Lab, getting ready to prepare federal and state returns for free. I'm thankful for all of our

partner agencies who freely give of their space and resources so that we can do what we do better!

In November we sent out a request for people to 'adopt 99 seniors who were experiencing a hard time and get them a Christmas present. I'm thankful for all the people and businesses who responded and adopted each and every one of

those angels!

But most of all I am thankful for our wonderful volunteers, who give of their time and talents every day and whenever we call on them for special assignments (there were 21 'special assignments' in 2016!)

You are my sunshine!

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **MANNA** – volunteers are needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors.
- **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NEAL** – adults are needed to supervise Bigs and Littles at local schools.
- **First Call For Help** – volunteers are needed to help with referral calls.
- **Community Action Agency** - volunteers are needed to help with scheduling clients and answering the phone
- **Reading Buddies** – volunteers are needed in local elementary schools to help children with reading and comprehension.
- For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, call RSVP at (256)549-8147.

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*Christmas is forever,  
not for just one day,  
for loving, sharing,  
giving, are not to put  
away  
like bells and lights and  
tinsel, in some box upon  
a shelf.*

*The good you do for  
others is good you do  
yourself...*

*~Norman Wesley  
Brooks (1923–2002),  
“Let Every Day Be  
Christmas,” 1976 —*

## Volunteer Recognition

Ms. Patsy Duck & Mrs. Gerrie Jordan are wonderful, dedicated volunteers. They work very hard at advancing God's Kingdom in their work at the Etowah Baptist Mission Center – Patsy at the front desk checking people in for assistance & Gerrie interviewing clients and performing financial

counseling with them. We are so blessed to have these two ladies as part of our Missions Team!  
*Submitted by Ashley Baccus, Asst. Director of the Etowah Baptist Missions Center*

The winner of our on time – time sheet drawing is Ms. Pat Trotter. Ms. Trotter has been a volunteer with RSVP since 2006 at Cherokee County Health & Rehab in Centre. Helen has 1,422 hours on record! Thank you Ms. Trotter for all of your volunteer service!

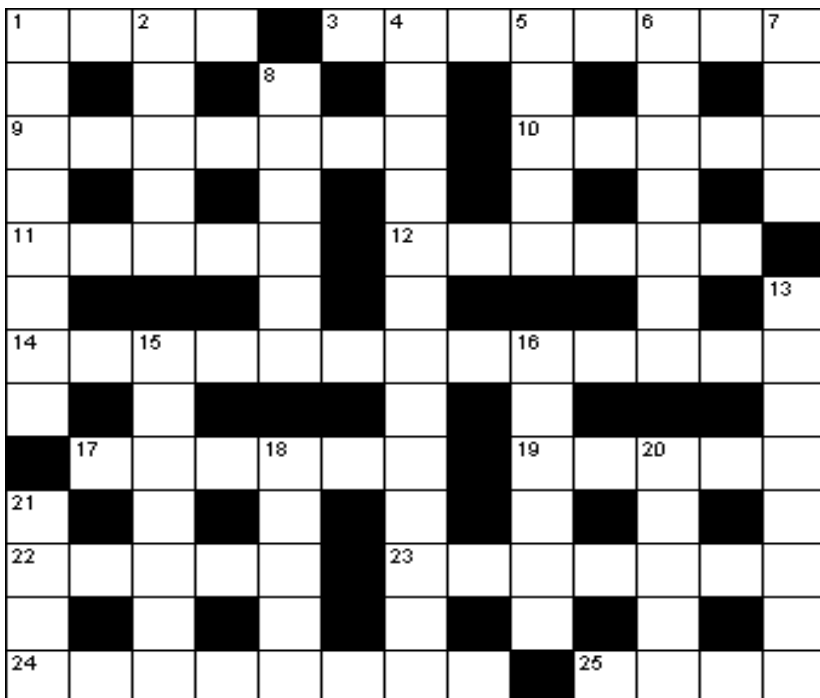


## Upcoming Events

- **January 1-31** – Habitat for Humanity will be accepting applications for new homes
- **January 1** – New Year’s Day
- **January 2** – Etowah County Courthouse closed.
- **January 12** - Seniors Outfitted for Defense meeting. Call RSVP @ 256-549-8147 by 1/13/16 to reserve a seat.
- **January 15** – Sanctity of Life Sunday. Call the Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center @ 256-442-6101 to schedule a speaker or get bulletin inserts for your place of worship.
- **January 16** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Etowah County Courthouse closed.
- **January 23** – Free Income Tax Program begins. Call RSVP @ 256-549-8147 for schedule.
- **January 24** – Dinner in the Dark; Sponsored by Cherokee County Historical Society and Centre Lions Club. Call 256-927-7835 for details.
- **February 1** – Tickets go on sale for the 17th Annual Choose Life Banquet to be held April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Etowah Pregnancy Testing Center @ 256-442-6101 for more information.
- **February 14** – Happy Valentine’s Day!
- **February 16** – AARP Smart Driver Course in Centre. Call RSVP @ 256-549-8147 to register.
- **February 18** – 2nd Annual High Tea; Call Cherokee County Historical Society @ 256-927-7835 for details.
- **March 12** – Daylight Saving Time begins, don’t forget to move your clocks up one hour!
- **March 17** – St. Patrick’s Day
- **March 20** – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring!
- **March 24** – Good Friday, Etowah County Courthouse closed.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. Silent (4)
3. Upper arm joint (8)
9. Countryside walker (7)
10. Stop (5)
11. Progeny (5)
12. Hole for a lace or cord (6)
14. Rodent often kept as a pet (6,7)
17. Embelishes (6)
19. Take eagerly (5)
22. Edible bulb (5)
23. Eminent (7)
24. Cooked egg dish (8)
25. Military force (4)

### DOWN

1. Matrimony (8)
2. Books (5)
4. Tree producing conkers (5, 8)
5. Male relative (5)
6. Local variety of language (7)
7. Regretted (4)
8. Sheep’s coat of wool (6)
13. Predict (8)
15. Technology opposer (7)
16. Powerful (6)
18. Wash in clean water (5)
20. Fossil resin used for jewelry (5)
21. Proverbially extinct bird (4)

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## VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAYS

Vickie Dobbins	01/02	Judy Christian	01/29	Gloria Smith	03/02
Katherine Smith	01/02	Joan Grove	01/30	Sherry Stapleton	03/02
Doris Jelks	01/05	Sharon Wappelhorst	01/30	Monza Miller	03/04
Thomas Mintz	01/06	Veronica Wilson	01/30	Linda Godsey	03/05
Shirley Ward	01/06	Lucille Marbury	01/31	Melisa Quinn	03/05
Carol Hudson	01/08	James Lee	02/02	Jean James	03/06
Marcia Kendrick	01/09	Judy Clontz	02/06	Linda Smith	03/08
Betty Chestnut	01/10	Alice Neal	02/06	Janice Wininger	03/08
Bobby Hinkle	01/10	Virginia Stanfield	02/07	Mary Jane Quinn	03/09
Judy Oxley	01/10	Michele Bradford	02/08	Doris Cash	03/10
Frances Ramey	01/10	Ruby George	02/09	Clara Hoyt	03/10
Dannie Box	01/11	Frances Core	02/10	Bud Utter	03/10
Georgia Ann Grimes	01/11	Dolores Smith	02/10	Helen Morgan	03/12
Agnes Sprayberry	01/12	Mary Stephenson	02/10	Doyle Spinks	03/12
Delma Smith	01/13	Peggy Ballenger	02/14	Dewayne Long	03/14
Shirley Williams	01/16	Martha Ashley	02/17	Betty Crowe	03/21
Judith Crane	01/18	Karen Wilmon	02/19	Margaret Knight	03/21
Dennis Nunnally	01/22	Melba Lories	02/21	V.V. Davis	03/24
Kenneth Hudson	01/26	Jane Brittain	02/24	Jack Fuller	03/26
Edna Cole	01/27	Jimmie Bailey	02/27	Jennie Amos	03/27
Lois King	01/27	Margie Chapman	02/27	David Gober	03/27
Rebecca Tillery	01/27	Venice Spears	02/28	Sarah Chapman	03/28