

# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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Church Office hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

*"I was hungry and you fed me..."*

(Farewell notes to / about *Angel Food* and the people of Bookwalter UMC)

For the past five years, under the anointed leadership of Linda Comer, Bookwalter United Methodist Church has been a beacon to Knoxville and East Tennessee through our *Angel Food* ministry. Each month, we had 35 to 50 volunteers here through rain, snow, and summer heat to show and share God's compassionate, unconditional love with everyone who came through our doors.

It was not just a matter of filling orders:

- Each month, there were those going through difficult times who received food at no charge.
- Every month, there was sausage or jelly biscuits and coffee—with conversation and fellowship.
- At Christmas there was a buffet brunch and tables full of new gift items for our friends to select.
- Every month we gave out hundreds of new/like new books, gifts, and extra food items to our brothers and sisters—there were always books, coloring books, crayons, and toys for the children.

Here are three of the most recent communications we received—some are edited for space.

- **From Wendy** September 27, 2011 8:20 AM                      Subject: **Thank you—Angel Food**  
*Good Morning, I have been watching AFM website, holding out hope that they would reopen, but that will not be the case. And so, I just wanted to...thank you for all that you did with AFM at Bookwalter UMC. We were a new AFM family and had only order a couple of months before AFM closed, but everyone at Bookwalter made us feel very 'at home'. Never once did we feel looked down upon or anything like that for needing to use AFM and I for one truly appreciate that!*  
*And the 'extras' that you all did on top of being a host site for AFM...WOW! Thank you so much! Our kids so enjoyed the 'treats' that you had for them and we were blessed by the book tables too!*  
*Everyone was so friendly and helpful and picking up our boxes was so FAST! I couldn't believe how quickly we were able to pick up our boxes each month! And I still use my reusable store bag that we received one month when picking up the items that didn't fit into the boxes.*  
*Can't help but smile when I think of you all each time I use that reusable store bag! So thank you, again, for all that you all did for the families that used Bookwalter as their AFM host site!*  
*We'll never forget you all! God bless you in abundance!*
- **From Carol: Chattanooga—her sister here is mentally challenged.** September 26, 2011 10:47 PM  
**Re: Angel Food Ministry Closing**  
*Thank you so very much for all the kindness you have shown to my sister and me. We're really going to miss you and the ministry. My sister depended on the angel food.*  
*Thanks to everyone who helped out on pick up day.*  
*Also, thanks for the food pantry list. I will pass it on to my sister. God Bless each and everyone of you.*
- **From Diana** September 27, 2011 10:46 AM  
*Bookwalter Angel Food has been a huge blessing for me and my family. For mom and dad, after dad retired, it meant they could breathe a little easier about stretching their Social Security. When both my brothers were laid off, we were able to keep food on their tables.*  
*But even more, the volunteers have been God's Angels on earth. They are VERY special people. Our visits to Bookwalter have been one of my mother's favorite outings every month. From the youngest to they oldest, they have always welcomed us with smiles and caring hearts. There has been humor—every time I think of the Amish parking brake, I smile. There has been sadness—I will never forget Jo's support when dad died. You have been a rock in the storms many of us have faced. Thank you Linda for all you gave to this ministry.*  
*My prayers will be with each of you & with Bookwalter.*

**Thank you all for letting the love of Jesus show through you!**

(Remember the **Angel Food Farewell Pot-Luck Supper** for all Angel Food volunteers  
Bookwalter UMC Fellowship Hall, Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.)

Your Pastor, *David*