



ATLAS of Lyon County

Together touching lives for Christ

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Director's Corner

Lisa Vande Stouwe

Precious friends of ATLAS, this newsletter comes to each and everyone of you as a huge heartfelt "Thank you" for all you have done and continue to do to help us reach the hurting in Lyon County and the surrounding area. It is your donations that give hope and allow us to show the love of Jesus Christ to each and everyone who comes through our doors. Whether it is supporting the Emergency Food Pantry, donating items to our Thrift Store or one of our many outreach programs. You make a difference!



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... as much as you have done unto the least of these my brothers and sisters you have done unto me," declared the Lord.
Matthew 25:35-40

It is so important that you realize that your choice to help has made a significant difference in the lives of so many. There is not one so lost, no need so deep, so situation so hopeless that can not be turned around by the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for partnering with us to serve and help those in need. You are truly a blessing to this ministry!
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In Christ's Love, Lisa Vande Stouwe, Executive Director, ATLAS of Lyon County

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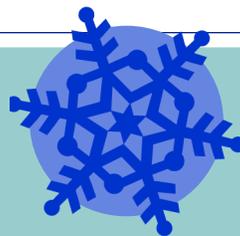
Upcoming events:

December 17,18—Bread of Life

December—Bless A Family



Thanks to George Office Products for donating turkeys again this year!



What is ATLAS?

ATLAS (Attaining Truth, Love And Self-control) is a non-profit faith based organization that exists to help the hurting, equip believers and unite the community all in the name of Christ.



New Faces at ATLAS of Lyon County

I'm Jeff. My wife Cindy & I are originally from Kansas City. We have lived in Luverne since September 2008. I learned about ATLAS as a client in Luverne and soon started volunteering there. Everything has a season and while changes are a good thing, as God's children, it's often hard. So, I came here as a volunteer in January.



Hi, I am Vicki. My husband Dale and I live here in Rock Rapids. We have two married daughters and two grandson's. After working in the school system for 29 years, my time came that I could retire. I volunteered with ATLAS during the summer and found out how much I enjoyed being part of such a dedicated ministry. I have since been on board

here at ATLAS since July.

Once a week turned in to twice, then a third day and now I'm here Monday through Thursday! My time started out as helping build the website, then keeping the office computers working. Other tasks followed and now I'm a mentor! What a change in such a short period of time. The Lord has put me here for a good reason! I can't wait to find out what the Lord has in store for me! Email: jeff.b@atlasoflyoncounty.org

My position here at ATLAS encompasses many things. I assist our Director, Lisa, with many phases of her position and the Office Manager, Ashley, with the seasonal programs. I also make sure we have store employees and volunteers on a daily basis to cover the many needs of the Lost but Found thrift store.

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If one falls down, his friend can help him up, but pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Ecclesiastes 4:10

For Volunteering Opportunities please call 712-472-9016 to learn more.

ATLAS Wish List- Postage, \$10 Gas Cards, Kleenex, Batteries size AA and AAA.

A Giant thank you to Fred and Sharon for the continous gifting of eggs and to Doris and Grandchildren for all the cupcakes!!

ATLAS Car Ministry needs your good used car or van. Call 712-722-4900 for more information about this tax deductible gift.

Find the JOY in your Rut

By Jeff Buckley

Do you ever feel stuck in a rut but thankful it's not a crater? Quite honestly, none of us are where we thought we'd be years ago. When we have Jesus Christ in our lives we understand that we are where He needs us to be. Sometimes it's painful, uncomfortable and lacking in excitement; sometimes it's all out disgusting and evil. More often than not, it's our boredom of the daily grind that causes our discontent. He knows that we don't always like it or agree with it.

As humans, we're never happy with good enough. The grass is always greener on the other side. Unfortunately, we forget that we've already been to the other side and it was worse that we could have dreamt. It's the evil one who casts these doubts in our mind and the discontent in our hearts. He wants to do anything and everything he can to destroy us. Yet, we know that it's really about his hate for righteousness that he's against.

So, in your daily grind, do what you can in Christ Jesus' righteousness. Then, let go of the things you have no control over. Your joy will come from God when you don't let Satan in to plant the seeds of frustration.

