

ALABASTER!



I remember as a child that filling my alabaster box was serious business! Throughout the whole year and leading up to Alabaster Offering Sunday, I would like to imagine just how my box of coins could actually help others in faraway places build structures for worship, healing, education and hope... like the ones described in the mesmerizing stories from missionaries who visited my church. I never wanted to miss out on that annual march down the center aisle of my church (and, yes, I marched!), along with my friends, to dump our boxes into that HUGE church-shaped box! (*Did you have an alabaster box and march down the aisle of your church? Maybe you still do?!*)



Recently, NMI President, Michael Rhodes, his council and Trevecca Community Church organized a FUN-raising event for alabaster: **The First Annual Ice Cream Churn-Off!** 18-20 gallons (or more) of a variety of delicious and creamy, homemade ice cream were created, churned and lined up on tables in the gym. Attendees purchased tickets (\$1 each), tried all the ice cream they wanted and then used the tickets to vote on their favorite one. (Congratulations to Shirley Aldrich who one the popular vote with her Fresh Peach Ice Cream.) Beyond

the popular vote, three, esteemed judges chose their favorite based on creaminess and flavor – (Congratulations to Doug Farley for winning Judges’ Choice with his decadent Praline Pecan Fudge Ice Cream!)

To be intentional with including children and youth in this event, Michael came up with the idea to have a Lego building contest. Hundreds and hundreds of Lego pieces were provided, and the children were all given the task to build a structure which represented the buildings that are built



by Alabaster Offerings -- churches, clinics, hospitals and schools. There were some AMAZING structures created by these kids – WOW! (Congratulations to winner → Cooper Brown!)



Missionaries from Eswatini and a Creative Access Area were also present and gave updates on their work in their own respective countries.

TCC has reported that the event raised over \$2000.00 with more donations still coming in! Way to use your creativity for such a worthy cause, TCC!

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