

9TH ANNUAL PASTOR'S POT



**A Cooking Challenge
to benefit C.A.R.E S.**

**Favorite recipes from
over a dozen churches!**

**Barbecue, Brunswick
Stew, Cajun Cuisine,
Specialty Desserts &
More.**

WHOSE PASTOR WILL WIN?

Cash votes will decide the winner!

Jasper United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 4th

11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tickets \$10

For information contact C.A.R.E.S

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Pastor's Pot- What Is It and Why?

Nine years ago, CARES had reached a financial crisis. There was a great need for funds to purchase food for the many clients they were serving in Pickens County. A great idea was born and it was Pastor's Pot. Churches in the area would be invited to prepare a dish, be it soup, chili, barbecue or a delicious dessert, and members of our community would be able to purchase tickets and come and enjoy a little taste of everything. A little friendly competition among the churches to see who could raise the most money added a spirit of fun, as we were all united in the goal of raising money for CARES. The first year was a tremendous success and so the tradition continues with this year's 9th Pastor's Pot.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society here at OLM has a very close connection with CARES and the work that they do. We do not have our own food bank, so many of our clients depend on CARES to fulfill their food needs and some financial aid also. We make sure that our clients who are eligible register and get their CARES card. This provides access to food once a week, as well as emergency help if the situation demands.

Instead of a spring food drive, the Society is hoping that all of our wonderful parishioners will consider buying a ticket for Pastor's Pot or making a donation to our Pastor's Pot jar. The tickets are \$10 each and the event will take place on Saturday, May 4th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Jasper United Methodist Church. Every dollar is one vote for OLM, so vote as often as you like!! As CARES has access to many food resources, cash goes a long way to purchase needed items.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is preparing Southwestern Chicken Barbecue this year and we would love to see lots of you stepping up to our table to sample our dish and vote us the winner. We will be selling tickets and accepting donations April 27th/28th, before and after all the Masses. You can also purchase tickets at the door, on the day of the event. As always, the Society is greatly appreciative of your generosity in supporting our mission to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, give comfort and solace, and see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet.