



## 9<sup>TH</sup> East Tennessee Christmas Jingle and Mingle shares the Nativity Story on December 2<sup>ND</sup>!

**FREE** Christmas event for individuals with disabilities and their family members

**Jingle and Mingle!**

Saturday, December 2<sup>ND</sup>  
2pm-4pm  
Hosted by the ETN  
access life Outpost

Come join us for festive fellowship, holiday games with prizes, seasonal crafts, Christmas carols and fun food at:

**First United Methodist  
Jefferson City  
2011 Branner Avenue,  
Jefferson City, TN 37360**

To participate or volunteer go to  
[www.access-life.org](http://www.access-life.org)  
and register by November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission Statement:** To develop and execute programs and events that share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ with people living with disabilities, and to connect them to Christ-honoring churches, organizations, resources, and people within their community.

**Programs:** Internships, Outposts, Expos, Life Support Banquets, Big Wheel Deals, Spring Flings, Fall Farm Days, Build A Wheelchair, GymBALloozas, Jingle and Mingles, Fishing with Friends, Crafting Community, Prayer and Care, Online Bingo, 3 in 3s and Fun Fact Fridays

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The next day, Thursday, we anticipated it was going to be a light day of checking off the boxes while the commercial tent team set-up the tents and the food truck guys made their final preparations. Unfortunately, to our surprise the commercial tent company we hired still had not applied for the two permits required to set the tents up. However, thanks to several godly women at City Hall and with the fire department a permit that normally takes seven days to approve was taking care of in less than seven hours. It's not always about what you know but who you know. Knowing Christians in the right places makes all the difference.

So, now we were on to Friday and the final set-up before the Expo. At this point, I cannot say enough about the core group of leaders we have in North Texas that pushed through the 106° temperatures to make sure everything was ready for the participants the following Saturday. Then God performed a weather miracle by dropping the temperature to just 96° in less than 24 hours for the outreach despite forecasted triple digit temperatures by the weather experts. It was still hot but short of our Texas Expo heat record set in 2015 of 99° with a heat index of 106°.

There are so many more miracles that I could share and I am sure even more that I don't know occurred. However, as always God showed himself faithful and good in meeting all of our needs and blessing people in Jesus' name! This outreach experience reminds me of a recent biblical thought I read that said, God is always moving mountains for you including the ones you don't even know are there. God who is completely light only knows all He did to pour out His love upon us that day.



Thank you Lord Jesus for always blessing us beyond what we deserve and please bless everyone who reads this fall newsletter in a special way today. Happy Thanksgiving, too!