

Today we give thanks to God as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Basement Boutique.

Twenty-five years ago, a group of faithful people embraced a simple but powerful vision: that items no longer needed by one person could become a blessing to another. Through this opportunity shop, clothing, books, furniture, and household goods could be given new life.

The Basement Boutique has flourished through generous donations, countless volunteer hours, and caring relationships.

It has become a place where the love of God is demonstrated in practical ways.

As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, “God loves a cheerful giver.”

Over the years, many people have given cheerfully - through donations, service, support, and participation. All have played a part in God's work.

Paul also reminds us that God can provide every blessing in abundance.

We have seen this truth lived out as God has multiplied simple acts of generosity into support for families and friendships within the community.

Today we thank God for the vision that began the Basement Boutique, for every volunteer and donor, and for every person who has found help and encouragement there.

Above all, we give thanks to God, whose generosity never fails, and pray that the Basement Boutique will continue to bless the community for many years to come.