



MISSION MATTERS: *March 2024*

Here's the latest about one of our ministries:

THE COASTAL BEND BLOOD CENTER

Since 2004, Island Presbyterian Church, as a vital part of our Mission program, has been partnering with the Coastal Bend Blood Center to hold six (6) blood drives each year. We have established a yearly schedule to have the Blood Mobile in our parking lot on the first Sunday of every other month, beginning in February. *Our next Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, April 7, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.* in our North parking lot. The schedule is planned so that the Blood Mobile is here every eight (8) weeks, so our donors are able to give at their 8-week eligibility intervals.

Inventory levels for donated blood are constantly changing at the Blood Center. In order to provide a safe and adequate blood supply for the Coastal Bend, more than 150 people must register to give blood each day. The Blood Center serves 22 Medical Facilities and 10 Counties across the Coastal Bend. Self-contained Blood Mobiles make donating blood convenient for donors and account for approximately 85% of the Blood Center's total annual draw. The Blood Mobiles operate seven days a week in order to ensure that hospital and patient needs are met.

If you are a regular blood donor, thank you very much for your commitment! If you are eligible to donate, please sign up for our next Blood Drive on April 7, by registering with the Blood Center at www.coastalbendbloodcenter.org And please encourage your friends and family to become donors.

GIVE BLOOD SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE!

The IPC Mission Committee

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