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### **Conley's UMC completes another Living Easter**

Conley's Living Easter drew over 900 people during the evenings of April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

The outdoor event has two primary purposes. The first is evangelism. Visitors were treated to scenes portraying Bible stories from Genesis through the Gospels. The pageant started with Adam and Eve, and ended at the empty tomb of Jesus on Easter morning. A palm frond was given to each visitor, plus a card with the inscription: "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed."(1 Peter 2:24). The card held a small old-fashioned cut nail to symbolize the nails used to hold Jesus on the cross.

The second purpose of the event is charity. Over \$1,100 and many canned goods were collected and donated to local charities including shelters and food banks. Although the church underwrites the entire cost of the event, one hundred percent of the proceeds are donated. Of course dozens of volunteers donate many hours of their time to help with organization, promotion, and logistics, plus dozens more who participate as guides and actors.

This event was started last year and complements Conley's Living Nativity that has been presented for the last eight years.