

The Lynchburg area Girl Scouts gather each December at First Presbyterian Church on V.E.S. Road for a community Super Service Day when they pack shoeboxes of birthday gifts for Meals on Wheels clients, prepare hand-made Christmas cards for servicemen and make little crafty ornaments to take home. They are also welcome to have a snack of juice and cookies. Dozens of cookies are on the table beside a tubful of frosting and oodles of containers of colored sugar and sprinkles and the girls decorate their own treats. So, where do all those cookies come from? Now for the rest of the story.....

The Sunday afternoon after Thanksgiving six of us (Cindy and Fred Watson, Nell Watson, Nancy Robertson and Jim and Lin Moseley) gathered at the Fred Watson home near Forest, VA to bake cookies. Oh, boy, did we bake cookies! Cindy was in charge of mixing the dough (an old family recipe), Nell, Nancy and Lin cut out the cookies, and Fred rolled out the dough. Numerous sheets of Parchment paper were cut to fit the pans. Only 4 pans were used for the job. Jim transferred and arranged the raw cookies onto the papers, then as a pan of cookies came out of the oven, the baked goodies were removed to a cooling rack and a new sheet of cookie-laden paper was pulled onto the pan. At one point Jim had 13 layers of cookies ready for the oven. Fred also kept the pans of cookies in line for the oven as Cindy baked them and cooled them.

When the flour settled from the air, Seven pounds of butter, 14 eggs, 14 cups of sugar, 42 cups of flour, plus vanilla and baking powder were transformed into 43 dozen cookies. The actual job of cutting them out took just an hour and a half. Baking all those cookies took a bit longer. The cookies were packed in plastic bags and placed in a tote. The next day they made the trip to a Girl Scout leader's freezer until Service Day for more than 300 girls. This is the seventh year Cindy has baked the cookies. Fred, Nell, Jim and I have helped many of those years and this year we welcomed Nancy Robertson into the project.







TO GOD BE THE GLORY!