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Today is Marvelous Monday---Eclipse and GOD's gift today:. GEMS-- a HUGE THANK YOU to all who have supported and helped with the 2017 successful Backpack project. Approximately 800 backpacks were filled and distributed last Monday--over 40 went to Hope South Florida--to students who were identified in NEED--those backpacks (depending on the age of each child) were filled with new school shirts, small stuffed animals, AND school supplies. Sue Blalock and Sarah Vanhulst and their committee chaired the filling and sorting and ordering and purchasing along with many helpers.

Now it is time to think of the future and how GEMS can be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need here in our community. The first gathering of GEMS will take place on **Wednesday, September 6 at 10 a.m.** and this will be a planning time for this season's GEMS for 2017 through 2018. The theme I have been thinking about is: " I Love to Tell the Story" ---a very favorite hymn of many and certainly mine. Everyone of us has a story--our lives--and we learn and grow from sharing our story with each other--as friends caring for one another.

What is a planning gathering? It is time to set up our committees and consider how we will meet the needs of our community--whether it be in church or in our neighborhoods. SO come if you are able and LET'S GET ORGANIZED! The first official gathering of GEMS will be the first Wednesday in October 4- when we will be preparing Kits 4 Kids, and Heallth Hygiene kits for those in need, as well as counting box tops and sharing with one another.

BLESSINGS, Barbara Timmerman