

## VERSE OF THE MONTH



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:11*

### ~ Sharing Comfort & Joy ~ **Christmas Food Bags for those in need**

You can help feed the hungry! . . . Just purchase the items on the list below, fill a grocery bag, and give it to the Mission. We'll distribute the food to those in need. To participate and obtain materials, or to arrange for a pick-up, please contact us at 435-7615.

Please deliver food bags to the Albany Rescue Mission Office at 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA by Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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| 4 cans of vegetables                      | 1 package of dry beans       |
| 4 cans of meat (tuna, beans, chili, etc.) | 1 package of cereal or grits |
| 4 cans of fruit                           | 1 box of crackers            |
| 4 cans of soup                            | 1 jar of peanut butter       |
| 1 package of pasta, rice, etc.            | 1 jar of jelly or jam        |
|   | 1 bar of soap                |

### **Christmas gift boxes for residents**

We are collecting items for our residents' Christmas gifts. Items such as new sweatshirts, flannel shirts, warm socks, hats, gloves, and hygiene items would be greatly appreciated. If you have items that you would like to donate, please drop them by our office at 604 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA or call 435-7615 to arrange for a pick-up.



MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2017			
<b>Individual Cases</b>		<b>Professions of Faith in Christ</b>	
Emergency Aid	255	Mid-Day Chapel Service	36
Emergency Food Bags	80	Men's Program Division	12
Misc. Donations	265	Women's Program Division	5
<b>Free Clothing: Hundreds of individual pieces. Over 10,000 meals served.</b>			

### \* DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE\*

Dear Friends, We recently mailed out receipts for your gifts dated in September & October. We plan to mail out end of year receipts for 2017 by the end of January. Thank you for your generosity and your patience!

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**REACHING THE LEAST, THE LAST, THE LOST**

\* 29 years of ministry 1989 - 2017 \*

# The A.R.M. of the LORD



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Albany, Georgia 31701

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Thrift Store  
614 West Roosevelt Avenue  
Albany, Georgia 31701

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES



### ~ Christmas 2017 ~



"How Can We Help?"

Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we prepare for the Christmas season, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support.

Because of your care and compassion, Thanksgiving was made special for many needy families. We were able to feed over 1,300 meals during the holiday week and give away over 165 food bags and many turkeys to the families with the greatest needs. We are full at our Men's Program Division. Our Women's & Children's Shelter is busy caring for 20 women and small children.

In the past couple of years, our on-site feeding program has been serving increasing numbers of people. When we recently re-calculated the number of meals served, we discovered that we are now serving nearly 10,000 meals a month. We want to thank everyone who helps us to feed the hungry!

Now, for our Christmas plans.....We plan two major meals at the mission December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. We will also be giving food bags and turkeys to the families in our area with the greatest need. We also plan to prepare Christmas boxes for all our folks at the mission. That number is around at least 70. We also are helping Albany's most needy families with children to have a Merry Christmas. We also need help with toys for girls & boys age 3 to teens. Without your help and support, we would not be able to supply these needs.

"How can we help?" We need more non-perishable food items. Also, as you make your year-end donations, please keep us in mind. This is the time when we must raise enough funds to carry the ministry through the holidays and well into next year. In addition to our regular operating expenses, we also have four special needs.

- We need to raise funds to help pay for our new warehouse to replace the one that was destroyed in the January 2<sup>nd</sup> storm**
- We are trying to "pay down" the principal on the Women's Shelter mortgage**
- We still have a critical, urgent need for a late-model mini van for our men program division**
- Regular maintenance on our buildings**

We will send you a year-end receipt by the end of January 2018 for your monetary tax-deductible donations.

We cannot outgive the Lord. He has blessed us in order to care for these people and also to show them how much God loves them. It is our responsibility to show them the true meaning of Christmas. God's greatest gift, His only begotten Son, came to give life – eternal life. We pray you have trusted the Lord for your salvation. Thank you.

May the Lord bless you and your family as we serve Him.

Saved to serve,

*Bro. Larry Hample*

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## MISSION FOOD DRIVE



*A Special Thank you to Camilla, Friendship, and  
Hinsonton Baptist for the monthly services you provide.  
Also, Schuff Steel, Dental Partners of SWGA,  
First Free Will Baptist for your participation in our  
annual can food drive.*



*Thank you for supporting  
the ministry!*



*A Special thanks to the Remaining Few Motorcycle Club for their annual  
food drive they hold each year on behalf of The Albany Rescue Mission.*

**HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS**

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY



We'd like to offer a special "thank you" to all who helped feed the hungry with your gifts of time, food and funds!



We serve 2 meals a day, 7 days a week . . . to anyone who comes.  
That's nearly 10,000 meals a month these days!



**LEADING THE LOST TO THE LORD**