

## VERSE OF THE MONTH



*And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.*

*Psalm 35:9*

*Thank you!*

Thank you for your generous donations.  
 Thank you for sending Christmas cards and gifts.  
 Thank you for bringing food and serving meals.  
 Thank you for filling our pantry.  
 Thank you for donating items for the ministry and the Thrift Store.  
 Thank you for giving your time and talents.  
 Thank you for sending encouraging notes.  
 Thank you for giving "extra."  
 Thank you for your prayers.

*You blessed us in 2018. May God bless you in 2019.*

### Mike's Corner

We've said goodbye to another year and we're beginning a new one with new resolutions, hopes, and goals. I would like to share the thought with you that thanksgiving, peace, love, and goodwill is an attitude we should have in our hearts all year long. In that spirit, all of us here at the mission would once again like to thank all our supporters and donors who make all of this possible. There are many issues on our agenda for 2019. Such as getting our new thrift store warehouse operational, repairing Hurricane Michael damage done to our existing store, various much needed maintenance to our buildings. Also, maintenance to our vehicles we use to transport our residents to necessary medical and employment appointments as well as picking up large donations of food and heavy items donated to the thrift store. As we move towards 2019, we're prayerfully confident that The Lord will, as He always has, provide for us through your support. Whether through your contribution of clothing, food, or monetary efforts. From all of us here at the Albany Rescue Mission we wish you a blessed, prosperous, and happy new year.

God Bless and Happy New Year to you all,  
 Mike Gravette  
 Program Director

### MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

<u>Individual Cases</u>		<u>Professions of Faith in Christ</u>	
<b>Emergency Aid</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>Mid-Day Chapel Service</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Emergency Food Bags</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Men's Program Division</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Misc. Donations</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>Women's Program Division</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Mission Outreach</b>	<b>5</b>

**Free Clothing: Hundreds of individual pieces. Nearly 10,000 meals served.**

### \* DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE\*

*Dear Friends, We plan to mail your "year-end" receipts (including your gifts dated November & December 2018) by January 31, 2019.*

*Thank you for your gifts and for your patience!*

*The pieces of this newsletter mailing were designed using Microsoft products.*

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**\* 31 years of ministry 1989 - 2019 \***

# The Albany Rescue Mission of the LORD



**News from and about Albany Rescue Mission, Inc.**

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*Have a Blessed New Year  
 2019*

Dear Supporters and Friends,

First, let me thank all of you that helped support this ministry in 2018. Last year, our most active year yet, we housed, fed, and clothed more people than ever. We are starting our 31<sup>st</sup> year of operation and the homeless rate is still on the rise. In addition to taking care of their personal needs, the most important work is sharing the good news that God has a plan for their lives. There is forgiveness and eternal life in trusting in the Lord.

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who helped to make Christmas special for our folks here at the Mission. Please look inside the newsletter for photos of some of our special events and the people who helped to make them happen. I would also like to thank all of you that collected non-perishable food and those who gave extra to help provide a special Christmas for all those in need. Also, thank you to all volunteers who helped to serve meals.

With your help, we cared for over 300 families and provided food and clothing for many more. We fed over 3,000 meals through Christmas and New Year. We are now preparing for the winter season.

Our need for regular monthly support is great, but we know some of you cannot give on a monthly basis. We value any and all donations to this ministry. We will keep you updated on the Mission each month – not only our needs, but how lives are being transformed by the Lord.

Around the end of January 2019, we will also be sending out letters to everyone who gave monetarily during 2018. If your records do not match up with ours, please write to us at the ministry office, or e-mail us via the "contact us" page on the website, or call us at the ministry office at (229) 435-7615 and we will send you another letter with the corrections.

Again, thank you for helping those in great need. May the Lord bless you and your family in this New Year.

Saved to serve,

*Bro. Larry Hample*

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# Celebrating 31 years of Service

By Brad McEwen: Printed On Friday, November 15, 2013

ALBANY — Back in 1989 Albany resident Larry Hample opened the doors of his Residence Avenue home to the needy and the Albany Rescue Mission was born. Twenty-five years later, the organization still operates as a model of brother helping brother. Since its inception, those with the Rescue Mission have worked diligently through private donations to provide clothes, food and shelter to countless numbers of people needing assistance. Last year alone the mission served more than 85,000 free meals to the hungry. The mission serves two public meals a day, breakfast and lunch, and never turns anyone away. “We just let the Lord handle that part,” Hample said. “How do you turn someone down who needs help? That’s not our decision. ”Serving more than 7,000 meals a month, the Rescue Mission runs the largest feeding mission in the area, but its work doesn’t end there. In addition to serving meals to the needy, the mission also provides shelter to those willing to work a 12-week program that Hample believes will get residents back on their feet. Currently, the men’s program houses 45 men, while the women’s shelter houses 20 women and children. All who stay at the mission go through a Bible-based program designed to teach them that God loves them in spite of things that happened in their past. “We’re not just feeding people,” said Hample. “We’re giving them an opportunity to get their lives straightened out. When they come here, of course, they’ve got to make their peace with God and we give them that opportunity. We show them even though they’ve been beaten down, God loves them.”

(Article from The Albany Herald) <http://www.albanyherald.com/news/2013/nov/16/the-albany-rescure-mission-celebrates-its-25th>

## Mission Moments from Christmas 2018

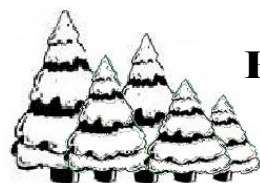
### Miss Juanita and First United Methodist Art Class threw a Christmas Party for the Mission Residents



**Special Thanks To: Miss Juanita and the First United Methodist Art Class**

**We are thankful for all the blessings!  
Thank you for helping to provide  
a wonderful holiday**

**Special Thanks To All Our Volunteers That  
Helped Make All Our Holiday Meals a Big Success**



## STATEMENT OF SERVICE

### Who We Are

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Every day, many homeless and needy men, women and children turn to the Albany Rescue Mission for help. We sincerely need *your* help! Since 1989, we have been providing for those in need by sharing food, shelter, and the Good News of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our feeding program is extensive, **servng more than 7,000 meals each month. In addition to the 3 meals a day we serve to our residents, we also serve 2 meals a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, to anyone who comes.** We are a non-profit Christian Ministry that provides a long-term program for 45 Men, 20 Women, and children to get their lives back on track through the Lord Jesus Christ. Our 12 week provided program, consist of studying the Holy Bible (King James Version) and sharing that God loves us in spite of our sin nature. After the first 14 days the programmer is allow to seek employment. The Ministry covers all transportation and basic medical needs for anyone in the program. We have a relationship with Albany Area Mental Health Department, so those who require their services can receive the help they need free of charge. After the 12 weeks are over the programmer becomes a graduate and may choose to leave or volunteer as staff, or just simply stay as a graduate, if abiding by our rules of conduct.

Because of our strong Christian stand, **this ministry does not receive government funding**, and therefore, we rely on God’s provision through private donations and love offerings. We have our own publishing service on site. We produce books, CD’s, and DVD’s to help spread the Word of God. **We do not charge for any material that we publish.** We also maintain a website to spread the Word of God on a global level and provide insight to anyone who maybe curious about our organization. Our web address is [www.AlbanyRescueMission.org](http://www.AlbanyRescueMission.org). You will find all of our books there free to download 24/7. May God bless you and your family.



Saved to serve,

*Larry Hample*

Founder/ Director of Albany Rescue Mission

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