

2018

ANNUAL REPORT



OF LINCOLN COUNTY, INC.

“Working Hand in Hand with the Lord”

41st Anniversary

1977-2018

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Executive Director.....Mitzi Williams
Administrative Assistant.....Angie Pooley
Emergency Services Coordinators.....Carla Goodson
Emergency Services Assistant..... Bobbie Grant
LINC Home Meals Coordinator.....Mimi Rhyne
Bookkeeper.....Marla Lewis
Soup Kitchen Coordinator.....Tracy Pyant
Building & Resource Coordinator.....Richard Ballard
Coordinator of Volunteers.....Woody Saunders

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

- A. To express through fellowship, study, and service, the essential unity of the church.
- B. To provide an interdenominational agency for cooperation among the churches; which may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian Faith.
- C. To study the opportunities for Christian witness and service in the community and propose plans through which these opportunities can be met.
- D. In perspective of the general inclusiveness of A, B and C above, (which are the purposes stated in the Articles of Incorporation), it is the understanding of Christian Ministry, at this time, that our purpose is to seek means of serving the needs of the people in our community by cooperative efforts and interdenominational service organization can provide. We do not wish to duplicate what others are already doing well, nor do we wish to take responsibility which another group could do as well, if not better.

**CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR 2019**

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* These will be voted and installed at Annual Meeting. Each member of the Board is elected for a two (2) year term. Each may serve two consecutive terms. The number beside each name indicates the year the person will be serving in 2019. We would like to thank the following Board Members that are coming off for their loyal service: Rob Allen, Steve Miller, Rev. Rick Sloop, Hazel Moore, Ron Blake.

A note from the President of the Board

Note: to notice or pay attention to (something) or to say or write (something)

I want to begin this note the same way as I did the past two years. I use to struggle to find the right words to convey my thoughts. I didn't want to repeat myself. How do I get the message across that needs to be heard? The answer is simple and straight forward. REPEAT, REPEAT, REPEAT. Nothing has changed so I am going to REPEAT. There is no reason for me to try and put it differently. The reality is the needs of the people in this community still exist. If anything, they are increasing. Therefore the need of Christian Ministry is as great today as ever. So please forgive me if I plagiarize myself again this year because I am going to and it is worth doing so.

Last year I spoke of Matthew 15 and of Jesus Feeding the Four Thousand. We do that at the ministry every year and much more. I mentioned Deuteronomy 15, ⁷ "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, ⁸ but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs." Is this county not given to us from God? Yes it is. Therefore it is our responsibility as Christians and believers to help those in need in our community.

I use to say this is a struggle to write this but it's not. The struggle I see every day when I leave work to go to lunch is the long lines at the soup kitchen. Or when I arrive to work and see people already outside at the Ministry waiting for assistance. The struggle is getting and keeping people involved so that we can continue to take care of the people who need our help. Writing this note has seem to become much less of what I thought was a struggle. I am sure that those in need would agree. I am fortunate as are many of us in this community. It is time to remember that. It is time to help. Remember we must REPEAT our actions and calls to service not just on an occasional basis but on a daily basis. For all who have been blessed by GOD, please pass those blessings on to the less fortunate, to the needy.

To all of those that already help and give so much of their time and money, thank you. To those that have not helped before, let 2019 be the year that you start. This is our chance to come together as Christians, not Baptist, Methodist, Lutherans, Catholics, Non-Denominational, Presbyterians or any other denomination, but children of God.

It is up to those that can help to help. Help in any way you can. There is no such thing as too little or too much, Do as you are able and be a blessing to others in need.

2018 was my last year as President and it has been a privilege to serve on the Christian Ministry Board. It is still a privilege to see all the good deeds done by so many of the people in this county. May God continue to bless each and every one of us regardless of whether we are the people in need or the people that help. We are all children of GOD.

I know a lot of this is things I have said before. But like I said in the beginning. It bears being REPEATED.

Thank you again to all that help and I look forward to another blessed year for Christian Ministry.

Rob Allen

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Peace. What a wonderful feeling! For a person living with the threat of no food, no medicine, or no roof over their head...there is no peace. For a person unable to take care of their family...peace is unobtainable. If you were one of the precious donors that provided a dollar, can of food, household item, clothing item or gave of your valuable time to the Ministry; thank you for providing peace to a person struggling to find it.

The Ministry may only have “part-time” positions, but it has 24/7 staff! They are dedicated to doing what it takes to bring peace to as many people that come through the Ministry doors as they can! The Ministry is blessed to have the committed, supportive staff that it does.

While the Ministry saw to as many people's needs as it could, it was also going through many changes. Over the year, our buildings went through major repairs. While this is nothing new for our “gently used buildings”, the repairs seemed to last all year! 2018 brought two new positions; Building and Resource Coordinator and Coordinator of Volunteers. Even though it was facilitated by the resignation of John Hall as he took the Director's position at Hesed House, the Ministry was blessed with the outcome. Emergency Services saw a software upgrade change. We think this is a good thing, but it is still a work in progress. There were wonderful changes in our fundraisers that brought great results! Finally, we saw a change in the way we reach out, with the creation of our website, www.christianministryoflincolncounty.org and our Facebook page, Christian Ministry of Lincoln County. Both of which have reaped great rewards!

One thing that will never change is our commitment to bringing peace to as many people as we can. With continuing support from our member churches and the community, the Ministry has been able to do this for over 40 years and will continue into the future.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:28

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**MINISTRY GROUPS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
2019**

President **Rev. Gregg Plott, Ex officio of all Committees**

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Dr. Stanley Spence
Shirley Alexander
Rev. Gregg Plott

POLICY AND PERSONNEL

Ralph Zello
Shirley Alexander
Rev. Gregg Plott
Charles Stevens
Rob Allen, Chair

RECEPTIONIST

Dolly McCadden
Carolyn Avery
Trish Shephard
Faye White
Kay McConnell
Shannon Wingate
Barbara Jefferies
Sue Huss
Rita Lafavers
Dianne Painter
Asha Smith
Ebony Abernethy
Ally Boston
Susan Harris

SOUP KITCHEN

Rev. Jim Schall
Gary Poovey
Shirley Alexander
Marni Carpenter
Judy Freeman
Hazel Moore
Valerie Pettit
Patsy Smith, Chrm.
Eames Saarinen
Gearldine Tate
Rev. Gregg Plott

HUNGER WALK

Nesta Farmer
Rev. Charles Stevens, Chrm.
Jane Schrum

RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Shirley Alexander
Ralph Zello

PROPERTY

Scott Caskey
Surge Jobian
David Conner

**MINISTRY GROUPS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
2019**

President Rev. Gregg Plott, Ex Officio of all Committees

CHRISTMAS FUND

Betty/Tom Davis
Marge Stula Toy
Coordinator
Marion Beebe Toy
Coordinator
Ricky Detter
Ralph Zello, Co-Chrm.
Debbie Heafner, Co-Chrm.
Paul Crump
Tracy Barger

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Susan Boyd

BUSINESS BLITZ - Chairperson

Demery Brewer

COMPUTER TECH

Scott Caskey

LINC MEALS

Melinda Houser, Chrm.
Kathy Robinson
Judy Roberts
Ralph Zello
Shirley Alexander
Linda Drum
Michael Caskey
Hazel Moore
Cynthia Williams

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Shirley Alexander, Chrm.
Libby Baxter
Ralph Zello
Dennis Parker
Hazel Moore
Donna Jolley

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, INC.

BUDGET

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2019</u>
7200	Wages	\$229,779.89	\$222,959.89
	Christmas Gifts Account	5,400.00	5,400.00
6620	Payroll Taxes	17,600.00	17,600.00
6560	Utilities	15,000.00	15,000.00
6640	Building Maintenance	8,300.00	8,300.00
6650	Equipment Maintenance	2,900.00	2,900.00
6660	Office Supplies/Postage	5,700.00	5,700.00
6670	Insurance/Bond	20,605.00	20,000.00
6680	Mileage	1,200.00	1,200.00
6690	Miscellaneous	700.00	500.00
6700	Employee Training	900.00	900.00
6710	Audit	425.00	5,000.00
6720	Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
6550	Volunteers Com	1,300.00	1,300.00
6900	LINC Ministry Group (Coolers, Equipement,etc.)	2,000.00	2,000.00
6960	LINC Subsidized meals	22,000.00	22,000.00
6000	Emergency Services	94,000.00	94,000.00
7300	Nursing Home Ministry	300.00	150.00
7700	Business Blitz	1,200.00	1,200.00
7960	Hunger Walk	200.00	200.00

7800	Christmas Fund ***	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
7900	Soup Kitchen ***	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
	New Acct: Transportation (Vehicle Maintenance/Gas/Motor Club)		2,000.00
		<u>\$470,689.88</u>	<u>\$476,309.89</u>

*** RAISES OWN MONEY

TOTAL BUDGET (2019) \$476,309.89

Committee Members

Shirley Alexander

Stanley Spence

Rev. Gregg Plott

Dianne Painter Board Treasurer

IN-KIND REPORT - 2018

ACCT. NUMBER	ACCOUNT	DOLLAR AMOUNT DONATED
	VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED (valued at \$7.25 per hour)	
6000	Emergency Services (clothes closet, pantry, storage bldg, miscell.)	39,440.00
6510	Public Awareness	2,037.55
6520	Policy and Personnel	580.00
6550	Volunteer - Receptionist	7,076.00
6640	Building Maintenance - Volunteers	11,542.00
6900	LINC Ministry (Meetings/Drivers/Coordinators/Packers)	40,810.25
7300	Nursing Home (Parties)	8,801.00
7700	Business Blitz	1,979.25
7800	Christmas Fund	10,570.00
7900	Soup Kitchen	31,581.00
7960	Hunger Race	11,230.25
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE FOR DONATED HOURS	\$165,647.30
6000	Emergency Services Items Donated:	
	(Fans, Heaters, Clothing)	260,602.00
	Mobiles 60,000 lbs.	18,600.00
	Food Total for Emergency Services (Bread & Meat from 6 stores daily, USDA Foods)	1,240,940.00
	Household Items (linens, furniture, etc.) over 27,634 lbs.	241,797.50
	Personal Items (Hygiene, Cosmetics, Diapers, etc.) over 34,696 lbs.	104,088.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED ITEMS - EMS	\$1,866,027.50
6680	Mileage Donated (.55 per mile):	
	LINC Meals	61,008.75
	Morning Pick up's	1,884.26
	Pick up furniture	550.00
	Nursing Home (Church Groups ~ Susan Boyd)	1,938.24
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED MILEAGE	\$65,381.25
6900	LINC Meals	
	13,294 Donated Meals (\$4.20 per meal)	\$55,834.80
	(8,450 Sponsored, 4,816 Subsidized, 28 Emergency)	
7800	Christmas Fund Donated Items:	
	Food ~ 749 boxes	157,395.44
	(Subtracted actual cost of purchased food at \$225 per box)	
	Toys ~ 583 children (\$65 per child) (13 bikes @ \$60 each)	38,675.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED ITEMS	\$196,070.44
7900	Soup Kitchen	
	49,906 Meals (Value of each meal \$5 minus actual cost .52)	\$223,578.88
	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,572,540.17

POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

In March of 2018, John Hall tendered his resignation as Building & Maintenance Coordinator to take the job as Director of Hased House of Hope. Policy and Personnel committee met on April 16th to begin the process for his replacement. After much discussion, it was decided to split the responsibilities of this position. Following instructions in the By-Laws, a letter was sent to member churches notifying them of the new positions, Building & Resource Coordinator, and Coordinator of Volunteers. The committee met on April 16th, and reviewed the applications received and decided that an offer would be made to Richard Ballard for Resource and Building Coordinator, and to Woody Saunders for the Coordinator of Volunteers. Both men accepted the positions.

The following recommendations were made to the Board at the November meeting:

- 2019 staff salary/wages
- 2018 Christmas bonus increased to \$750 per position
- Bonus fund based on 2019 receipts to be distributed in the first quarter of 2020
- Full audit to be conducted for 2018

Our committee has been very active this year- praying for God's guidance and direction. We feel the Ministry is blessed to have such qualified personnel in leadership positions. Thank you to Steve Miller, Ralph Zello, Rev. Gregg Plott, Charles Stevens, Rob Allen-Ex Officio, for being so faithful and diligent in our efforts to keep the clients and their needs out front as we search for new leadership who could cover their responsibilities and continue to show love and respect to our clients, our reason for existence- SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS.

Shirley R. Alexander, Chairperson

Steve Miller

Ralph Zello

Rev. Gregg Plott

Charles Stevens

Rob Allen Ex-Officio

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - 2019

**Officers and Board Members nominated by the Nominating Committee.
Board members voted on at the November meeting.**

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>
PRESIDENT	- Rob Allen	PRESIDENT	- Rev. Greg Plott
VICE PRESIDENT	- Rev. Gregg Plott	VICE PRESIDENT	- Melinda Houser
SECRETARY	- Ron Blake	SECRETARY	- David Conner
TREASURER	- Dianne Painter	TREASURER	- Dianne Painter

LAYPERSONS: **2019**
 Ronnie Engle (L) 2
 Melinda Houser (M) 2
 David Conner (B) 2
 Vicky Gilbert (B) 2
 Dennis Parker (R) 4
 Dianne Painter (L) 4

LAYPERSONS: Need to Elect (4)
 1) Terrie Ritchie (B) 1
 2) Paul Crump (M) 1
 3) Brian Beal (M) 1
 4) Chris Rhyne (B) 1

Ministers: Need to Elect (1)
 1) Ricky Sigmon (B) 1

MINISTERS: **2019**
 Rev. Chad Walker (L) 2
 Rev. Charles Stevens (M) 3
 Rev. Gregg Plott (M) 3

YOUTH: **2019**
 Kilton Towery (2)
 Josh Allen (2)

PAST PRESIDENT:
 Rob Allen
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DELEGATE LINCOLN MINISTERIAL ASSOC.
 TO BE APPOINTED

The Board of Directors will consist of a total of seventeen (17) people, including the past president as an ex-officio member. Ten of these people are to be laypersons, four are to be clergy persons, and two are to be youth (ages 14-22). The President or designated delegate of the Lincoln County Ministerial Association is an ex-officio member of the Board. The number beside each Board Member's name indicates the year the person will be serving in 2019.

Nominating Committee:
 Rob Allen, Rick Sloop, Hazel Moore, Ron Blake

2018 Hunger “Amazing Race”

Wow, what an event. Wasn't sure what would happen when we began talking about doing “The Amazing Race for Hunger” would people support it, be willing to try something new or would it flop? Well, it was an AMAZING success!! The people came out and supported it and the teams did a good job and had fun also. The format was just like the “Amazing Race” as seen on TV. Each team raced to a location where they finished a task like sorting cans, fixing a meal to deliver, getting an ice chest, building a cardboard house, putting stuff in it and getting 1 person also in it. Thank you to the staff of Christian Ministries and the volunteers that made it such a success. I have received many good comments about the event and a number of folks are hoping we will do it again. Those who participated in the race are going to try and get more churches and others involved for next year.

Last year we had 100 walkers, from 19 churches plus other organizations and individuals. We collected \$4,742. This Year we had 17 Churches, 1 school club and 7 individuals which gave us a total of 185 walkers and racers 10 Volunteers and 9 staff which gave us a total of 204 participants. We collected \$8,830! All moneys raised goes to Linc Meals to pay for meals that folks can't afford to pay for which frees up money for other ministries.

Thank You,

Charles Stevens III, Chairman

CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS & INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED

Interact Club of West Lincoln HS	Pisgah United Methodist
Antioch Baptist	Trinity Lutheran
Salem Lutheran & UCC	Lincoln Avenue Baptist
Rhyne Height UMC	Covenant Bible Church
Calvary Baptist	First Christian Church
Bess Chapel UMC	Ivey Memorial UMC
Messiah UMC	Bethphage Lutheran
Laboratory United Methodist	St. Matthews Reformed
Emanuel Reformed	Boger City Wesleyan
Holy Cross Lutheran	Leonard's Fork Baptist
Loretta Beam	Becky Ingle
C. & Haley Featherstone	

2018 BUSINESS BLITZ

Thanks and Glory be to God on another successful year. It truly is a blessing to see businesses and people of Lincoln County come together to help support our cause both with their time and financially. We were able to raise a little more money this year than last year and for that I think we can deem it as a success. That success is in large part due to the individuals and businesses that help us year in and year out with these fund raising efforts. For that I would like to say thank you because we wouldn't be able to do it without you.

To the Christian Ministry staff and volunteers that helps with this business blitz, thank you. To the people who called on the businesses and individuals, thank you. Let us continue to pray that our community continues to support us as we, Christian Ministries, serve those in need in Lincoln County. All this is done for the glory of God and I pray that in 2019 we have even more success than in 2018. Thank you and God Bless.

Demery Brewer
Business Blitz Chair 2018

BUSINESS BLITZ CONTRIBUTIONS 2018

Eclipse Commercial Properties	Harry & Diane Brogden	Love Insurance Agency
Goodson Realty	American Steamer Carpet Cleaner	Fairfax Village Inc.
Alloy Fabricators, Inc.	The Nachamie Law Firm	Deal Construction
Main Filters USA	Donna Scates, CPA	East Lincoln Animal Hospital
Cataler	Randy Zimbaum	Factory Mattress Sales
JM Johnson Construction, Inc	Court Street Grille	Jin's Buffett
Theresa Rhyne/Tammy Hawn	Lincoln County Fabricators	
Pendleton Law Firm	Lincolnton Paint & Glass	
Michael Davis Trucking	Kennedy Office Supply	
Freeman Surveying	Keever Pharmacy	
Don Pendleton	Estate Jewlers Inc	
Carolina Trust Bank	Pleasant Grove umc/R. Leonard	
Lutz Properties	Charles Little, Jr	
Jerry Cochrane	Robert Bosch Tool Co.	
NAPA Auto Parts	Printables Unlimited	
Warlick Funeral Home	Red Rabbit	
Lail Electric Service	Taco & Tequilla	
Gregory Urban	Saine Hardware & Garden	
Central Carolina Sprinkler Co.	Air Management Services	
Nicolas & Judith Komas	Gates Realty/Libby Gates	
IFS Group/Kale Insurance	Bob's Pallets	
Fab Industries Corp	Charles W. Eurey, Jr.	
First Federal Savings & Loan	Harvey V. Houser Enterprises	

BUSINESS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN BUSINESS BLITZ

ARROWOOD & ASSOCIATES, PA	HOLLIS HENDERSON FASTENERS, LLC
FAMILY DOLLAR	MCGEE CABINET SHOP
CAROLINA ROLLER & SUPPLY CO	LINCOLN TON ANIMAL HOSPITAL
DUKE ENERGY	MS. MILLER TRANSPORTATION, LLC
AL LANE, INC	RATZLAFF CONSTRUCTION
DEATON LAW FIRM	SHERRILL, BLAKE & HARRISON CPA, P.A.
A & A SALES COMPANY	T & M RENTALS
GOOD WOOD PIZZERIA & BAKERY	THE DRUG STORE
HENNY PENNY	TIMKEN
HOUSE OF PIZZA	SHB SALES AND CONSULTING, LLC
SOUTHSIDE SMALL ENGINE REPAIR	WAL-MART DEAN'S APPRAISAL & REAL ESTATE



2018 Christian Ministry Golf Tournament

The annual Christian Ministry Golf Tournament was held at Lincoln Country Club on August 18. This was the best year we have had in several years. We had a field of 23 teams. A total of \$11,057.00 was collected. A total of \$4,273.00 was paid out leaving a balance of \$6784.00. A special thanks to all who participated in the tournament.

A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for \$250 used for supplies and essentials for the golf tournament.

A special time of fellowship was had by all involved. A special thanks to all the volunteers that day. Thanks to the Lincoln Country Club for catering our meal.

Thanks to all the churches, various businesses who sponsored our golf holes and also door prize donations.

Thanks again to all who participated and we look forward to our 2019 golf tournament.

**Dianne Painter
Bud Lefevers
Co –Chairmans of golf tournament**

EMERGENCY SERVICES MINISTRY GROUP REPORT

Purpose: Aide/assist clients with emergency needs (food, medicine, heating/Cooling bills, burned out families, clothing/shoes – through the Ministry Clothing Closet, as well as vouchers given to go to the Good Neighbor Shop).

In 2018, we served 8,086 families and 21,972 individuals, as well as the variety of services listed above. Please read carefully the EMS Statistical Report for the full impact that this ministry has on individual lives.

Due to the resignation of John Hall as Resource and Building Coordinator, Richard Ballard applied and was hired as Resource and Building Coordinator. **Thank you** to all individuals, churches, businesses and volunteers for your involvement in making all this possible.

Also, **THANK YOU** to Carla Goodson and Bobbie Grant EMS Coordinators, who serve our clients with dignity and love from their hearts!

Thanks to the EMS Ministry Group: Donna Jolley, Libby Baxter, Ralph Zello, Hazel Moore, Dennis Parker, as well as Mitzi Williams- CMLC Director, Richard Ballard Resource & Building Coordinator, Angie Pooley- Administrative Assistant, and Rob Allen- Board President, who contributed valuable support.

May God continue to bless Christian Ministry of Lincoln County, Inc., during 2019, and may we never lose focus of our purpose for love of the clients, volunteers and supporters of this Ministry.

Shirley R. Alexander
Emergency Services Chairperson

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me” - Matthew 25:35-36; Jesus replied “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” - Matthew 25: 40

EMERGENCY SERVICES - STATISTICAL REPORT 2018

Acct. Number	Emergency Service	Number of Clients Helped	Estimated Dollar Amount of Services
6010	Utilities	168	\$12,184.54
6020	Kerosene	345	\$12,075.00
6022	Heating/Fuel (Oct. to April)	159	\$8,286.89
6024	Heating/Fuel (June to Sept.)	128	\$7,131.92
6026	Duke Grant	56	\$4,891.29
6030	Rent	86	\$5,171.08
6040	Job -Gas	8	\$189.99
6050	Medical	516	\$13,092.96
6060L	Food boxes - Families 6,032		\$1,206,400.00
6060B	Food bags - Homeless 684		\$34,200.00
6060M	Food boxes - Families 2,106		\$18,600.00
6060F	Formula 17		\$340.00
	Total of Families Requesting Service	8,086	
	Total of Individuals Requesting Service	1,005	
6090	Miscellaneous	1,005	
	GL#6090 443		
	GL#6090Easter 357		
	GL#6090Laundry 80		
	GL#6090Shower 125		
6111	Referrals	62	
6113	Bibles	13	\$130.00
6114	Good Neighbor Shop	63	\$3,150.00
6114	Ministry Clothes Closet	1,888	\$94,400.00
6116	Furniture	276	\$6,900.00
6117	Household Items "Specific Request"	319	\$3,190.00
6117	Household Bulk Items 27,634lbs.	186	\$241,797.50
6118	Blankets	228	\$2,280.00
6119	Personal Items "Specific Request"		
6119	Personal Bulk Items 34,696 lbs.		\$104,088.00
	Estimated Value of Services		\$1,778,499.17
	Number of Request - 2017	8,964	
	Number of Family Request - 2018	8,086	
	Number of Individuals Request 2018	21,972	
	First Time Clients - 2018	474	

BUILDING AND RESOURCE REPORT

- Finished bathroom restoration project with the help of Serge and Arnold
- A lift gate was installed on the box truck and the damaged floor replaced
- Organized a temporary storage area for furniture for Hesus House
- Attended a mandatory training class to become a certified Second Harvest food bank shopper
- Installed a deep freezer to keep sandwich and deli meats cool
- Complied with Food Bank requirements to pick up fresh and frozen TEFAP food weekly (this includes pallets of milk)
- Received monthly tractor trailer shipment from Second Harvest
- Helms Security installed smoke alarms and CO2 detectors and put in an alarm key pad in the kitchen
- Kept monthly inventory of warehouse stock, keeping it rotated
- Partnered with East Lincoln Christian Ministry by receiving their overstocked furniture to supplement our own stock.

Richard Ballard – Building and Resource Coordinator

COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS REPORT

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each volunteer who helped make my new position of Coordinator of Volunteers a success. We are thankful for so many volunteers; it's not just about giving through service, but is a way of life. Because of your generous gift of time, energy and patience, we have improved the service to our clients with better organization of resources and consistent volunteer participation. Volunteer participation takes many forms. We have had twenty-six days of school and youth group service. Businesses and organizations have lent their service to the ministry nine days. There are currently thirty-seven scheduled pantry, food dock and grocery pick-up volunteers that work a minimum of one day a month. Out of 103 member churches we have had 74 churches scheduled for volunteer packers with a participation rate of 73% for our church volunteers. Thank you so much for your incredible support. We are only successful because of your effort. Anyone wishing to volunteer may contact me at 704-488-8824 or at christianministry.volunteers@gmail.com

J.K. Woody Saunders – Coordinator of Volunteers

THE LINC HOME MEALS PROGRAM

2018 proved to be another good year for our LINC Home Delivered Meals program. We have a great group of around 250 volunteers that continue to minister to the needs of those in our community daily by delivering a hot meal, a kind hello and a warm smile.

These volunteers pack and drive for 13 routes all across Lincoln County, they delivered 18,129 meals. They served over 5600 volunteer hours and drove an estimated 111,000 miles.

Of the 18,129 meals that were delivered, 13,294 of those were free to the recipient. These meals cost \$55,834.80. Our LINC Meals budget is only \$22,000. This left \$33,834.80 that was paid by donations and our Amazing Race fundraiser. We have several dedicated supporters that are faithful to give to our program each month to help offset the cost of these meals and we are very grateful to these churches, individuals and businesses.

Below you will find a breakdown of volunteers and meals.

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>		<u>MEALS</u>	
Coordinators	12	Emergency	28
Drivers	234	Subsidized	4,816
Packers	22	Self Paid	4,835
Total Volunteers	256	Sponsored	8,450
		Total Meals	18,129

Thank you to each Ministry Group Member, driver, coordinator and packer who gave their time to make LINC Home Delivered Meals so successful this past year. You are a blessing to our recipients and a testimony of Christ in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Rhyne, Coordinator

LINC Ministry Group Members:

Melinda Houser, Chairperson

Judy Roberts Co-Chairman

Shirley Alexander

Linda Drum

Hazel Moore

Cynthia Williams

Ralph Zello

Kathy Robinson

SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY GROUP REPORT

Hello to Everyone!

It has been another amazing year with all our blessings from our Heavenly Father. We would like to thank all of our churches, stores, and the many people who have given generously over this past year. Because of this out pouring of support the Soup Kitchen has been able to feed around 125 to 225 plates per day.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers! What a blessing to have such a wonderful team of volunteer's every day; we would not be able to make the amazing meals every day without them. I know it has been a blessing to all those who give their time freely. We are always looking for more volunteers, please contact the ministry if you or a friend might be interested in serving the Lord through feeding the hungry. Thank you so much!

Patsy Smith, Chairman

Committee Members: Marni Carpenter, Judy Freeman, Gary Poovey, Eames Saarinen, Geraldine Tate, Valerie Pettit and Shirley Alexander, Hazel Moore, Gregg Plott, Jim Schall

SOUP KITCHEN STATISTICS FOR 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE 1-1-18.....	\$37,899.14
RECEIPTS 2018.....	\$19,684.80
DISBURSEMENTS 2018.....	\$25,109.36
ENDING BALANCE 12-31-18.....	\$32,474.58

Month	Days Served	Meals Served	Average Meals	Average Cost per. Meal
January	31	3997	129	0.22
February	28	3408	122	1.01
March	31	3755	121	0.20
April	30	4010	134	0.24
May	31	4165	134	0.31
June	30	4371	146	1.62
July	31	4270	138	0.24
August	31	4406	142	0.21
September	30	4717	148	0.75
October	31	5233	169	0.17
November	30	3932	131	0.26
December	31	3642	117	0.96
TOTALS	365	49,906	1,631	6.19

CHRISTMAS FUND MINISTRY GROUP
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2018

	2017	2018	Difference
Families Receiving Food Boxes	663	749	86
Value at \$225 per Box (2018)	\$149,175.00	\$168,525.00	\$19,350.00
Children Under 14 Receiving Toys	658	583	-75

CHRISTMAS FUND 2018			
	2017	2018	Difference
RECEIPTS	\$120,081.89	\$103,588.64	(\$16,493.25)
CARRY OVER	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
TRANSFER TO SPONSORED MEALS	(\$5,300.00)	(\$5,300.00)	\$0.00
TOTAL	<u>\$118,281.89</u>	<u>\$101,788.64</u>	<u>(\$16,493.25)</u>
EXPENSES	2017	2018	
TOYS	\$1,362.19	\$0.00	(\$1,362.19)
FOOD	\$13,334.84	\$11,129.56	(\$2,205.28)
POSTAGE/PAPER	\$423.01	\$290.00	(\$133.01)
MISCELLANEOUS	\$178.73	\$47.40	(\$131.33)
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$15,298.77</u>	<u>\$11,466.96</u>	<u>(\$3,831.81)</u>

Thanks to every church, school, organization and individual who made our 2018 Christmas food and toy distribution a success. We thank Wal-Mart Lincolnton, Wal-Mart Dallas, Food Lion and Bi-Lo who donate food throughout the year for our food pantry.

Thanks to Little Ceasars, Pizza Hut, Dominoes and House of Pizza for donating pizza for our many volunteers on December 20, 2018. Also, thanks goes out to the Lincolnton Police Department for their help. We will use \$5300 of the 2018 donations for the LINC Home Meals Program and will set aside \$3500 for the purchase of toys in 2019. The balance will be converted to the General Operating Fund.

Ralph Zello, Marion Beebe and Marge Stula, Co-Chairs.

Nursing Home Birthday Party Ministry

Once again, we provided monthly birthday parties at four of our nursing homes in 2018. Parties were given at Brian Center, Cardinal Healthcare, Heath House and Lincoln Rehabilitation. The Crouse ECA is still doing parties at Boger City Retirement Home and Boger City UMC has parties there as well for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Parties are usually held the first Tuesday of each month. However, our nursing homes will work with you if that is not a good day for your group. Light refreshments are served and some groups provide entertainment such as singing of old familiar hymns. A small gift is given to the residents who are celebrating a birthday for that month.

In 2018, we lost Buffalo Shoals Baptist and the Lincoln County Senior Group. Some of our groups are aging and groups are getting smaller too. If you don't see your church name below, please consider helping with this ministry.

On a very positive note, we gained another church, The Lincoln Seventh Day Adventist Church. Stormie Drake called me after the annual meeting in 2018 and they have hosted eight birthday parties in 2018! They have even gotten their youth involved. Also, a special thank you to Loretta Beam and Becky Ingle for hosting two more parties this past year in addition to the two they host with their church.

Many thanks to all of you who have made this ministry possible for so many years. Please encourage your youth groups, Sunday school classes and other community groups you may be involved with to participate in this wonderful ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you.

Susan H. Boyd
January, 2019

Asbury UMC
Bethphage Lutheran
Boger City UMC
Boger City Wesleyan
Cedar Grove Lutheran
Crouse ECA Group
Emmanuel Lutheran
Emanuel Reformed
First Baptist Lincoln

First Presbyterian
First UMC Lincoln
Holy Cross Lutheran
Iron Station UMC
Lincoln Co. Retired School Personnel
Lincoln Seventh Day Adventist
Mt. Vernon Baptist Iron Station

Mt. Vernon Baptist Vale
Pisgah UMC
Pleasant Grove UMC
Rhyne Heights UMC
Salem Baptist
Salem Lutheran
St. Luke's Lutheran
St. Paul's Lutheran
Trinity Lutheran

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

In 2018, Christian Ministry continued to work with churches to offer food to those in need that could not get to the Ministry. This year, an estimated amount of 60,000 lbs. of food was distributed with a retail value of \$18,600. This was done in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) and three member churches. Working with the churches, the Ministry schedules a food drop from SHFB on a Friday. The churches have volunteers at the church to help store the food away, then on Saturday morning, the volunteers give the food to clients. Over the past year, 2106 families (6137 individuals) were helped through this ministry.

Our thanks go out to the following churches that gave of their time and energy so others would not go hungry:

Pisgah UMC, Cedar Grove Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran

Mitzi Williams
Executive Director

SCHEDULE FOR VOLUNTEER PACKERS 2019

JANUARY

CLOSED 1ST. 2,3 Lincoln 7th Day Adventist
4 Holy Cross Lutheran
7, 8,9 Calvary Baptist
10, 11 Roseland Baptist
14,15,16,17,18 Marvin UMC
22,23,24,25 First UMC **CLOSED 21**
28,29,30,31, Feb. 1 Pisgah UMC

FEBRUARY

4,5,6,7,8 Hull's Grove - West
11,12,13 Bess Chapel UMC
14,15 North Brook Baptist
18,19,20 Day Star Family Worship
21,22 Maiden Wesleyan
25,26,27,28 & March 1 Salem Baptist

MARCH

4,5,6 St. Dorothy's Catholic
7,8 Pearl Baptist
11,12,13,14,15 Bethphage Lutheran
18,19,20,21,22 St. Luke's Lutheran
25,26,27,28,29 Covenant Bible

APRIL

1,2,3 Emanuel Reformed
4,5 Boger City Baptist
8,9,10,11,12 Messiah UMC
15,16,17,18, **CLOSED 19** Asbury UMC
22,23,24 Pleasant Grove UMC
25,26 New Vision

MAY

APRIL 29,30, MAY 1,2,3 Salem Lutheran/Salem UCC
6,7 Cornerstone Independent
8,9,10 Long Shoals Wesleyan
13, 14,15,16,17 Boger City UMC
20,21,22,23 Friendly Chapel
24 Buffalo Shoals Baptist
28,29,30,31 **CLOSED 27** Fairview Baptist
FREEDOM CHURCH TOOK TWO DAYS LAST MAY

JUNE

3,4,5,6,7 Riverview Baptist
10,11,12,13,14 Cedar Grove Lutheran
17,18,19 Southside Baptist
20,21 Antioch Baptist
24,25,26,27,28 Amity Baptist

JULY

1,2,3, **CLOSED 4TH.** 5 Long Shoals Baptist
8,9 Reepsville Baptist
10,11,12 First Christian
15,16,17,18,19 St. Paul's Lutheran
22,23,24,25,26 Crowell Memorial Meth.
July 29,30,31 & Aug. 1,2 St. Matthew's

AUGUST

5,6,7,8,9 Mt. Zion Baptist
12,13,14,15 Daniel's Lutheran
16 Lincoln Avenue Baptist
19,20,21,22,23 Faith Baptist
26,27,28 Iron Station & High Shoals UMC
29,30 Boger City Wesleyan

SEPTEMBER

3 Middle Cross **CLOSED 2**
4,5,6 Crouse UMC
9,10,11,12,13 First Baptist Lincoln
16,17 Temple Baptist
18,19,20 Laboratory UMC
23,24,25,26,27 McKendree UMC

OCTOBER

Sep. 30 & Oct 1 Ivey Memorial
2,3,4 Rhyne Heights UMC
7,8,9,10,11 First Presbyterian
14,15 David Memorial Baptist
16,17,18 Trinity Lutheran
21,22,23 Greater Moores Chapel
24,25 Reeps Grove UMC
28,29 Mt. Vernon Baptist Iron St.

NOVEMBER

OCT. 30,31, NOV. 1 Sharon Baptist
4,5,6,7 Howard Creek Baptist
8,12 **CLOSED NOV 11.** Leonard's Fork Baptist
13,14,15 Four Square Gospel
18,19,20 St. Luke's Episcopal
21,22,25,26 Zion Hill Baptist

DECEMBER

NOV 27 **CLOSED 28-29** Ironton Presbyterian
2,3,4 Macedonia Baptist
5,6 Community Full Gospel
9,10 Harvest Presbyterian
11,12,13 Unity Baptist
16,17 Victory Grove Baptist
20 Freedom (closed 23,24,25 for Christmas)
OPEN DAYS 26,27,30,31 NEED PACKERS

CHURCH FOOD COLLECTION SCHEDULE - 2019

Member churches are asked to collect and bring food twice a year for the Emergency Services Food Pantry. Food may be brought at any time during the month or at the end of the month. If desired, financial contributions may be made in lieu of food. If you would like a change in your schedule, please call 704-732-0383. Please call for items needed before collecting.

JANUARY & JULY

Pisgah UMC
Marvin UMC
Holy Cross Lutheran
Trinity Lutheran
Salem Baptist
Leonard's Fork Baptist
Antioch Baptist
Bess Chapel UMC
Cedar Grove Lutheran
North Brook Baptist
Exodus Baptist
Freedom Church

FEBRUARY & AUGUST

Southside Baptist
Messiah UMC
Calvary Baptist
Reepsville Baptist
Hinton Memorial UMC
St. Paul's Lutheran
Oak Grove Baptist
Sharon Baptist
Victory Grove
Highland Drive Freewill Baptist
Greater Moore's Chapel AME Zion
Gainsville Baptist
David Memorial Baptist (FEB)
Long Shoals Baptist
Mt. Zion Baptist
Lincolnton Seventh Day Adventist
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church- Vale

MARCH & SEPTEMBER

Harvest Presbyterian
McKendree UMC
Roseland Baptist
St. Dorothy's Catholic
Asbury UMC
Pleasant Grove UMC
Faith Baptist
Emanuel Reformed
Crouse UMC
Boger City Wesleyan
Church of Our Saviour
Ironton Presbyterian
Cornerstone
Temple Baptist

APRIL & OCTOBER

Howards Creek Baptist
Rhyne Heights UMC
Boger City Baptist
Pearl Baptist
Ivey Memorial UMC
Daniel's Lutheran
Iron Station UMC
High Shoals UMC
Laboratory UMC
Providence Baptist
Emmanuel Lutheran
St. Matthew Reformed
Covenant Bible Church
Hulls Grove Baptist
St. Luke's Lutheran (OCT Only)
Macedonia UMC
Reeps Grove UMC
Unity Baptist

MAY & NOVEMBER

Boger City UMC
Friendly Chapel Baptist
St. Luke's Episcopal
Bethlehem UMC
Crowell Memorial UMC
Macedonia Baptist
Lincolnton Church of God
Foursquare Gospel
Amity Baptist
Link's Chapel AME Zion
Faith Worship Center
St. Luke's Lutheran (May Only)
Zion Hill Baptist
Middle Cross Baptist
Maiden Wesleyan

JUNE & DECEMBER

Long Shoals Wesleyan
Mt. Vernon Baptist- Iron Station
First UMC
First Wesleyan Lincolnton
First Baptist Lincolnton
First Presbyterian
First Christian
Lincoln Avenue Baptist
New Hope UMC
Fellowship Baptist
Salem Lutheran Church
Palm Tree UMC
River View Baptist
Bethphage Lutheran

We ask each church to adopt a food item in the month of November for our Christmas Ministry Give Out.