2024

ANNUAL REPORT



OF LINCOLN COUNTY, INC.

"Working Hand in Hand with the Lord"

47th Anniversary 1977-2024

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Executive Director	Williams
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Emergency Services Coordinator Bobb	ie Grant
Emergency Services Assistant	McKay
LINC Home Meals Coordinator Betty	Leonard
Bookkeeper	Gantt
Soup Kitchen Coordinator	a Maier
Building & Resource Coordinator Richa	rd Ballard
Coordinator of Volunteers	v 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 that an 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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2025

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704-530-8352

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(704) 750-3763 (H)

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* These will be voted on 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 2025. The letter beside each name indicates religious affiliation. We would like to thank the following Board Members that are coming off for their loyal service: Rev. Michael White

President's Message

I hope that this time in life finds you and your family well.

This has been a challenging year for us here at Christian Ministry, but just like every other year since the Ministry started, we have trusted in what God has given us, and we have been blessed. I want to thank each and every one of you who had a part in the Ministry this year and I pray that you have been blessed for what you have done to make Christian Ministry a success. I hope that you will accept the challenge to continue to support the Ministry through your prayers and hard work in this coming year.

God bless the staff, volunteers, and especially those who come in need of our services.

David Conner

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 2024 the ministry continued to "seek means of serving the needs of the people of our community" through our different ministries, through working with other local agencies, and by working one on one with our clients.

I want to thank our member churches for all the support you gave through your donations of food, household & personal items, financial assistance, and your precious time. Christian Ministry is yours. The 10 part time employees that work here could not have helped all those that came here without you. The 438,236 pounds of food given out would not have happened without you! The soup kitchen staying open every day, serving 36,920 meals would not have happened without you! The \$93,757 given out to help people stay in their homes would not have happened without you!

I want to thank the staff for the wonderful job they do. Really, as Susan Brymer use to say, it is a ministry, not a job. It shows through all of the "extras" each person does throughout their day. The above and beyond that touches our clients lives, showing compassion to them, giving them a little peace - you are Jesus's hands in Lincoln County!

If this year has taught us one thing, it is that mental illness is the most driving factor that causes our clients problems. The ministry has worked with and continues to work with other agencies to offer help.

The bible tells us "the poor shall never cease out of the land" – Deuteronomy 15:11.

Because of the continued support of our community, Christian Ministry of Lincoln

County will be right here, being Jesus's hands, "...making a difference." – Jude 1:22

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:28

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MINISTRY GROUPS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2025

President David Conner, Ex-officio of all Committees 704-276-1598

FINANCE AND BUDGET		SOUP KITCHEN	
Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335	Gary Poovey	704-462-2448
Dianne Painter	704-735-6803	Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335
Lorenda Dyson	704-770-5572	Marni Carpenter	704-732-2692
Bryan Beal, Chairman	828-234-0899	Judy Freeman	704-748-9948
Rev. Rick Sloop	704-732-3265	Ronnie Engle	704-473-1695
Ministry Treasurer		Patsy Smith, Chairman	704-732-0953
POLICY AND PERSONNEL		RESEARCH AND PLANNI	NG
Ralph Zello, Chairman	704-735-0063	Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335
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Rev. Ricky Sloop	704-732-3265	Lisa Baxter	704-692-9696
Dianne Painter	704-735-6803	Kathy Robinson	704-472-9457
		Rev. Chad Walker	704-308-1887
PROPERTY			
David Conner	704-276-1598	NURSING HOME MINIST	<u>TRY</u>
		Loretta Beam	704-472-5840
BUSINESS BLITZ		Becky Engle	704-473-1696
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demery.brewer@ffsb_nc.com		MINISTRY SHOPPERS	
	860-208-8741	Ralph Zello	704-735-0063
CHRISTMAS MINISTRY			
Marge Stula Co-Chairman	860-208-8741	DAY RETREAT	
Marion Beebe Co-Chairman	860-836-1982	Patricia Estes	704-678-8608
Ricky Detter	704-742-6232	Ronald Johnson	828-238-0184
Ralph Zello, Co-Chairman	704-735-0063	Greg Trantham	704-530-3363
Paul Crump	704-732-0302		
Becky Engle	704-473-1696		
Sheila Beeker	980-241-5529	LINC MEALS	
		Melinda Houser, Chairman	704-435-3640
EMERGENCY SERVICES		Kathy Robinson	704-472-9457
Shirley Alexander, Chairman.	704-562-8335	Rev. Justin Houser	704-530-1723
Libby Baxter	704-740-5915	Ralph Zello	704-735-0063
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Donna Jolley	704-472-7481	Linda Drum, Vice Chairman	704-735-5305
Rev. Chad Walker	704-308-1887	Diane Carpenter	704-735-9890

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CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, INC. BUDGET

ACCOUNT 7	# DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2025
7200	Wages	\$249,603.84	\$267,004.00
6620	Payroll Taxes	19,095.00	20,425.00
6560	Utilities	27,500.00	35,000.00
6640	Building Maintenance	7,000.00	7,000.00
6645	Vehicle Maintenance	7,000.00	7,000.00
6650	Equipment	3,200.00	3,000.00
6660	Office Supplies/Postage/Annual Dues	9,000.00	7,000.00
6670	Insurance/Bond	31,400.00	31,400.00
6680	Mileage	1,200.00	1,200.00
6690	Miscellaneous	200.00	200.00
6700	Miscellaneous Employee Exp.	200.00	200.00
6710	Audit	0.00	5,000.00
6800	Contract Labor	17,400.00	0.00
6550	Volunteers Com	1,200.00	800.00
6900	LINC Ministry Group	1,520.00	1,600.00
	(Coolers, Equipment, etc.)		•
6960	LINC Subsidized meals	25,000.00	26,000.00
6000	Emergency Services	104,000.00	104,000.00
7300	Nursing Home Ministry	0.00	0.00
7700	Business Blitz	350.00	500.00
7960	Amazing Race	160.00	300.00
	Sub Total	505,028.84	517,629.00
7800	Christmas Fund ***	\$8,000.00	\$15,000.00
7900	Soup Kitchen ***	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

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TOTAL BUDGET 2025 \$544,629.00

Committee Members

Shirley Alexander

David Conner, President

Dianne Painter

Lorenda Dyson

Janet Gross, Treasurer

Bryan Beal, Chairman

Rev. Rick Sloop

2025 RECOMMENDED STAFF WAGES

Staff Position	2024 Estimated Yearly Amount					2025 Estimated Yearly Amount
				Yearly		
Executive Director	\$51,700.00	Salary, hours not limited but based on 30 hours weekly	nited but based — weekly	Increase		\$51,700.00
		Estimated	2024 Hourly	Hourly	2025 Hourly	
	,	Annual Hours	Rate	Increase	Rate	
Administrative Assistant	\$26,254.40	1220	\$21.52		\$21.52	\$26,254.40
EMS Coordinator	\$26,251.40	1190	\$22.06		\$22.06	\$26,251.40
EMS Interviewer	\$9,355.50	594	\$15.75		\$15.75	\$9,355.50
Bookkeeper	\$22,407.84	1053	\$21.28		\$21.28	\$22,407.84
LINC Home Meals Coordinator	\$26,254.80	1188	\$22.10		\$22.10	\$26,254.80
Soup Kitchen Coordinator	\$30,450.00	1450	\$21.00		\$21.00	\$30,450.00
Building & Resource Coordinator	\$30,462.40	1580	\$19.28		\$19.28	\$30,462.40
Coordinator of Volunteers	\$17,167.50	1090	\$15.75		\$15.75	\$17,167.50
Day Retreat employee 1 (2.5)	\$9,300.00	620	\$15.00		\$15.00	\$9,300.00
Day Retreat employee 2 (3.0)	\$11,160.00	744	\$15.00		\$15.00	\$11,160.00
Custodian	\$6,240.00	520	\$12.00		\$12.00	\$6,240.00
Total Wages PERMANENT RECOMMENDATION:	\$267,003.84		Yearly Total: Yearly Total:	Yearly Total:		\$267,003.84

- Employee hours can fluctuate based on Ministry needs; therefore hourly employees are paid for authorized overtime regardless of approved budget. POLICY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Ralph Zello-Chm., Shirley Alexander, Rev. Ricky Sloop, Dianne Painter, Kathy Robinson

⁻ Mileage paid at Federal Rate

⁻ Contract Labor cost will show in account 6800.

IN-KIND REPORT - 2024

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ACCT.		DOLLAR AMOUNT
NUMBER	ACCOUNT	DONATED
	VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED (valued at \$10 per hour)	
6000	Emergency Services (clothes closet, pantry, storage bldg, mobile, etc.)	69,880.00
6550	Board of Directors & Committees	3,760.00
	Receptionist Volunteers	1,760.00
6640	Building Maintenance - Volunteers	70.00
6900	LINC Ministry (Meetings/Drivers/Coordinators/Packers	60,000.00
7300	Nursing Home Birthday Parties (5 facilities)	9,600.00
7700	Business Blitz	70.00
7800	Christmas Ministry	10,480.00
7900	Soup Kitchen	109,500.00
7960	Amazing Race Against Hunger	90.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE FOR DONATED HOURS	\$265,210.00
6000		,
0000	Emergency Services Items Donated:	0.00000
	Household Items (linens, furniture, fans, blankets.etc)	96,202.00
	Personal Items (Hygiene, Cosmetics, Diapers, etc.)	254,802.00
	Food Total for Emergency Services	1,145,089.64
	(bread & meat from 5 stores daily, USDA, individual & church foods)	
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED ITEMS - EMS	\$1,496,093.64
6690	Mileage Donated (.67 per mile):	
0000	LINC Meals	70.250.00
	Morning Pick ups	70,350.00
	Pick up furniture	2,268.00 67.00
	Nursing Home	3,216.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED - MILEAGE	\$75,901.00
		ψ/3,501.00
	LINC Meals	
	11,476 Donated Meals @ \$4.75 each	\$54,511.00
6980		
7800	Christmas Fund; Donated Items:	
	Food ~ 582 boxes	129,192.36
	(Subtracted actual cost of purchased food at \$250 per box)	•
	New Toys ~ 582 children (\$100 per child) (15 bikes @ \$60 each)	59,100.00
	Used Toys ~ 25 Toy Bins @ \$60 each)	1,500.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED - CHRISTMAS	\$189,792.36
7900	Soup Kitchen	
	36,920 Meals (Value of each meal \$9 minus actual cost .87)	\$300,159.60
	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,381,667.60

POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

In January of 2024, our Administrative Assistant, Angie Pooley resigned. The committee met and approved the transfer of Mimi Rhyne from LINC Home Meals Coordinator to Administrative Assistant. They also approved at that time the transfer of Betty Leonard from EMS Assistant to the LINC Home Meals Coordinator position.

This left the position of EMS Assistant open. In accordance with our by-laws all member churches were notified that the position was available. We had to go through the available position process twice and eventually Sandy McKay was hired at the EMS Assistant.

In August, we met and discussed the Christian Ministry By-Laws. No changes have been made to the By-Laws since 2016. No drastic changes were made. We still have 17 voting members. The changes made in some of the By-Laws language will be discussed later in tonight's meeting and voted on.

Thank you to the committee members for their input throughout the year and thank you to our staff for the compassion shown to our clients every day/

Ralph Zello Policy and Personnel Chair 2024

Committee:

Ralph Zello, Chrm Shirley Alexander Dianne Painter David Conner Rev. Rick Sloop

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - 2025

Below are the Officers and Board Members nominated by the Nominating Committee.

New Board members to be elected:

Laypersons

Ministers

Scott Mullen (1)

Chad Walker (1) Secretary

Ronnie Engle (1)

Ricky Sloop (1)

Current board members re-elected:

Youth

Lisa Baxter (3)

Macrina Clutier (2)

Ben Berkowitz (3)

Daphca Dyson (2)

Phil Campbell (2)

Rev. Mike Devine (3)

Patricia Estes (2)

Tony Hallman (3)

Rev. Justin Houser (3)

Dennis Parker (2)

David Conner (3) President

Kathy Robinson (4) Vice President

Janet Gross (4) Treasurer

The Board of Directors will consist of a total of seventeen (17) people. Eleven of these people are to be laypersons, four are to be clergypersons, and two are to be youth (ages 14 - 22). The number beside each Board Member's name indicates the year the person will be serving in 2025.

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Michael White, Rev. Chad Walker

2024 BUSINESS BLITZ CONTRIBUTIONS

Glory be to God. We are deeply grateful for the generous contributions and unwavering support we have received from the people and businesses of Lincoln County. Your giving and commitment to our mission have made a tremendous impact, and we are truly blessed to have such a devoted community. We were able to raise \$28,451.00 this year.

To all the Christian Ministry staff and volunteers, thank you for all that you do. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. I pray for continued success of Christian Ministry as We strive to serve those in need.

Happy New Year and God Bless!!! Demery Brewer

AIR MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC

BAR-B-QUE KING INC

BLUM INDUSTRIES

BOB'S PALLETS

CHARLES LITTLE, JR.

COURT STREET GRILLE

CRAIG P. GATES

DEAN'S APPRAISAL & REAL ESTATE

DON PENDLETON

EDWARD JONES/ HD REID

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS

GOODSON REALTY & ASSOCIATES INC

HAMPTONS WRECKER SERVICE INC

HARRY BROGDEN

HOUSE OF PIZZA & RESTAURANT

IFS GROUP INC

INGLE BUILDERS

JERRY COCHRANE

KATHY ROBINSON

KEEVER PHARMACY

KOMAS

LAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE INC

LINCOLNTON PAINT CENTER, INC

MCMURRAY FABRICS

PENDLETON LAW FIRM, P.A.

PLEASANT GROVE UM WOMEN

PRINTABLES UNLIMITED

SAIN & HEAVNER TRUCKING CO. INC

SAINE HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER

SCATES & SELLERS CPA

SHERRILL, BLAKE & HARRISON CPA PA

THE DRUG STORE

THE JONAS LAW FIRM PLLC

THE MEATING PLACE

TIMES OIL CORPORATION

WARLICK FUNERAL HOME

WATSON INSURANCE

BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN BUSINESS BLITZ 2024

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THE PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE FOUNDATION

THE TIMKEN COMPANY

WEST END SALES INC

VITTLES



2024 Christian Ministry Golf Tournament

Our 29th Annual Christian Ministry Golf Tournament was held at Lincoln Country Club on Saturday, August 10. We had a field of 27 teams participating. A total of \$12,597.00 was collected.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped us before and during the tournament. Thank you to all the churches, individuals and various businesses who sponsored golf holes, and thanks to those who donated door prizes.

Thank you to all those who participated this year in our tournament and congratulations to the winning team of Chad Beard, Brian Little, Trent Little and Kevin Story.

A very *special thank you* to Jody Saunders and the Lincoln Country Club for allowing us to hold our tournament and for all the assistance given to us before, during and after the event.

EMERGENCY SERVICES MINISTRY GROUP REPORT - 2024

Purpose: Aid/assist clients with emergency needs (food, medicine, rent, 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 2024, we provided food for 5,032 families and 13,226 individuals, as well as the variety of services listed above. Please carefully read the EMS Statistical Report for the full impact this ministry has on individual lives. Innovative ways to continue to serve our clients have been implemented, money availability has been stretched to the limit for housing, food shortages, volunteer limitations, etc.

Thank you to all *individuals*, *churches*, *businesses*, *and volunteers* for your support, dedication, and commitment in making all this possible.

A special **THANK YOU** to <u>Mitzi Williams</u>, CMLC Executive Director for her efficiency, leadership/organizational skills, compassion and especially love for our clients.

THANK YOU to the CMLC, Inc. STAFF:

Mimi Rhyne, Administrative Assistant
Bobbie Grant, EMS Coordinator
Sandy McKay, EMS Assistant
Richard Ballard, Building & Resource Coordinator
Woody Saunders, Volunteer Coordinator
Betty Leonard, LINC Coordinator
Sandy Gantt, Bookkeeper
Gina Maier, Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Thanks to the EMS Ministry Group: Libby Baxter, Donna Jolley, Rev. Chad Walker, Ralph Zello.

May God continue to bless Christian Ministry of Lincoln County, Inc., and may we never lose focus of our purpose or 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 2024

			Individuals	Estimated Dollar Amount of
Services	Offered	Families Helped	Helped	Services
FINANC	CIAL ASSISTANCE			
	Utilities (power,kerosene, propane)	474		\$67,643.86
	Rent	112		\$23,315.78
	Miscellaneous (gas,bus tickets)		4	\$284.09
	Medical		87	\$1,726.48
FOOD				
	Grocery Carts of Food	3750	10,027	\$937,500.00
	Food bags - Homeless	1000	2,071	\$111,834.00
	Food Items Bulk	282	1,128	\$70,500.00
	Community Donations Given Out			\$25,255.64
	Personal Items "Specific Request"	1,164	2,064	\$34,920.00
DEDSON	NAL ITEMS			
	Personal Items Bulk	1,104	2,004	<u> </u>
	Easter Baskets		150	\$25,518.00
				\$1,050.00
	Showers		1,082 407	\$12,984.00 \$4,070.00
	Laundry Clothes Closet	2196	3,308	\$165,400.00
	Clothing Items Bulk	362	3,300	\$10,860.00
	3			,
HOUSE	HOLD ITEMS			
	Furniture	108	432	\$10,800.00
	Household Items "Specific Request"	768	3,724	\$38,400.00
	Household Items Bulk			\$47,002.00
		Estimated V	alue of Services	\$1,589,063.85
	Total Request for Food		13,226	_
	Total Request for Other Items		8,379	-

Building and Resource Report

- Installed LED lights in EMS storage closet
- Replaced toilet in break room bathroom
- Went on many supply runs for soup kitchen
- · Had garage door replaced
- Met with roofers to get an appraisal on the roof over grocery area and back rooms
- Had freezer repaired
- Installed scuff panels in the back inside of the truck to replace damaged walls
- Worked with Timken and Lincoln County Schools on their can food drives
- Worked with Woody and the groups sorting all the stock from the can food drives
- Changing and rearranging grocery area for Christmas give out and then after give out putting everything back to the original grocery area

Richard Ballard – Building and Resource Coordinator

Coordinator of Volunteers Report

Christian Ministry is truly fortunate to have such compassionate, devoted, and hardworking volunteers. Our volunteers' dedication and enthusiasm are a testament to the power of our community. The time, energy, and passion of all our volunteers make a significant difference in the success of our organization.

It is with heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable contributions that we recognize the impact you have had in helping us reach those in need. The Christian Ministry family, staff, and the community we serve, thank you for your invaluable support.

Below is a list of some volunteer opportunities:

- Soup Kitchen
- Food Pantry
- Grocery Pick Up
- Can Drives
- LINC Meals
- Christmas Give Out
- Sorting

Volunteer Milestones*

- 17,140 Total volunteer hours
- 65 churches represented
- 125 volunteers for Christmas
- 548 Students giving 2,255 service hours
- 34 Community Service workers totaling 965 hours

Woody Saunders - Coordinator of Volunteers

^{*}Based on available data

LINC HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

The Oxford Dictionary defines a volunteer as a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task. Or as a verb to freely offer to do something as in working for an organization without being paid. This would describe a LINC volunteer but they are so much more than just a person who freely offers to take part in delivering. They are committed, concerned, caring, and loving. First John 3 verse 18 says: "Dear Children, Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." That is what a volunteer delivering LINC meals does. By giving of their time, service, and energy, they deliver a hot nutritious meal to presently 88 people who are maybe homebound, have some type of mental issue, health issue, or perhaps physical limitations that prevent them from being able to prepare a meal for themselves. They may not have family that can help with meals or maybe no family at all. The number of those asking for LINC meals is growing almost weekly.

Our program and the volunteers that deliver the meals do a great service by meeting the need for food. It also is a friendly face and a concerned person coming by with a smile when otherwise they may not see anyone at all during that day. Our volunteers go above and beyond delivering the meals. They are always concerned about their meal recipients. If they do not answer the knock at the door, they want to know if they are OK. If someone needs help, they have called for help and stood by until that help arrives. And there is so much more that these volunteers could share about the people they serve and how they have helped them. All these things are done by the commitment, love and concern of our volunteers.

This year our volunteers delivered meals a total of 250 days to an average of 85 people a day, driving approximately 105,000 miles and taking at least 6000 hours of their personal time to serve.

BELOW IS A BREAKDOWN OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MEALS:

VOLUNTEERS		<u>MEALS</u>	
Coordinators	11	Emergency	59
Packers	24	Subsidized	4,990
Drivers	205	Self-Paid	5,624
Total Volunte	ers 240	Sponsored	6,427
		Total Meals	17,100
		Total Free Meals	11,476
		Cost of all free Meals	\$54,511.00

Respectfully submitted, Betty Y. Leonard, Coordinator

LINC Ministry Group Members

Melinda Houser – Chairperson Diane Carpenter
Shirley Alexander Kathy Robinson
Linda Drum Justin Houser
Ralph Zello

2024 Amazing Race Against Hunger

For our 6th year of the Amazing Race Against Hunger we tried a new twist to see if we could get more interest and participation from churches, businesses and citizens of Lincoln County. This year it was an Amazing Race Bingo held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Participation was not as good as we had hoped with only approximately 50 people participating.

There were some really nice prizes that were donated and given away at Bingo and we even played name that song Bingo which is a little different twist to the standard Bingo we all know. For those attending, it was a lot of fun. Each year we try to come up with a plan to help raise enough money to sponsor five (5) people with meals for the entire year. Presently our meals are \$4.75 for each meal but as of June that price will go up to \$5.00 per meal. This past year (2024) we raised \$5,032.23 to sponsor those meals which is not the amount needed to pay for those meals but that doesn't stop the meals from being delivered.

A second goal of the Amazing Race, as in years past, is to see who can bring in the most money for the LINC meals. There is a perpetual trophy given to the person or team that will bring in the most money for the race. This year our trophy went to The Lincoln County Picklers (Pickle Ball) Team. There were others that donated and we greatly appreciated all that came and participated and all that donated to the Amazing Race Against Hunger for LINC Meals. All money raised through donations and the playing of Bingo goes to sponsor the meals for LINC.

If you would like to help in planning and implementing our 2025 Amazing Race, we would be more than happy to hear from you! We are always open to suggestions that will help us to sponsor the meals that we serve to our meal recipients. You may contact our office at Christian Ministry or any of our LINC Ministry Group members with your suggestions that we can discuss.

Amazing Race Committee:

Kathy Robinson Diane Carpenter Ralph Zello Linda Drum Justin Houser

Soup Kitchen Ministry Report

2024 has been another incredible year at the Soup Kitchen, with over 3,000 meals served!

Every day we welcome an average of 85 individuals into our kitchen. Some are homeless, some need a little extra support, and others simply seek the warmth of companionship.

Whatever the reason, our mission is to make each person feel valued and welcome—not

A heartfelt thank you to every volunteer who made this year such a success. Your dedication has been a testament to the power of service and kindness.

just while dining with us but through the love and compassion of Christian Ministry.

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered" Proverbs 11:25

Regina Maier

Soup Kitchen Coordinator

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2024 SOUP KITCHEN STATISTICAL REPORT

Month	Days Served	Persons Served	Meals	Average Persons	Average Meals	Average Cost per. Person	Average Cost per. Meal	Monthly Expend- tures	Sunday Ave. Attend.	Devotion Ave. Attend.	Holiday Ave. Meals
January	31	2419	3026	78	86	1.04	0.83	\$2,514.21	75	0	81
February	29	2491	3209	86	111	0.65	0.52	\$1,644.74	93	10	0
March	31	2397	2981	77	96	0.61	0.49	\$1,461.80	67	4	06
April	30	2575	3283	86	109	0.89	0.7	\$2,283.70	88	13	0
Мау	31	2471	3150	80	102	0.95	0.75	\$2,339.35	85	13	99
June	30	2663	3248	88	109	0.66	0.54	\$1,741.39	81	9	0
July	31	2672	3327	86	107	0.93	0.75	\$2,468.05	94	12	74
August	31	2528	3062	82	66	7.0	0.58	\$1,765.31	91	19	0
September	30	2430	2923	81	26	1.54	1.28	\$3,733.24	88	80	89
October	31	2612	3167	84	102	0.7	0.58	\$1,817.68	92	12	0
November	30	2311	2785	77	93	1.07	1.29	\$2,162.17	75	6	65
December	31	2324	2759	75	68	0.65	0.55	\$1,502.33	83	6	69
TOTALS	366	29893	36920	981	1212			\$25,433.97	1013	115	513
YR. AVE.	31	2491	3077	82	101	\$0.87	\$0.74	\$2,119.50	\$84.42	\$9.58	43

CHRISTMAS FUND MINISTRY GROUP STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2024

	2023	2024	Difference
Families Receiving Food Boxes	581	582	1
Value at \$250 per Box (2024)	\$159,775.00	\$145,500.00	-\$14,275.00
Children Under 14 Receiving New Toys	566	582	16
Children served at used toy distribution	350	438	88
CHRISTMAS FUND 2024			
	2023	<u>2024</u>	<u>Variance</u>
RECEIPTS	\$129,968.19	\$124,759.84	-\$5,208.35
TRANSFER TO SPONSORED MEALS	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$123,968.19	\$118,759.84	-\$5,208.35
EXPENSES	2023	2024	<u>Variance</u>
TOYS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FOOD	\$17,080.58	\$16,060.11	-\$1,020.47
POSTAGE/PAPER/MISC EXPENSES	\$606.82	\$603.58	-\$3.24
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,687.40	\$16,663.69	-\$1,023.71

Thank you to Wal-Mart Lincolnton, Food Lion East & West, Aldi's and Starbuck's for their donations of food to our pantry throughout the year, the Lincolnton Police Dept. for managing traffic on give-out day and to Saine Hardware for providing wheel barrows every year. In addition thanks to Domino's Pizza and House of Pizza for their donations, and a huge thank you to our MANY volunteers who came out on December 20th.

Finally, thank you to every individual, church, school, business or organization that participated in any way to make December 20th a special day for our clients and their children. We will use \$6000 of the 2024 donations to support the LINC Home Meals Program and the remaining amount will be converted to the general operating fund.

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

Nursing Home Birthday Party Ministry

Birthday parties for residents at local nursing/assisted living/rest homes are provided through the generous support of community members, church groups, and families. On behalf of the Ministry, groups are scheduled each month to provide refreshments for the residents who wish to participate at each of these facilities. Also, there are small gifts given to the residents having birthdays that month. Some groups choose to provide entertainment, such as sing-alongs, bingo, games, or simply visitation. We are grateful for all those who agree to serve our area homes in this way.

All months were filled in 2024 and many of those groups have agreed to provide parties again in 2025. At the time of this report, there are only a few open dates, and most of those are pending a reply from a group. To provide a party simply requires an adequate number of cupcakes, snack cakes, or other loaf-type or pound-cakes, which are commercially produced. Cheese puffs or chips may complement this. Ice cream is an option. Drinks should include the choice of sugar-free or diet. Groups should also plan to provide cups, napkins, and forks or spoons, along with serving pieces, gloves for handling, and perhaps some paper towels or dish towels for cleanup. The facility will provide ice for you.

When scheduling a group for a particular facility and month, we provide groups with the contact information for the key person at each facility. Groups are asked to contact the facility 1-2 weeks prior to the month to which the group is assigned, allowing the activity director to coordinate date and time, and to place the party on their calendar. Groups should also inquire about the expected number of residents who will attend the party, as well as the number of birthdays being marked that month.

The facilities currently served by The Ministry are: The Greens (formerly Brian Center) Cardinal Care Lincoln Rehabilitation Boger City Rest Home Heath House.

If there are additional individuals or groups which would like to be involved in this ministry, we maintain a list of stand-by groups for contingencies. We will be happy to add your name to this list.

The directors at each facility are grateful for this ministry to their residents. Parties are also enjoyed by staff and sometimes family members who may be visiting. We are privileged to coordinate this ministry for Christian Ministry.

Becky Engle 704-473-1696 Loretta Beam 704-472-5840

Day Retreat Ministry

In 2025, the Day Retreat ministry operated 244 days, serving a daily average of 15 people. Our daily high was 23 in the month of October. The ministry has continued to be a place for the homeless (our people) to find a place that they can rest and regroup. It is a time that they can take showers, get their clothes washed, and a time they can take a nap without being out in the weather. Our people appreciate the compassion shown them. They are well aware of how lucky they are to be able to come to the ministry.

Working closely with our people has allowed us to see the battles that each individual faces. The battles are all different, but each one is fighting to get through each day. Staff and volunteers can't meet all the needs our people have but they do try to do what they can. Do they need a haircut, a person to talk too, help with paperwork, shoes, or a ride to the doctor?

We still see that mental illness plays a big part in a homeless person's life. It is an uphill battle to diagnose and treat mental illness. As we keep trying to work with our people one on one, our prayer is that we can help them have a life that is safer and calmer. A life full of hope and less despair.

SCHEDULE FOR VOLUNTEER FOOD PACKERS 2025

Member churches are asked to help pack food once a year for the Emergency Services Food Pantry.

JANUARY

2,3,OPEN (CLOSED 1ST NEWS YEARS)

6 Holy Cross Lutheran7, 8, 9 Calvary Baptist

10, 13 Roseland Baptist 14,15,16,17 Marvin UMC

21,22,23 First UMC (CLOSED 20 MLK)

24 OPEN

27, 28, 29, 30 31 Pisgah UMC

FEBRUARY

3,4,5,6,7, Hull's Grove 10, 11 Bess Chapel UMC

12,13,14 Day Star Family Worship

17,18 Maiden Wesleyan

19,20,21,OPEN

24,25,26,27,28, Salem Baptist

MARCH

3,4,5 St. Dorothy's Catholic

6,7, Pearl Baptist

10,11,12,13,14 Bethpage Lutheran

17,18,19 St. Luke's Lutheran

20,21,OPEN

24,25,26,27,28, Covenant Bible

31 OPEN

APRIL

1,2,3,4,Emanuel Reformed

7, 8 Boger City Baptist 9, 10 Messiah UMC

11 OPEN

14,15,16,Asbury Methodist

17 OPEN (18 CLOSED Good Friday)

21,22,23,Pleasant Grove UMC

24,25 New Vision

28, 29, 30 Salem Lutheran/Salem UCC

MAY

1,2, OPEN

5,6,7,8,9, Boger City UMC 12,13,14,15 Friendly Chapel

16 OPEN

19,20,21,22,23 Fairview Baptist 27,28,29,30 OPEN (CLOSED 26th)

JUNE

2,3,4,5,6 Cedar Grove Lutheran

9,10 River View Baptist

11,12,13 Southside Baptist

16,17 Antioch Baptist

18,19,20 Venture Church

23,24,25,26,27 Amity Baptist

30 OPEN

JULY

1,2,3, Long Shoals Baptist (CLOSED 4th)

7,8,9 Reepsville Baptist

10,11 First Christian

14,15,16,17,18 St. Paul's Lutheran

21,22,23,24,25 Crowell Memorial Methodist

28,29,30 St. Matthew's

31 OPEN

AUGUST

1 OPEN

4, 5, 6, 7, Mt. Zion Baptist 8 Lincoln Avenue Baptist

11,12,13 Daniel's Lutheran 14, 15, 18,19 Faith Baptist

20,21,22,Iron Station & High Shoals UMC

25,26 Boger City Wesleyan

27,28,29 OPEN

SEPTEMBER

2,3,4,5 First Baptist Lincolnton (Closed 1st Labor Day)

8,9,10 Crouse UMC

11,12 Temple Baptist

15,16,17 Laboratory UMC

18,19 Ivey Global Methodist

22,23,24,25,26 McKendree Methodist

29, 30 Rhyne Heights UMC

OCTOBER

1,2,3, OPEN

6,7 David Memorial Baptist

8,9,10 Trinity Lutheran

13 Greater Moores Chapel

14,15 Reeps Grove UMC

16,17 Mt. Vernon Baptist Iron Station

20,21,22 Sharon Baptist

23,24,27,28,29,30,31 OPEN

NOVEMBER

3,4,5,6,7 Howards Creek Baptist

10,12 Leonard's Fork Baptist (Closed 11th Veterans Day)

13,14 OPEN

17,18,19,20 Zion Hill Baptist

21 Ironton Presbyterian

24,25,26 Macedonia Baptist (Closed 28,29 Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER

1,2,3,4,5 Freedom Church

8,9,10 Unity Baptist

11,12 Harvest Presbyterian

15,16,17 Victory Grove Baptist

18, 19 Preparing for Give out day

No packers needed 22,23 (CLOSED 24, 25,26)

29,30,31 Community Full Gospel (Closed Jan. 1 New Years Day

CHURCH FOOD COLLECTION SCHEDULE - 2025

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
Exodus Baptist
Freedom Church
Emanuel Reformed

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. Only) Long Shoals Baptist Mt. Zion Baptist Lincolnton Seventh Day Adventist Mt. Vernon Baptist Church- Vale

MARCH & SEPTEMBER

Harvest Presbyterian
McKendree Methodist
Roseland Baptist
St. Dorothy's Catholic
Asbury Methodist
Pleasant Grove UMC
Faith Baptist
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 Global Methodist Daniel's Lutheran Iron Station UMC High Shoals UMC Laboratory UMC Providence Baptist **Emmanuel Lutheran** St. Matthew Reformed Covenant Bible Church Hulls Grove Baptist Macedonia UMC Reeps Grove UMC **Unity Baptist**

MAY & NOVEMBER

Boger City UMC
Friendly Chapel Baptist
Crowell Memorial
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
Maiden Wesleyan

JUNE & DECEMBER

Long Shoals Wesleyan
Mt. Vernon Baptist- Iron Station
First UMC
First Wesleyan Lincolnton
First Baptist Lincolnton (only June)
First Christian
Lincoln Avenue Baptist
Impact Community Church
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.