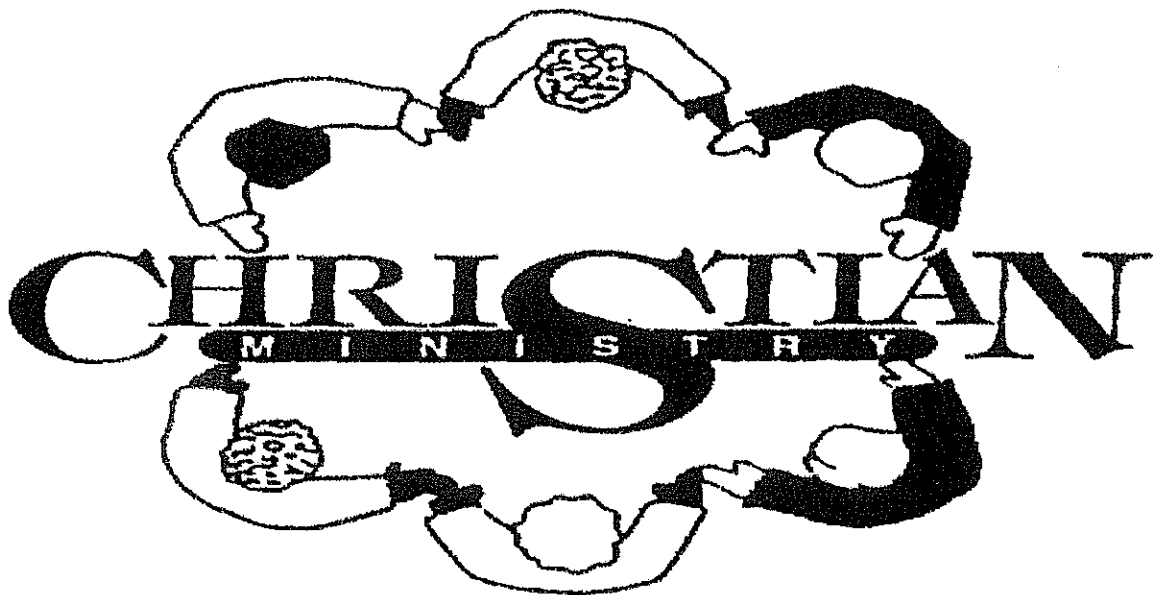


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ANNUAL REPORT



OF LINCOLN COUNTY, INC.

“Working Hand in Hand with the Lord”

42nd Anniversary

1977-2019

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, INC.
FREEDOM CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA - 7:00pm

PRESIDING.....Rev.Gregg Plott
INVOCATION AND WELCOME.....Rev.Michael White
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HOURS: 9:00am – 1:00pm MONDAY – FRIDAY

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.....	Sandy Gantt
Soup Kitchen Coordinator.....	Teena Sigmon
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 2020**

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6922 Houser Farm Road
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Rev.Charles Stevens (4)
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(704) 735-4514 (H) (828) 310-5890 (c)

Rev. Rick Sloop (2)
P.O. Box 131
Crouse, NC 28033
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David Conner (3) Secretary
7303 Reeps Grove Church Road
Vale, NC 28168
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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 2020. We would like to thank the following Board Members that are coming off for their loyal service: Josh Allen, Dennis Parker, Dianne Painter, Vicky Gilbert, Rev. Ricky Sigmon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Forty-three years is a long time! Christian Ministry began on January 10, 1977. As I began the writing of this report on January 10, 2020, I reflected back on being a junior in high school in 1977 – planning for the future and what that future might look like. In 1977 in Lincoln County, people had foresight – that is the ability to see what was needed in the future – and Christian Ministry was born. What a high honor it is for me to be the President of the Board of Directors and to be writing this message. Glory to God for forty-three years of serving the community and for ALL those who have been a part of Christian Ministry's great history!

One of the first invitations I received when I became the Pastor at McKendree United Methodist Church was from Don and Carmen Ormsby who were regular volunteers at the Ministry. "Come with us to Christian Ministry" they said. "You talk about a place that helps everyone, this is the place." And in my first visit to the Ministry in July 2014, I stood in awe looking around at all the work being done – praising God for the staff, the volunteers, and praising God for the help that they would give to everyone who came to get help. I was absolutely amazed at the work of the Ministry in that first visit.

Now every time I come to the Christian Ministry, I continue to be absolutely amazed at the work and seeing new and amazing things happening. I see staff and volunteers doing everything in their ability to help others – by serving to give food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, clothes to those who have no clothes, a warm shower to those in the freezing cold, homes to the homeless, and I could go on and on. What a wonderful name of this wonderful ministry – Christian Ministry. The word "Christian" is easy to define as "a follower of Jesus Christ." The word "Ministry" can be defined in multiple ways but I like to use the words "serving" or "to serve" as a definition.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your time in reading through this Annual Report and A BIG THANK YOU to the staff and volunteers who so faithfully fulfill our mission of serving. Let us all be in prayers for Christian Ministry as we move into 2020 and beyond as we follow Christ and continually serve those in the community in an ever-changing world around us. As we move forward together in service to the community, may we have continuing foresight into the future to answer the needs of Lincoln County. And, may God truly bless Christian Ministry, the staff, the volunteers, and especially all who grace the doors requesting assistance!

Reverend Gregg Plott

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This year I found myself saying “thank you for the continual support.” It means a lot for a person to care enough about the Ministry to continually give us their support. Whether by donated items, financial donations, or by donating their valuable time, it gives me peace of mind that there are people that think enough of the Ministry’s work to continually support it.

Now, ponder this, the bible says “*For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.*” - Deuteronomy 15: 11. Some people will ALWAYS need the continual support of the Ministry. Think about how it gives the clients “peace of mind” that the Ministry is here to help them. My thanks goes out to each donor for your donations of peace.

This past year, we fed people in the soup kitchen, while we tackled a crumpling roof and a freezer that would not freeze. We stretched every dollar to meet client’s financial needs, while we navigated lower financial receipts. As we went through staff changes we continued to grow in ways to serve the community; including our milk and clothing give outs.

As we start the next decade, let’s thank God for his hedge of protection over the Ministry these last 42 years and pray for his guidance as we continue to try to meet the needs of the community.

Mitzi

**MINISTRY GROUPS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
2020**

President Rev. Gregg Plott, Ex officio of all Committees 704-735-4062

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335
Rev. Gregg Plott	704-735-4062
Dianne Painter	704-735-6803

POLICY AND PERSONNEL

Ralph Zello	704-735-0063
Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335
Rev. Gregg Plott	704-735-4062
Charles Stevens	704-735-4514
Rev. Ricky Sloop	704-732-3265
Dianne Painter	704-735-6803

RECEPTIONIST

Dolly McCadden	704-736-9052
Carolyn Avery	980-241-4229
Trish Shephard	704-263-1347
Faye White	704-462-1444
Kay McConnell	828-465-0381
Shannon Wingate	704-692-6796
Barbara Jefferies	704-735-5910
Libby Chitkhin	704-616-9312
Rita Lefevers	704-735-2867
Dianne Painter	704-735-6803
Asha Smith	704-732-9462
Susan Harris	828-244-9591

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Terrie Ritchie	704-530-0607
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SOUP KITCHEN

Rev. Gregg Plott	704-735-4062
Gary Poovey	704-462-2448
Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335
Marni Carpenter	704-732-2692
Judy Freeman	704-748-9948
Hazel Moore	704-735-1568
Valerie Pettit	704-966-0848
Patsy Smith, Chrm.	704-732-0953
Paul Crump	704-732-0302

AMAZING RACE AGAINST HUNGER

Nesta Farmer	704-530-4064
Rev. Charles Stevens, Chrm.	704-735-4514
Jane Schrum	704-735-6270

RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335
Ralph Zello	704-735-0063

PROPERTY

Scott Caskey	704-736-6501
Surge Jobian	704-276-1647
David Conner	704-276-1598
	704-477-0897

**MINISTRY GROUPS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
2020**

President Rev. Gregg Plott, Ex Officio of all Committees(704)735-4062

CHRISTMAS FUND

Marge Stula Toy Coordinator	860-208-8741
Marion Beebe Toy Coordinator	860-836-1982
Ricky Detter	704-742-6232
Ralph Zello, Co-Chrm.	704-735-0063
Debbie Heafner, Co-Chrm.	704-735-6982
Paul Crump	704-732-0302

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Susan Boyd	704-732-2769
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BUSINESS BLITZ - Chairperson

Demery Brewer	704-732-6446/4211
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demery.brewer@ffsb-nc.com

COMPUTER TECH

Scott Caskey	704-736-6501
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LINC MEALS

Melinda Houser, Chrm.	704-435-3640
Kathy Robinson	704-435-2756
Judy Roberts	704-732-0803
Ralph Zello	704-735-0063
Shirley Alexander	704-562-8335
Linda Drum	704-735-5305

Hazel Moore	704-735-1568
Cynthia Williams	980-241-0448

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Shirley Alexander, Chrm.	704-562-8335
Libby Baxter	704-276-1435
Ralph Zello	704-735-0063
Hazel Moore	704-735-1568
Donna Jolley	704-472-7481

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, INC.
BUDGET

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET 2019</u>	<u>BUDGET 2020</u>	<u>Difference</u>
7200	Wages	\$221,879.89	\$222,000.00	+120.11
6620	Payroll Taxes	17,600.00	17,500.00	-100.00
6560	Utilities	15,000.00	17,000.00	+2000
6640	Building Maintenance	8,300.00	8,000.00	-300.00
6645	Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00	3,000.00	+1000
6650	Equipment Maintenance	2,900.00	2,000.00	-900.00
6660	Office Supplies/Postage	5,700.00	5,900.00	+200
6670	Insurance/Bond	20,000.00	22,000.00	+2000
6680	Mileage	1,200.00	1,100.00	-100.00
6690	Miscellaneous	500.00	250.00	-250.00
6700	Employee Training	900.00	250.00	-650.00
6710	Audit	5,000.00	0.00	-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, Equipment, etc.)	2,000.00	1,900.00	-100.00
6960	LINC Subsidized meals	22,000.00	22,000.00	
6000	Emergency Services	94,000.00	94,000.00	
7300	Nursing Home Ministry	150.00	150.00	
7700	Business Blitz	1,200.00	1,200.00	
7960	Amazing Race	200.00	200.00	
7800	Christmas Fund ***	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	
7900	Soup Kitchen ***	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	
		<u>\$469,829.89</u>	<u>\$467,750.00</u>	Total Difference -2079.89

*** RAISES OWN MONEY

TOTAL BUDGET (2020) \$467,750.00

Committee Members

Shirley Alexander

Rev. Gregg Plott

Dianne Painter, Treasurer

2020 RECOMMENDED STAFF WAGES

<u>STAFF POSITION</u>	<u>HOURS ALLOTTED</u>	<u>2019 WAGES</u>	<u>2020 WAGES</u>
Executive Director	Salary, hours not limited, but based on 30 hours weekly	47,000.00	47,000.00
Administrative Assistant	Hourly, based on 22.5 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	25,000.00	25,000.00
Emergency Services Coordinator	Hourly, based on 22.5 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	27,000.00	27,000.00
Emergency Interviewer	Hourly, based on 10 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	12,049.49	12,049.49
Bookkeeper	Hourly, based on 20 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	21,330.40	21,330.40
LINC Home Meals Coordinator	Hourly, based on 22.5 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	25,000.00	25,000.00
Soup Kitchen Coordinator	Hourly, based on 25 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	25,000.00	25,000.00
Building & Resource Coordinator	Hourly, based on 30 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	28,100.00	28,100.00
Coordinator of Volunteers	Hourly, based on 20 hours weekly plus additional hours throughout the year	<u>11,400.00</u>	<u>11,400.00</u>
		\$221,879.89	\$221,879.89

PERMANENT RECOMMENDATION: - Employee hours can fluctuate based on Ministry Needs; therefore hourly employees are paid for authorized overtime regardless of approved budget for that calendar year.

- Mileage paid at Federal Rate
- Shirley Alexander, Rev. Gregg Plott, Ralph Zello, Dianne Painter
- Charles Stevens, Rob Allen ex-officio

STAFF: Mitzi Williams

IN-KIND REPORT - 2019

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	2,038.00
6520	Policy and Personnel	290.00
6550	Volunteer - Receptionist	7,076.00
6640	Building Maintenance - Volunteers	11,542.00
6900	LINC Ministry (Meetings/Drivers/Coordinators/Packers)	40,811.00
7300	Nursing Home (Parties)	4,350.00
7700	Business Blitz	435.00
7800	Christmas Fund	9,715.00
7900	Soup Kitchen	74,095.00
7960	Amazing Race Against Hunger	1,204.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE FOR DONATED HOURS	\$190,996.00
6000	Emergency Services Items Donated:	
	(Fans, Clothing)	260,602.00
	Mobile Food Pantry 66,816 lbs.	21,592.00
	Food Total for Emergency Services	1,209,430.00
	(Bread & Meat from 6 stores daily, USDA Foods)	
	Household Items (linens, furniture, etc.) over 44,748 lbs. x \$9.75 each	436,293.00
	Personal Items (Hygiene, Cosmetics, Diapers, etc.) over 49,287 lbs. x \$4 each	197,148.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED ITEMS - EMS	\$2,125,065.00
6680	Mileage Donated (.58 per mile):	
	LINC Meals	61,160.00
	Morning Pick up's	1,986.50
	Pick up furniture	580.00
	Nursing Home (Church Groups ~ Susan Boyd)	2,044.00
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED MILEAGE	\$65,770.50
6900	LINC Meals	
	14,130 Donated Meals (\$4.20 per meal)	\$59,346.00
	(9,081 Sponsored, 5,016 Subsidized, 33 Emergency)	
7800	Christmas Fund Donated Items:	
	Food ~ 724 boxes	150,224.38
	(Subtracted actual cost of purchased food at \$225 per box)	
	New Toys ~ 534 children (\$65 per child) (13 bikes @ \$60 each)	36,690.00
	Used Toys ~ (12 Bikes@ \$30 each) (14 Toy Bins @ \$60 each)	
	TOTAL DOLLAR FIGURE DONATED ITEMS	\$186,914.38
7900	Soup Kitchen	
	42,308 Meals (Value of each meal \$5 minus actual cost .80)	\$177,693.60
	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,805,775.48

POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

I would like to take a quick moment and thank everyone at Christian Ministries that have donated their time and resources. Also, I would like to thank the personnel who have worked hard in making the ministry a success from the beginning all the way through 2019. I have had the privilege to serve the ministry for the past ten years. This is truly a wonderful organization that looks to make the lives of many less fortunate much better.

Things were slow for the committee this year. We had two long time employees leave, Marla Lewis, who handled our accounting, and Tracy Pyant, who ran the Soup Kitchen. Marla was a long time employee and valuable member of this team. She spent countless hours working hard and doing all she could to maintain the integrity and success of the ministry. Marla had a heart for the Lord and showed that daily in her service. She was replaced by Sandy Gantt. Sandy has helped with the ministry before and came back when the accounting position opened up. Tracy was a long-time dedicated volunteer and eventually applied and accepted the Soup Kitchen Coordinator position when it became available. Tracy spent countless hours making sure the homeless in our community would have a hot meal at least once a day. Tracy led a strong group of volunteers that contributed to this success. She has a wonderful love for the lord and it showed in all that she done for the ministry and the clients.

The other change in 2019 was the passing of law for exempt employees. The new law set the exempt workers salary threshold at \$35,568 starting January 1, 2020. The ministry had to switch employees that didn't meet that threshold back to hourly pay.

I would like to thank everyone on the policy and personnel committee for the work that was put into the ministry this year.

Again, thank you to everyone that made my ten years at the ministry a true testament to the Lord.

Rob Allen
Policy and Personnel Chair 2019

Committee:
Rob Allen, Chair
Ralph Zello
Shirley Alexander
Rev. Gregg Plott
Rev. Charles Stevens
Dianne Painter

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – 2020

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

2019
PRESIDENT - Rev. Greg Plott
VICE PRESIDENT - Melinda Houser
SECRETARY - David Conner
TREASURER - Dianne Painter

2020
PRESIDENT - Rev. Greg Plott
VICE PRESIDENT - Melinda Houser
SECRETARY - David Conner
TREASURER - Bryan Beal

LAYPERSONS: **2020**
Ronnie Engle (L) 3
Melinda Houser (M) 3
David Conner (B) 3
Terrie Ritchie (B) 2
Paul Crump (M) 2
Bryan Beal (M) 2
Chris Rhyne (B) 2

LAYPERSONS: Need to Elect (3)
1) Shirley Alexander (B) 1
2) Rita Lefevers (M) 1
3) Lorenda Dyson (B) 1

Youth: Need to Elect (1)
Etta Godfrey (1)

MINISTERS: **2020**
Rev. Gregg Plott (M) 4
Rev. Charles Stevens (M) 4
Rev. Chad Walker (L) 3
Rev. Ricky Sloop (L) 2

YOUTH: **2020**
Kelton Towery (3)

PAST PRESIDENT:
Rob Allen
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Lincolnton, NC 28093
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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 clergypersons, 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 2020.

Nominating Committee:
Dennis Parker, Vickie Gilbert, Dianne Painter

2019 Amazing Race Against Hunger

Our second year of the Amazing Race Against Hunger was just as successful as our first year. This year our teams started out at the ministry by assembling a cardboard car for their team to “drive” through downtown Lincolnton and to each pit stop.

There were 6 pit stops throughout downtown at Amy’s Closet, the Cultural Center, First Federal Park, Freedom Church, the Courthouse and the Marcia Cloninger walking trail. At each pit stop our teams had to find the cooler and search inside for their teams designated can of food.

There were 2 goals of the race, first, to be the team to raise and bring in the most money and secondly, be the first team to cross the finish line at Betty Ross Park with all 6 of your cans.

This year we had 11 churches participate and 2 clubs from area high schools. We had a total of 90 participants and 14 volunteers. Pisgah Methodist Church swept the event by being the winning team to bring in the most money and also the first team to cross the finish line.

As always, our race proceeds go to help sponsor recipients who need our meal services but cannot afford to pay for the meals themselves. This year we raised \$8,303.85, which will help to feed 8 recipients for a year!

The following is a list of those churches, organizations or individuals that participated and/or contributed financially to our race. **A huge thank you to each and every one.**

Bethpage Lutheran	Lincoln Avenue Baptist
Pisgah Methodist	Laboratory Methodist
Salem Lutheran	Holy Cross Lutheran
Leonard’s Fork Baptist	Messiah United Methodist
Daniel’s Lutheran	WL Interact Club
LHS Interact Club	Calvary Baptist
First Presbyterian	Emmanuel Lutheran
Emanuel Reformed	Current Missions Group
St. Matthews Reformed	Loretta Beam
Woodmen of the World	

2019 BUSINESS BLITZ

Glory be to God on yet another year where the businesses and people of Lincoln County have come together to support Christian Ministries through the Business Blitz. It speaks volumes to what a wonderful community we live in to receive support year in and year out. I would like to personally say thank you for all the effort on what I would deem another successful year as we saw increased donations and support. This year we raised \$21,146.45.

Let us all continue to pray that the people and businesses in our community will continue to assist our efforts at Christian Ministries as we serve those less fortunate. To all the Christian Ministry staff and volunteers, thank you for all that you do. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. In 2020, I pray that we are even more successful than we were in 2019. Thanks be to God for all His blessings. Happy New Year!

Demery Brewer
Business Blitz Chair 2019

BUSINESS BLITZ CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

Love Insurance Agency
Goodson Realty & Assoc
Main Filters USA
Bob's Pallets
Air Management Services, Inc.
Taco and Tequila
A & A Sales Company
House of Pizza
Sentry Drug Center No 16
Bar-B-Q-King
IFS Group, Inc.
Donna J. Scates, CPA, P.A.
Center Carolina Sprinkler Co.
First Federal
Warlick Funeral Home, Inc.
Brooks Dehart
Gregory Urban
Harry Brogden
West End Sales
Carolina Trust
Carolina Charters of Vale
Court Street Grille
Factory Mattress Sales
Don Pendleton
Charles S. Little, Jr.
Pleasant Grove
Clinical Lab Services
Lail Electric Service
Jerry Cochrane

Craig P. Gates, Inc.
Lincoln County Fabricators, Inc.
Estate Jewelers Inc
Mitchem's Kitchen, Inc.
Times Oil Corp.
Keever Pharmacy, LLC
Freeman Surveying
Nicolas Komas
Zion Hill Baptist Church
Saine Hardware & Garden Center
Kennedy Office
Printables Unlimited
The Pendleton Law Firm
Deal Construction, Inc.
The Drug Store
Charles W. Eurey, Jr.
Ingle Builders, Inc.
Bank OZK
McGee Cabinet Shop
Watson Insurance
JM Johnson Construction

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 2019, we provided food for 5,852 families and 21,647 individuals, as well as the variety of services listed above. Please read carefully the EMS Statistical Report for the full impact this ministry has on individual lives.

Thank you to all individuals, churches, businesses and volunteers for your involvement in making all this possible.

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

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

May God continue to bless Christian Ministry of Lincoln County, Inc., 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.

BUSINESS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN BUSINESS BLITZ

AL LANE INC	LINCOL COUNTRY CLUB
ANTUAN HERRIOTT PA	LINCOLNTON ANIMAL HOSP
ARWOOD & ASSO	MAGIC CLEANERS
BOSCH, LORI MOWRY	SCATES & SELLERS
CAROLINA ROLLER	SHERRILL, BLAKE, & HARRISSON
CATALER	STROUP'S JEWELERS
CHRIS RHYNE FINANCIAL	TALLEY PROPERTIES
DEANS APPRAISAL & REAL ESTATE	TEMPLE INC.
HARVEY HOUSER ENT	TIMKEN
JACKIE DAMERON, DBA FARM BUREAU	UBS FINANCIAL SERVICE
JNH CONSTRUCTION	WALMART
L. CO. TAX DEPT	



2019 Christian Ministry Golf Tournament

The annual Christian Ministry Golf Tournament was held at Lincoln Country Club on August 17. This was the best year we have had in several years. We had a field of 23 teams and a total of \$11,534.52 was collected. A total of \$4,663.45 was paid out leaving a balance of \$6,871.07.

Thank you Thrivent Financial for the donations to the golf tournament.

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

A special thanks goes to all that participated in the tournament. We look forward to seeing you at our 2020 Golf Tournament on August 8th.

Dianne Painter
 Bud Lefevers
 Co – Chairmans of golf tournament

EMERGENCY SERVICES - STATISTICAL REPORT 2019

Acct. Number	Emergency Service	Number of Clients Helped	Estimated Dollar Amount of Services
6010	Utilities	183	\$11,643.49
6020	Kerosene	320	\$12,658.24
6022	Heating/Fuel (Oct. to April)	249	\$6,871.63
6024	Cooling/Fuel (May to Sept.)	92	\$4,999.54
6026	Duke Grant	118	\$12,627.56
6030	Rent	87	\$4,460.52
6040	Job -Gas	8	\$208.17
6050	Medical	478	\$14,014.75
6070	Transient	5	\$293.50
6060L	Food boxes - Families	5,852	\$1,170,400.00
6060B	Food bags - Homeless	775	\$38,750.00
6060M	Food boxes - Families	1,307	\$21,552.00
6060F	Formula	14	\$280.00
	Total of Families Requesting Food	7,948	\$1,230,982.00
	Total of Individuals Requesting Food	21,647	
6090	Miscellaneous	531	\$121.50
	GL#6090	357	
	GL#6090Easter	180	
	GL#6090Laundry	563	
6111	Referrals	57	
6113	Bibles	26	\$260.00
6114	Good Neighbor Shop	70	\$3,500.00
6114	Ministry Clothes Closet	2,082	\$104,100.00
6116	Furniture	458	\$11,450.00
6117	Household Items "Specific Request"	462	\$4,620.00
6117	Household Bulk Items		\$436,293.00
6118	Blankets	307	\$4,605.00
6119	Personal Items "Specific Request"	1,392	\$13,920.00
6119	Personal Bulk Items		\$197,148.00

Estimated Value of Services

Number of Request - 2018	8,086
Total Households - 2019	8,292
First Time Clients - 2019	698

BUILDING AND RESOURCE REPORT

- Installed new washer in our laundry room
- Repaired electrical parts on the forklift
- Surge Jobian and I remodeled the offices of emergency services after water damage
- Emergency flood lights were installed in the administration building
- With the help of Woody Saunders and several youth volunteers, we painted the dock and soup kitchen floor.
- Worked with GSM on roof repairs
- Installed the new gas stove, refrigerator and repaired plumbing in kitchen
- Worked with East Coast Refrigeration on freezer repairs
- Assisted in two can drives: Post Office and Schools of Lincoln
- Installed a propane storage cage outside of the building to meet fire codes
- Numerous trips to Secondharvest food bank in Charlotte

Richard Ballard – Building and Resource Coordinator

COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Christian Ministry of Lincoln County would like to wholeheartedly thank every volunteer for the gift of their time in making this year a success. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the time and talent each volunteer gave selflessly without any expectation of reward. It is your service that provides meaningful impact on the individuals and families we serve. Christian Ministry genuinely appreciates and values your commitment of time.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of our ministry services. Our volunteers are represented by several different groups:

- Churches
- Business and Civic Organizations
- School and Youth Groups
- Individuals

These volunteers participate in many areas of the ministry; packing food in the pantry, assisting in the food dock area, sorting can and food items, assisting with household goods and furniture, clothes closet, soup kitchen and other activities.

We are successful because of volunteer support. Thank you for your contribution to that success.

J.K. Woody Saunders – Coordinator of Volunteers

LINC HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

If you google “meals on wheels” this is the definition you get: *Meals on Wheels are programs that deliver meals to individuals at home who are unable to purchase or prepare their own meals. The name is often used generically to refer to home-delivered meals programs, not all of which are actually named "Meals on Wheels".*

LINC Home Delivered Meals is a “meals on wheels” type service. We provide a hot, nutritionally balanced meal to homebound recipients all across Lincoln County. It takes a lot to make this happen...

We currently have 13 routes and 1 team of packers. In 2019, we delivered meals a total of 249 days to an average of 90 recipients each day. Our 238 drivers drove over 111,000 miles during the year delivering 19,138 meals.

Because we are **NOT** associated with the national Meals on Wheels organization, all the meals that are not self-paid by the individual must be paid by someone. Of the 19,138 meals we delivered last year, 14,130 of those were free to qualified individuals who cannot afford to pay for the meals. This was a total cost of \$59,346. The money to cover these meals comes from our budget, individual sponsorships, donations throughout the year and our Amazing Race Fundraiser.

We are grateful each year to those individuals and churches who give to us financially in any way and to ALL our volunteers that pack and deliver meals. There is absolutely no way we could reach the 90 plus people a day that we reach without you and your help and support.

We also want to thank our LINC Ministry Group who meet periodically throughout the year to make sure that our ministry continues to run smooth and has all that it needs to make it successful.

Below is a breakdown of our volunteers and meals:

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>		<u>MEALS</u>	
Coordinators	11	Emergency	33
Packers	24	Subsidized	5,016
Drivers	238	Self Paid	5,008
		Sponsored	9,081
Total Volunteers	273	Total Meals	19,138

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Rhyne, Coordinator

LINC Ministry Group Members:

Melinda Houser- Chairperson	Judy Roberts – Co Chairperson
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 95 to 116 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. This past year the soup kitchen has had some updates and repairs; painted the floor in the serving line area and we bought a new gas stove and repaired our walk-in freezer. Thank you to all who helped with these updates in order to keep our soup kitchen open. Thank you for all of your continued support to this ministry.

Teena Sigmon, Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Committee Members: Marni Carpenter, Judy Freeman, Gary Poovey, Valerie Pettit and Shirley Alexander,
Hazel Moore, Rev. Gregg Plott, Chairman – Patsy Smith

SOUP KITCHEN STATISTICS FOR 2019

BEGINNING BALANCE 1-1-19.....	\$32,474.58
RECEIPTS 2019.....	\$30,175.39
DISBURSEMENTS 2019.....	\$27,808.37
ENDING BALANCE 12-31-19.....	\$34,841.60

Month	Days Served	Meals Served	Average Meals	Average Cost per. Meal
January	31	3538	114	0.42
February	28	3349	120	0.70
March	31	3474	112	0.26
April	30	3503	117	0.26
May	31	3325	107	0.86
June	30	3393	113	0.60
July	31	3610	116	0.55
August	31	3590	116	0.47
September	30	3538	118	1.77
October	31	3922	127	2.64
November	30	3618	121	0.50
December	31	3448	111	0.55
TOTALS	365	42,308		
		Yearly Average	116	0.80

CHRISTMAS FUND MINISTRY GROUP
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2019

	2018	2019	Difference
Families Receiving Food Boxes	749	724	-25
Value at \$225 per Box (2019)	\$168,525.00	\$162,900.00	(\$5,625.00)
Children Under 14 Receiving Toys	583	534	-49

CHRISTMAS FUND 2019				
	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>	
				<u>Variance</u>
RECEIPTS	\$103,588.64		\$104,068.92	\$480.28
TRANSFER TO SPONSORED MEALS	<u>-\$5,300.00</u>		<u>-\$5,300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$98,288.64		\$98,768.92	\$480.28
EXPENSES	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOYS	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
FOOD	\$11,129.56		\$12,675.62	\$1,546.06
POSTAGE/PAPER	\$290.00		\$368.04	\$78.04
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$47.40</u>		<u>\$667.29</u>	<u>\$619.89</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,466.96		\$13,710.95	\$2,243.99

Thanks to every church, school, organization and individual who made our 2019 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 and thanks for Hardee's and Chick-fil-A for our breakfast biscuits for our many volunteers on December 20, 2019. Also, thanks goes out to the Lincolnton Police Department for their help. We will use \$5300 of the 2019 donations for the LINC Home Meals Program. The balance will be converted to the General Operating Fund.

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

Nursing Home Birthday Party Ministry

We provided monthly birthday parties at four of our nursing homes in 2019. Parties were given at Brian Center, Cardinal Healthcare, Heath House and Lincolnton Rehabilitation.

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.

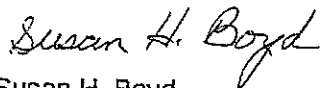
We lost two churches, Boger City United Methodist and Iron Station United Methodist, in 2019. Some of our groups are aging and groups are getting smaller, too. We need some younger people to become involved. If you don't see your church name below, please consider helping with this ministry.

We did also gain two more groups - New Heights Baptist Church in Dallas and New Vision. Thank you. And a special thank you again to the Lincolnton Seventh Day Adventist Church for hosting ten parties in 2019!

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 at 704-732-2769.

Thank you.



Susan H. Boyd
January, 2020

Asbury United Methodist
Bethphage Lutheran
Boger City Wesleyan
Cedar Grove Lutheran
Emanuel Reformed
Emmanuel Lutheran
First Baptist
First Presbyterian
First United Methodist
Holy Cross Lutheran

Lincoln Co. Retired
School Personnel
Lincolnton Seventh
Day Adventist
Mt. Vernon Bap. -
Iron Station
Mt. Vernon Bap. -
Vale
New Heights Bap.
New Vision

Pisgah United Methodist
Pleasant Grove United Meth.
Rhyne Heights United Meth.
Salem Baptist
Salem Lutheran
St. Luke's Lutheran
St. Paul's Lutheran
Trinity Lutheran
Loretta Beam & Becky Engle

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

In 2019, 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 66,816 lbs. of food was distributed with a retail value of \$20,712.96. This was done in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) and four member churches. Working with the churches, the Ministry schedules food drops from SHFB on Friday's. 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, 1307 families (3653 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 United Methodist, Cedar Grove Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran and Daniel's Lutheran

Mitzi Williams
Executive Director

SCHEDULE FOR VOLUNTEER PACKERS 2020

JANUARY

CLOSED 1ST. 2 Lincolnton 7th Day Adventist
3 Holy Cross Lutheran
6,7,8 Calvary Baptist
9, 10 Roseland Baptist
13,14,15,16,17 Marvin UMC
21,22,23,24 First UMC **CLOSED 20**
27,28,29,30,31 Pisgah UMC

FEBRUARY

3,4,5,6,7 Hull's Grove - West
10,11,12 Bess Chapel UMC
13,14 North Brook Baptist
17,18,19 Day Star Family Worship
20,21 Maiden Wesleyan
24,25,26,27,28 Salem Baptist

MARCH

2,3,4 St. Dorothy's Catholic
5,6 Pearl Baptist
9,10,11,12,13 Bethphage Lutheran
16,17,18,19,20 St. Luke's Lutheran
23,24,25,26,27 Covenant Bible

APRIL

March 30,31, April 1 Emanuel Reformed
2,3 Boger City Baptist
6,7,8,9 Messiah UMC **CLOSED 10**
13,14,15,16,17 Asbury UMC
20,21,22 Pleasant Grove UMC
23,24 New Vision
27,28,29,30, May1 Salem Lutheran/Salem UCC

MAY

4,5 Cornerstone Independent
6,7,8 Long Shoals Wesleyan
11,12,13,14,15 Boger City UMC
18,19,20,21 Friendly Chapel
22 Buffalo Shoals Baptist
26,27,28,29 **CLOSED 25** Fairview Baptist

JUNE

1,2,3,4,5 Riverview Baptist
8,9,10,11,12 Cedar Grove Lutheran
15,16,17 Southside Baptist
18,19 Antioch Baptist
22,23,24,25,26 Amity Baptist

JULY

June 29, 30, July 1, 2 **CLOSED 3rd.** Long Shoals Baptist
6,7 Reepsville Baptist
8,9,10 First Christian
13,14,15,16,17 St. Paul's Lutheran
20,21,22,23,24 Crowell Memorial Meth.
27,28,29,30,31 St. Matthew's

AUGUST

3,4,5,6,7 Mt. Zion Baptist
10,11,12,13 Daniel's Lutheran
14 Lincoln Avenue Baptist
17,18,19,20,21 Faith Baptist
24,25,26 Iron Station & High Shoals UMC
27,28 Boger City Wesleyan

SEPTEMBER

August 31, Sept 1 Middle Cross
2,3,4 Crouse UMC
8, 9,10,11 First Baptist Lincolnton **CLOSED 7**
14,15 Temple Baptist
16,17,18 Laboratory UMC
21,22,23,24,25 McKendree UMC
28,29 Ivey Memorial

OCTOBER

Sep. 30 & Oct 1,2 Rhyne Heights UMC
5,6,7,8,9 First Presbyterian
12,13 David Memorial Baptist
14,15,16 Trinity Lutheran
19,20,21 Greater Moores Chapel
22,23 Reeps Grove UMC
26,27 Mt. Vernon Baptist Iron Station
28,29,30 Sharon Baptist

NOVEMBER

2,3,4,5 Howard Creek Baptist
6,9,10 Leonard's Fork Baptist
CLOSED 11, 12,13 Four Square Gospel
16,17,18 St. Luke's Episcopal
19,20,23,24 Zion Hill Baptist
NOV 25 **CLOSED 26-27** Ironton Presbyterian

DECEMBER

Nov 30, Dec 1, 2 Macedonia Baptist
3,4 Community Full Gospel
7,8 Harvest Presbyterian
9,10,11 Unity Baptist
14,15 Victory Grove Baptist
21,22,23 Freedom **CLOSED 24,25,28 CHRISTMAS**
OPEN DAYS 29,30,31 NEED PACKERS

CHURCH FOOD COLLECTION SCHEDULE - 2020

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. Only**)
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.