



# Servants of our Lord Ministry

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**March 2024 Newsletter**

## Kentucky Preload Party

Do you want to have fun and do some team building activities locally? On the first Monday of the month we meet at Midwest Food Bank in Normal, Illinois and are always looking for team players to help us to preload pallets with food and supplies for 13 of our larger food pantries. The activity takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours to complete and you get to work with some fun people!



## Thank you

God Bless you for all you have done to help the people of Eastern Kentucky! Please pray that God will continue to guide this ministry to supply the food and spiritual needs to all that are physically and spiritually hungry in this impoverished region.

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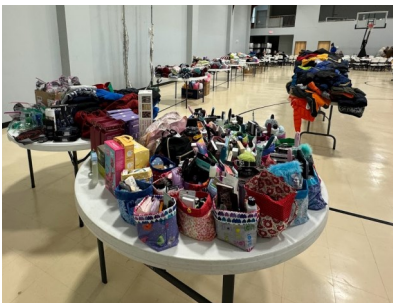
*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23.*

### OUR MISSION

*To serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, by meeting the spiritual and material needs of the many economically deprived individuals living in the Appalachians and surrounding areas.*

## Christmas Coat & Toy Planning

We have begun collecting coats, toys, hats, gloves, and hygiene products for our Christmas Coat and Toy distribution in Kentucky in December. Below are some pictures from our December 2023 distribution. Many of the food pantries like the homemade blankets, bears, and slippers. If you are part of a club and would like to make that be one of your projects, there is no better time than now to start working on that project goal. If you would like to help with this part of our ministry, please reach out and let us know how you would like to be a part of this opportunity.



### MINISTRY NEEDS

**Prayer Partners.** Please lift up the food pantries and volunteers that make this all possible, and also the families that receive God's abundance!

Please pray for the health of our Food Pantry partner, Pastor Pete Combs of Fullness of the Word Church.

Please pray for the ministry leaders, that they may know the will of God.

**Financial Partners.** Please prayerfully consider ways you can help with a monthly donation. 100% of all donations go to providing food to the Eastern Kentucky region.

## God is calling for Servants

Did you hear of God's need in Kentucky? We need to put together a team of volunteers that can be ready at a moments notice to help unload the semi with supplies and organize it in the warehouse. We are looking for forklift drivers, people to help move pallets around in place to prepare for our two monthly distributions. If you heard God's voice for this opportunity, please contact us with your availability. Thank you for answering God's call to this part of our ministry.

### All In Who You Know

Each day we are provided with opportunities. God places us in situations so that we can be a neighbor to all. For those of you that know me, you know that I talk a lot! Well, if I were quiet, I would not be able to talk about Servants of our Lord Ministry and Midwest Food Bank and to the various people that God puts into my life. Some of you know that I retired from GROWMARK last year. That was a shock to my system, as I was there for over 23 1/2 years. I have worked since I was 10 years old from babysitting, walking beans, food service, banking, travel and tourism, healthcare, sales, grocery industry, agriculture industry, computer help desk support, grant writer, warehouse logistics, CDL driver, master gardener and being a wife, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, mother, grand-daughter, grandma of 14 (soon to be 15). Many of the jobs I held I worked 2 or 3 of them at the same time, often times while going to school or studying a variety of subjects with my husband. Recently, I talked to God and was asking him where do I belong and to show me my purpose. I attended my bible study recently, and the topic of choice had to do with purpose. It was there that I explained that I currently am having problems with trying to find my purpose. I review my life often and what I have accomplished and praise God for guiding my life.

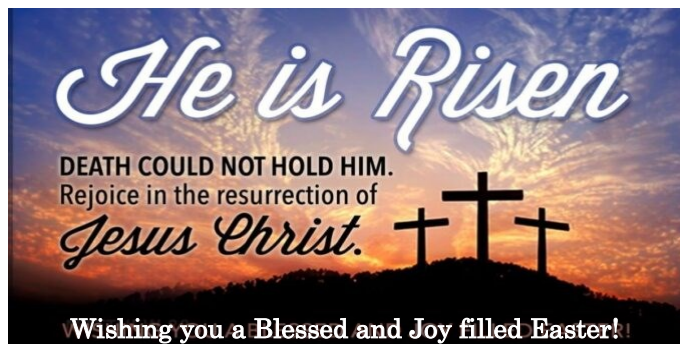
When I worked in the emergency room, I worked with Dave Kieser Jr. (his Dad is the founder of Midwest Food Bank). When I went on a cruise several years back I met a woman who soon became a Kentucky volunteer. Why did she become a volunteer for us? Because she was a Powell County Food Bank recipient. When I was helping at our Christmas coat and toy distribution in December 2022, I was introduced to a man, (Tony Sechrest) who picks up for Mt. Carmel School Food Pantry. After talking to him, I found out that he went to school in Fairbury, Illinois and was in my niece's graduating class. When I called upon a CPA in Bloomington, I was telling him about our organization and later found out that his sister and my brother were in the same graduating class at Evanston High School. These are just a few of the stories that have helped me with the God connection.

The other day a friend of mine passed away, his name was Rodney Farney he was a year behind me in school and over the years we had drifted apart, but there was one thing that was in common and that is who he knew (was related to) - Tony Sechrest was his relative. Please pray for Rod and Tony and their families as they open a new chapter of life without their loved one.

For me: I believe my purpose is to find more people that are willing to overcome the evil that our world is facing and find the good in volunteering to help others in any way that we can. *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* Romans 8:28

It is my belief that God places you where you can learn to find your purpose. He closes doors only for new doors and opportunities to serve him become apparent.

If you are interested in being a team player locally in our area with Servants of our Lord Ministry, please refer to this link to sign up <https://shorturl.at/dmV15> or scan this:



## Ministry Partner

Please keep in mind, this ministry operates solely on individual donations and the help of volunteers. If you have the time and desire to help with the monthly food distribution, there are a variety of tasks that need volunteers. If interested, please contact us via email at [servantsofourlord@live.com](mailto:servantsofourlord@live.com) or phone (502) 209-8222. If you would like to help with the Ministry's monthly operational costs, please send your tax-deductible donation in the envelope provided or donate on our website at <https://servantsofourlordministry.com/get-involved> or mail your donation to P.O. Box 224 Lexington, IL 61753. Thank you and God Bless.



## Prayer Requests

- Prayers for the homeless that are frequenting the food pantries.
- Pray for safe travels for volunteers traveling to Clay City, KY.
- Continued prayers for Jamie who is recovering from a broken hip.
- Prayers for the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) in the Stanton/Clay City areas as they have had some bad accidents and trailer fires recently.
- Prayers for the family of a two year old that was killed in a recent house fire in Powell County, KY



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