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May 2025 Newsletter Happy Memorial Day!

Honor



As many people know, Memorial Day is an American holiday that is observed on the last Monday of May, and honors the men and women who sacrificed their lives while serving in the U.S. military

(https://www.asomf.org/the-history-of-memorial-day/). As time passes and minds lose interest in remembering what got our great country (USA) to where it is today, I feel it is important to keep our US history at the forefront of what we do daily. Many lives have been lost in securing our life, liberty and freedoms. Much of life now is about what you think that you are owed, rather than receiving what you are owed based on your merits. We must continue to work hard as Americans and be proud and show our love amongst one another! Give of your time, resources, and make someone's life count, besides your own! Remember "For God so loved the world, that

he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (ESV)

Many of the volunteers that help each month have been or are involved in the United States military. Take for instance Pete Friedmansky. He travels from Lexington, IL each month and helps with many of the aspects of our ministry. He is our cook, forklift driver, our emergency response runner and much more. We salute Pete as well as the other veterans that help in our ministry! Thank you for your service to our country and our ministry.

This month we held our Kentucky distribution on Monday, May 19th and Tuesday, May 20th. Here are a few pictures from that distribution as well as some visits to the food pantries that we serve. This month we had a lot of individual and group donations that the food pantries were able to go through to find items that their clients could use. Thank you to those that donated items.



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Philippians 4:13 (KJV)

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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.

MINISTRY NEEDS

Semi drivers needed to haul loads to Clay City, Kentucky for our monthly distributions. Apply at Midwest Food Bank.



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 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. As expenses rise, your consideration for financial donations is greatly appreciated.

Kentucky Food Pantry Visits

On Monday, May 19th, we visited the Cumberland Domestic Violence Food Pantry. Their food pantry helps victims of domestic violence to get back on their feet. While in London, KY, we took 12 bags of clothing to their help center. At the help center, they have inmates accepting donations and helping to get supplies organized. Honor and love one another came in a different form this month, as an EF 4 tornado touched down in one of the counties (Laurel county) that we serve on May 16, 2025. 19 people lost their life in

this storm. They are in need of volunteers and donations to get back on their feet.







Here is a list of items requested to help the London, KY tornado victims:

Current Donation Needs:

As of 5/22/2025

- 1. Cleaning supplies: Bleach, gloves, garbage bags, paper towels, mops, and disinfectant.
- 2. Blankets and sleeping bags
- 3. First aid supplies
- 4. Flashlights and batteries: Especially AA and AAA sizes.
- 5. Gift cards (grocery, gas, big box stores)
- 6. Non-perishable food: Canned goods, protein bars, peanut butter, baby formula, etc.
- 7. Personal hygiene products: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, feminine products, shampoo.
- 8. Pet food and supplies: Dog/cat food, leashes, litter, and small bowls.
- 9. Rakes, Shovels (not spade), wheel barrels, grabbers, tarps, and safety glasses.
- 10. Empty gas cans.

Please, only donate new or unused items. https://londonlaurelchamber.com/category/2025-tornado-relief/



On Tuesday, we visited the Powell County Food Pantry in Stanton, KY. We talked with Dee and she explained the process of ordering/receiving from God's Pantry and while there they received an order from God's Pantry. The Powell County Dentation Center inmates were there to help her unload and put away



the food that they received. Later in the day they will be putting away the order from our ministry.

Volunteer Corner

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45 ESV) Volunteering is a good way to share your expertise. We need volunteers to help combat the food insecurity that many counties in Kentucky suffer from. Mark your calendars, so that you can help make a difference! The Clay City, Kentucky distribution for June is Monday, June 16th and Tuesday, June 17th. Come make a difference with us!



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 <u>servantsofourlord@live.com</u> or phone (859) 363-6421.

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.



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Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the food pantry agencies that we serve and the volunteers.
- Please pray for the people of London, KY & the recovery efforts of the May 16th EF 4 tornado.
- Please pray for our family and the passing of Sally's father.
- Please pray for our son's family and the passing of his Mother-in-law.
- Prayers for Abiding Hope—Bernice's nephew died of cancer.



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