



# Servants of our Lord Ministry

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**March 2025 Newsletter**

## Spring: The Time For Renewal

Spring is finally upon us! Are you busy Spring cleaning and decided that you want to provide some help to the people of the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region? That is a great idea! You can help in so many ways: donating food, financially, volunteering your time, items for the Christmas coat and toy distribution, clothes or household items for the recent flood victims, or any other resources you might have. Servants of Our Lord ministry can collect these items and take them down to our warehouse to the food pantries in the area that needs these resources. Praise God for the many blessings that this ministry provides the people of the Eastern Appalachia Kentucky region! Thank you for being a blessing!



### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

*"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2:11-12 (ESV)*

### 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.*

## March Madness

We have a lot of moving parts to our distribution. From driving the box truck to loading up the agencies with food to take back to their clients waiting to feed their families. We could not do all the things that we do without God and our volunteers! We love those hands and feet of the many volunteers that connect with us in order to pass on God's blessings.



### 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.

## Food Dating Information

**What is Food Product Dating?** It provides consumers with information on the estimated period of time for which the product will be of best quality and to help the store determine how long to display the product for sale.

**Does Federal Law Require Food Product Dating?** Food dating is not required by Federal regulations, with the exception of infant formula. If a date is used, it must show both month, day, and year, the food date must also have a phrase explaining the date such as, "Use before" or "Sell-By."

### **What Date-Labeling Phrases are Used?**

- Best if Used By/Before date indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.
- Sell-By date tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. It is not a safety date.
- Use-By date is the last date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. It is not a safety date except for when used on infant formula.
- Freeze-By date indicates when a product should be frozen to maintain peak quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

**Are Foods Safe to Eat After the Date Passes?** With an exception of infant formula, if the date passes during home storage, a product should still be safe and wholesome.

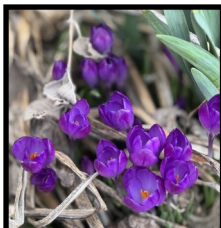
**Can Food be Donated After the Date Passes?** Yes. The quality of perishable products may deteriorate after the date passes but the products should still be wholesome.

**How does Date Labeling Impact Food Waste?** Confusion over the meaning of dates applied to food products can result in consumers discarding wholesome food. In an effort to reduce food waste, it is important that consumers understand that the dates applied to food are for quality and not for safety. Food products are safe to consume past the date on the label, and regardless of the date, consumers should evaluate the quality of the food product prior to its consumption.

**Are Dates for Food Safety or Food Quality?** Manufacturers provide dating to help consumers and retailers decide when food is of best quality. Except for infant formula, dates are not an indicator of the product's safety and are not required by Federal law.

**What are the Requirements for Dating Infant Formula?** Federal regulations require a "Use-By" date on the product label of infant formula under inspection of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Consumption by this date ensures the formula contains not less than the quantity of each nutrient as described on the label. Do not buy or use baby formula after its "Use-By" date. Source: <http://www.usda.gov/oce/foodwaste/sources.htm> [accessed 4/2019]

## Volunteer Corner



Happy Spring!

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." 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 April is Monday, April 14th and Tuesday, April 15th. 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 [servantsofourlord@live.com](mailto:servantsofourlord@live.com) 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 Ellen & Jimmy Hood's family on the unexpected death of their 20 yr. old niece.
- Please pray for Maple Street Church of God food pantry.
- Please pray for Ray of Hope food pantry.
- Prayers are needed for Brenda Combs' brother.
- Please pray for peace for our country.



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