

VERSE OF THE MONTH



And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 35:9

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous donations.

Thank you for sending Christmas cards and gifts.

Thank you for bringing food and serving meals.

Thank you for filling our pantry.

Thank you for donating items for the ministry and the Thrift Store.

Thank you for giving your time and talents.

Thank you for sending encouraging notes.

Thank you for giving "extra."

Thank you for your prayers.

You blessed us in 2011. May God bless you in 2012.

MISSION OUTREACH RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2011

<u>Individual Cases</u>		<u>Professions of Faith in Christ</u>	
Emergency Aid	375	Mid-Day Chapel Service	30
Emergency Food Bags	250	Men's Program Division	12
Misc. Donations	500	Women's Program Division	7
		Mission Outreach	8

Free Clothing: Hundreds of individual pieces. Nearly 10,000 meals served.

* DONATION RECEIPTS UPDATE *

Dear Friends, We plan to mail your "year-end" receipts (including your gifts dated in November & December 2011) by January 31, 2012.

Thank you for your gifts and for your patience!

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*** 23 years of ministry 1989 - 2012 ***

The Albany Rescue Mission of the LORD



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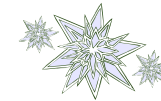


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DIRECTOR'S NOTES



*Have a Blessed New Year
2012*



Dear Supporters and Friends,

First, let me thank all of you that helped support this ministry in 2011. Last year, our most active year yet, we housed and fed and clothed more people than ever. We are starting our 23rd year of operation and the homeless rate is still on the rise. In addition to taking care of their personal needs, the most important work is sharing the good news that God has a plan for their lives. There is forgiveness and eternal life in trusting in the Lord.

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who helped to make Christmas special for our folks here at the Mission. Please look inside the newsletter for photos of some of our special events and the people who helped to make them happen. I would also like to thank all of you that collected non-perishable food and those who gave extra to help provide a special Christmas for all those in need. Also, thank you to all volunteers who helped to serve meals.

With your help we cared for over 300 families and provided food and clothing for many more. We fed over 3,000 meals through Christmas and New Year. We are now preparing for the winter season.

Our need for regular monthly support is great, but we know some of you cannot give on a monthly basis. We value any and all donations to this ministry. We will keep you updated on the Mission each month – not only our needs, but how lives are being transformed by the Lord.

Around the end of January 2012, we will also be sending out letters to everyone who gave monetarily during 2011. If your records do not match up with ours, please write to us at the ministry office or e-mail us via the "contact us" page on the website, and we will send you another letter with the corrections.

Again, thank you for helping those in great need. May the Lord bless you and your family in this new year.

Saved to serve,

Bro. Larry

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Mission Moments From Christmas 2011
Miss Juanita And First United Methodist Threw A Christmas Party For The Mission Residents



Our Friends At Ivey's Outdoor And Farm Supply Brought Gifts For All The Mission Residents



Special Thanks To:

Mr. & Mrs. Willie Glow, Mr. & Mrs. Les Charles, Ivey's Outdoors, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Glow, Complete Janitorial & Lawn Services Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Willis, Ms. Dinah Gay

**We Are Thankful For All The Blessings!
 Thank You For Helping To Provide
 A Wonderful Holiday!**



Rescue Mission Serving All Year

By [Pete Skiba](mailto:pete.skiba@albanyherald.com) pete.skiba@albanyherald.com Printed On Thursday, November 24, 2011



Boarding home resident Elizabeth Wragge enjoys her Thanksgiving Day meal at the Albany Rescue Mission as others wait in line to take part in the holiday meal Thursday.

ALBANY — A full plate of turkey, ham, macaroni and cheese, dressing and a slice of pumpkin pie is great at Thanksgiving — but what about the rest of the year?

It seems like a lot of organizations put on dinners, give away food and take care of the less fortunate at the holidays. But Larry Hample and the Albany Rescue Mission serve food three times a day 365 days a year to the downtrodden.

“It seems like everyone feeds people this time of year,” Hample said. “We do it all year and it is becoming more and more difficult as we see the number of people we help double through the year.”



Thanksgiving Day meal at the Albany Rescue Mission at about 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

Hample said the Albany Rescue Mission at 604 N. Monroe St. needs non-perishable food and financial assistance to help those in need. He encourages anyone who can to contribute.

In a classic case of those who have been helped helping others, a white van from a mental health organization pulled up at the mission just before the Thanksgiving meal was served. In the back of the van's passengers sat a big box of holiday food.

“We always bring anything we have left over from our meal to the mission,” said AmericanWork Inc. van driver Damion Gordon. “Our people eat good and there is usually leftovers.”

Prepared plates waiting for the people who came to the mission hardly looked like leftovers. Any family-style restaurant would have been proud to serve those plates.

Not everyone who took a plate from the mission kitchen was in trouble because of alcohol or drug problems, Hample said. The tough economy has put many in need, he added.

“I’m not homeless. But I’m half-way there,” said Emil Jenkins. “I’m here to eat every other day I’d say. It’s great what they do for the homeless. But it seems everyone does it at the holidays. People need it all year.”

(Article And Pictures From The Albany Herald
<http://www.albanyherald.com/news/2011/nov/24/rescue-mission-serving-all-year>)



Charlie Stephens waits just before 12:30 p.m. Thursday for the signal so he can let the first people in line, as is customary women and children first, into the Albany Rescue Mission kitchen for a free Thanksgiving Day meal.

**Special Thanks To All Our Volunteers That
 Helped Make All Our Holiday Meals A Big Success**

