

The

Messenger



Greg Davis, Pastor

Mission Statement

McCutchanville Community Church's mission is to connect our community with

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*God's
power and hope through the love of Christ.*

*From the
Pastor* 

Greetings,

These days it seems much of what I have on my mind is how the church has taken the path of society, including our political system, and joined the world of discontentment through adversarial behavior. Somehow, don't you agree that the church should be better than this? However, when we look at many of the Apostle Paul's writings, he seemed to be consistently dealing with outside, worldly influences that caused division within the church. The sermon series that I am preaching from in these weeks is from Colossians and Paul has deep concerns about their invasion of a worldview differing from a Christ-view.

Please read carefully the first eleven verses of the Book of Titus chapter three:

Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. ² They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

³ Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. ⁴ But— When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit! ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Because of His grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

⁸ This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

⁹ Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time. ¹⁰ If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. ¹¹ For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.

So, in light of these special verses, as your pastor, I have to ask:

Are you ready to do what is good?

Do you ever slander and quarrel instead of being gentle and humble?

Do you have the confidence in your eternal salvation from verses 4-6?

Do you trust fully in the inerrant Word of God that are good and beneficial for us all?

And how about those foolish discussions – when we deviate from truth it's a waste of time.

Divisions – do we have divisions? Of course, the answer is yes – we can do better than that!

Now, go back and read these eleven verses once more, pray about them and let's all ask the Lord for a better way to move forward in living out our relationship in Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

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We are One in Jesus Christ

St. Joe Haiti Outreach

This information relates to the children that our church sponsors and several individuals sponsor.

Good afternoon everyone,

Attached is the Haiti Outreach Committee Summer newsletter. Please take some time to read about all of the updates and great things happening with our sister parish in Haiti.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

The Haiti Outreach Committee

Click on the link below to take you to the Haiti Outreach Newsletter

<https://mccutchanvillecc.org/2022-haiti-outreach>



The Unity Class is selling Nuts and other goodies. Pecans are a must this time of year for all of the holiday baking

The order form is in the hallway or you can speak to a Unity Class Member to place your order before October 9th.!



Methodist

Mountain Mission will be picking up items November. As you are completing your fall cleaning, please keep in mind the URGENT needs list .



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Urgent needs list is available when you click on the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ugGbF-JrPIJU-PFpq7Do2yINmhhRDagz/view?usp=sharing>



October is anything goes! As you walk around the grocery store and see items on sale, pick some things up for Patchwork Central. Please bring your donations and put in the basket.

EVERYTHING is appreciated!

Are you aware that Patchwork also accepts better used clothing? As the clients become employed, many need "better" used clothing for their newly found positions.



Pick up your **Operation Christmas Child** shoe box and begin filling it with items that the children will appreciate and enjoy! .

Again this year there are plastic shoeboxes available for a \$1.00 donation.

This is a great time to pick up Crayola and other 'back to school' items on sale.

A list of suggested items to pack in the shoe box is available inside each box. Please remember: no candy, gum, liquids, toothpaste, war-related items, seeds, food or medications can be included in your box.

This is a great mission project of our church to help needy children throughout the world. Please help!

Return your filled box to the church by **November 13, 2022**

Evansville Rescue Mission's 2022 Gobbler Gathering

MCC and God's Kids will be gathering cake mixes for the Gobbler Gathering. Please bring your donation of cake mixes by November 19





Prayer Requests: Kristy Georges, Joe Haseman, Linda Proctor, Brick Briscoe, Mary Moore, Jim Smith, Sara Dixon, David Elkins (friend of Pastor Greg), Silas (Jerry and Jane Bennet's great grandson), Jenny Taylor, Debby Phares, Norm Koehler, Josette Higgins, Mary Lou Ellis, Our church, all area schools and universities, God's Kids, Amy Dubber, Our Haitian children: Daphnica Noel and Richecarde Charitable Louissant, MCCutchanville Firefighters,
Do you have a prayer request you would like listed in the Messenger?
Call the church office at 812-867-5735



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Amanda Kline	2
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Debbie Kinney	4
Daniel Hayes	7
Will Yoder	8
Barbara Seitz	15
Colton Davis	13
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Sue Morgan	23
Reagon Hart	23
Cherissa Williams	21
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Judy Moll	30



Dear Pastor Greg & the community of McCutchanville Church,
 Thank you for the food trays-what a marvelous offering! Having the food trays lifted a small burden and were well enjoyed!
 Sincerely,
 The Hansen Family



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Eddie & Judy Moll	4
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MENU TUESDAY

October 4: Potato Soup
October 11: Chicken Casserole
October 18: Burgers & Brats
October 25: BQ Pork Sandwich
November 1: Baked Spaghetti



Each month MCC receives thank you notes from several people and agencies for donations and participation with many outreach projects. This month we heard from the United Methodist Village, The McCutchanville Fire Department, and from Patchwork Central. The cards and letters are posted on the bulletin board.





We are currently collecting funds to support the Methodist build for Habit – any donations may be placed in the basket on the entry table. We have been asked to give \$1000 toward the current build.

We will need “ALL HANDS ON DECK”

for the
**JONAH FISH FRY Saturday,
October 22, 2022**



Contact Vera McCutchan to pick up tickets for advance sale.



The Food Trailer is ready to head down to Franklin Street on October 2nd!

We will be open for business October 3—8 and we need YOU to volunteer for available timeslots. Timeslots to volunteer are in 4 hour increments: 10:00 am-2:00 pm, 2:00pm-6:00 pm , and 6:00 pm-10:00 pm.

It is always a good time working next to old and new friends and watching the crowds as we sell the our famous Strawberry Shortcake with ice cream, chicken fried rice, eggs rolls and crab Rangoon.

Please put your phone number next to your name as you sign up!!

**UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE –
MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS IN EVANSVILLE**

I would like to make a request regarding the items we need for distribution to the homeless and others in need in our area. We DEFINITELY need the following:

- Used and clean Blankets
- Backpacks
- Sleeping bags
- Towels
- Washcloths
- T-shirts in adult sizes
- Women’s shorts
- Hygiene items: deodorant, menstrual items, toilet paper
- Clean bras, panties and briefs
- Men and women’s shoes
- Soap
- Dental supplies
- Kleenex

Jennie Hiam 1-812-204-1190

"Unto the Least of These", Matthew 25:40 (Jesus speaking)

Ministry to the homeless and anyone else in need
Aldersgate UMC 1-812-477-7816
5130 Lincoln Ave.

(The weekly “Street Talks” are attached at the end of this Messenger)



September 2022 Attendance and Giving

	Att	Building Fund	General Fund	Tue Meals	Missions (Habitat)	Special Projects	Memorials Ed Schiffer	Fellowship Hall	YMYH Meals	Total Checking Deposit
4	56	\$675.00	\$2,302.00		\$1.00		\$30.00			\$2,978.00
11	65	\$500.00	\$1364.00		\$41.00					
18			\$1,642.00		\$20.00			\$50.00		\$1,712.00
25	62	\$70.00	\$1211.00	\$35.00	\$27.00	\$8,000.00			\$35.00	\$9,378.00



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 25	September 26 Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-8:00	September 27 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved	September 28 Choir 6:00 pm Gym reserved 1:30-3:00 6:00 Gym Reserved	September 29 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	September 30	3 October 1
2 Communion Sunday	3 Fall Festival 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00-8:00	4 Fall Festival 10:00 God's Kids Chapel with Pastor Greg & Teresa 1:30 Gym Reserved	5 Fall Festival Choir 6:00 pm 1:30 Gym Reserved	6 Fall Festival 1:30 Gym Reserved Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00-8:00	7 Fall Festival God's Kids Closed	8 Fall Festival
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STREET TALK

Unto the Least of These Ministry to Homeless in Evansville

September 3, 2022

Hello to all of you!

I would like to start out today with some prayer requests and general announcements:

1. One of our team members, Linda, has a life-altering illness for which she and her dear family need prayer. I TRULY believe in a God who can bring about these miracles according to His Will and Purpose for our lives. So, please pray daily for Linda and her dear family. Thank you.
2. Our ministry is in need of more van drivers who can help us out on either a Monday or a Thursday, from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. In addition to driving the van, you would be in charge of distributing clothing items from the back of the van to any of our people who come up and request the same. Please STRONGLY consider this opportunity to serve Jesus by helping our people on the streets of Evansville. You are VERY MUCH needed. Please let me know of your interest. Thank you.
3. Sue Moore sent me some information this a.m. about a wonderful website which had an article today about our caring for the homeless entitled: "The Beggar on the Corner". I have already read it and found it VERY helpful in my life. The author has other articles that are helpful, too. You can reach this site through the following address: (Author is John Nyquist)
seekyefirstthekingdom.net
Please let me know if you are unable to pull this up. Thanks!
4. Just as an FYI, our ministry is starting a weekly women's Bible Study at the Salvation Army on Thursday, Sept. 29th, at the S.A. headquarters here in Evansville. 1040 West Fulton St. Sue Moore and Sue Kincaid will be conducting this Study. We already have a couple of women who are interested in attending. Please be praying for this missionary endeavor, the women who will be attending, and those in leadership. Thank you.
5. We are SO VERY appreciative of all of the Amazon donations we are receiving and that are being sent to the church (AUMC)! I haven't been able to review all of the names of those who are sending these just yet, but we just want to tell you ALL how VERY HELPFUL every donation is to the people we serve in this ministry! Thank you! Thank you!
6. On Thursday of this coming week, Pat and I have been invited to attend the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness downtown AND have been invited to make a short presentation on what we AND all of you are doing for people in need. We will keep you posted on how this goes. Thank You, Dear Jesus!

Now, I'll tell you a few things about our "street activities" for the week:

We had more work clothes (kakai and denim items) given to us, so Pat and I took them over to Hope Hall on East Franklin St. I have mentioned this site to you before. Presently, they have 79 released prisoners who have been sentenced to this site which is operated by the Volunteers of America. They also have approx 30 individuals on house arrest. I spoke with Sherri, the administrative ass't, at this site and she was MOST appreciative of what our ministry is doing for these people. I asked her if they had other specific needs and she mentioned the following: NEW hygiene items with CORRECT labels on the outside, having NEVER been opened. I also asked her about Bibles and other Christian literature and she said they were MOST welcomed!! So, we will start taking those to this site, also. By the way, we are ALWAYS in need of Bibles, so if you have some

available in small size BUT with very legible print, we can always use them, too. Thank you! Someone had given us several SECURELY SEALED bags of powdered milk which can be reconstituted with water making them usable for drinking and cooking purposes, so we took these over to the Ozanam Shelter on Read St. They were very appreciative of the same. The numbers of people they serve are generally pretty high-at least 50-60 homeless people, including children.

Joyce Eskridge's group at AUMC, "Stitchin' with Joyce", made us some blankets out of flannel with trim around them, so I took them over to the YWCA last Tuesday. There are currently 30 women and 5 small children housed there. They are ALWAYS most appreciative of the items we bring to them. These women and children are displaced because of alcohol and drug abuse, abusive home situations, and homelessness in general. We will continue to help them all we can. Our thanks to Joyce and her group.

Regarding Ruth's House-there has been an administrative change there which precludes the women from staying there during any day of the week. They can only be in their building from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. All other times, they are out on the streets or are over at some of the other shelters which provide meals, etc. This is REALLY distressing to me! Occasionally, I will see some of the women at the above mentioned locations, but NEVER at their "home". I have been keeping my eye on one of these women in particular whenever I see her at another location. She is very quiet, non-communicative, depressed in her appearance. Our "Cincinnati Connection" partners have made some items in the past that I have routinely given to these women. One blanket in particular was especially BEAUTIFUL (although ALL of them are)! SO, I decided that I would give this one to the above mentioned lady and use it to express our human love for her but, MOST IMPORTANTLY, God's love for her. I had the opportunity to do this on Thursday of this past week. She was DELIGHTED AND VERY APPRECIATIVE! I told her that we loved her AND that the GOD OF THE UNIVERSE loved her MORE than she would ever know! She burst into tears. I honestly am NOT sure she was ever told this before. Please continue to pray for her (Betty) as she makes her way through life as it is for her. Thank you everybody!

On Thursday of this past week, Pat and I went to one of the men's "Safe Haven" shelters over on the corner of Weinbach and Washington St. We had never been there before. Eleven men were being housed there at the moment. All of these men had either recently been released from prison, had alcohol and/or drug addictions, were homeless, among other problems. They were SO VERY APPRECIATIVE that we were there. We helped them with clothing items they needed and PARTICULARLY with hygiene products. PLUS, they were so APPRECIATIVE of the Bibles and Christian pamphlets we gave them. We will definitely return to this site at least once a month, perhaps twice. There are other Safe Havens we can visit, too. The overall title of their ministry is "Accent on Christ". Will keep you posted.

When we stopped over at the United Caring Shelter on Thursday, I was glad that we could see Amanda, one of the pregnant girls we are following. However, I was somewhat distressed because she told me she was staying with her baby's father over at one of the motels on Fares Ave. (Red light district of Evansville). I asked her if she was in a safe situation and she told me she was. I am asking all of you to be praying with me regarding Amanda, her baby, and their safety. This coming week, I am going to get some baby clothes, etc., for her from either Birthright or Trotter's House. Will keep you posted on this situation.

Pat and I both noticed something in particular on Thursday about some of our people. Of course, there is a LOT of stealing of personal items that goes on among them, but we, in particular, noticed some sharing and kindness among them, too. For example, when we were getting down to the last of our items for distribution, we noticed several people, when they saw that they had just been given the last one BUT that someone behind them was in need of that item, they IMMEDIATELY gave that item OR items to that person or to other people who likewise needed them. Many times, there is a comraderie that you really wouldn't expect among people the majority of whom are in need.

Well, I think I have written enough for the moment. I am always thinking of more things I would like to say OR feel that we HAVE to say. But, I really believe that the main thing to stress here is that what we all are doing in this ministry is EXACTLY what Jesus wants us to do. We are truly walking in His Footsteps. WHAT AN HONOR! Thank You, Dear Father!

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"Unto the Least of These", Matthew 25:40 (Jesus speaking)

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September 10, 2022

Hello everyone!

"Tis" a beautiful day outside today! Thank You, Dear Father!

When I was much younger than I am now, I remember a beautiful song that was sung as a solo in my church entitled-"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked and Felt His Presence There". I have been thinking a lot about that as of late. I think we can truthfully say that in our daily lives, as Christians, we are indeed walking where Jesus walked-day after day. In our ministry out on the streets, we can of a certainty sense His Very Presence with us. Let me share some of these experiences with you from this past week.

Because of the holiday last Monday, Jesus and I didn't take the van. Rather, we went in my car. We took a lot of our healthy treat bags with us to distribute to people we saw. At the United Caring Shelter, we saw Amanda, one of the pregnant young women we are following. As of last week, we were told she was living with her baby's father at a motel on Fares Ave. (Red light district of E'ville). When we saw her on Monday, she was back out on the streets again because this "guy" was threatening to harm her and the baby. She was able to get away from him and made it back over to the UCS. At the moment, she was in Ruth's House, but I have since found out that she had to leave that shelter for a short time (don't know why????). We are hoping and praying she and her baby are safe now.

On Tuesday afternoon, Jesus and I went over to the Trotter House on West Morgan St. to get her some needed baby supplies. Currently, she is back at Ruth's House. We will check on her this coming week.

Pat and I attended the Mayor's Commission on the Homeless this past Thursday. It was running late getting started so we weren't able to stay very long but we were able to share some information with them about our ministry. One of the members of this group mentioned that she thinks we need a larger van to use. Others agreed. We are hoping and praying that this will eventually come to pass. If anyone has any suggestions in this regard, please let us know. By the way, some members wanted to receive a copy of our "Street Talk" each week so we will plan to make that available to them.

Over at the United Caring Shelter, we talked with Christy again. She is 7 months pregnant AND is not really sure who the father of this baby is. The little boy, Jimmy, that she delivered not quite 2 years ago is living with her Mom. Christy told me that this is not going well. I have calls in now to the ECHO Outreach Team to have them check on this situation. Please be praying about this AND for all involved. As of early this week, Christy was sleeping on the streets. She has a grocery cart packed full of her personal belongings. She was pushing it around at the UCS. (And remember, she is pregnant AND is smoking, too. Only God knows what else she is consuming! Oh, Dear Lord, HELP!!)

After serving our people at the UCS, we headed out to the Salvation Army. We always check up on people at the park on the corner of Franklin and Fulton whenever we go to the S.A. At that moment, there was no one there at the Park. So, on we went.....

We are generally ALWAYS busy at the Salvation Army. We have MANY dear friends there, both of the staff AND of the people we serve. Sue Moore and Sue Kincaid will be starting a women's Bible Study there on Thursday, Sept. 29th, over the lunch hour. There are already some women who are interested in this outreach. Please continue to pray for this ministry and our leaders as they begin to reach out and help women of this area.

The Salvation Army ALWAYS gives us 20 box lunches to take downtown to the Mets Bus Station for distribution. The bus station is becoming quite a mission field. As mentioned earlier, we always pass the park enroute. Well, this time, there were a couple of people sitting under the shelter. We stopped and offered them food and water. Pat quickly observed that one of these individuals was drinking alcohol and the other one was DEFINITELY under the influence of illicit drugs of some sort. After helping them as we could (with food and water), we headed on downtown.

The Mets Bus Station is ALWAYS busy, as mentioned earlier. We observed one young woman with a very young child in a stroller with a large number of travel bags, etc. This woman spoke NO English. There was an older man trying to help her. He was being VERY kind to her. I told them that I would watch over the baby and her personal belongings if he would go with her inside the bus terminal and try to get her some help. So, this is what we did. He was able to get the help for her that she needed. Pat and I were talking with this man a few minutes later. To our amazement, he had just been released THAT MORNING from a prison in Kentucky! He had served 4 years incarcerated at that site. In our conversation, he told us that he had become a Christian while in prison. Was presently heading back home to another city in KY. We expressed our VERY SINCERE appreciation to him for his kindness to this young woman and her little one. This man's name is "Dan". Let's all continue to pray for him in his continued return to a healthy, Christian life. Thank You, Dear Jesus. We pray for all involved in this situation.

Whew! That situation was HEAVY!! THEN, it got even heavier!! Pat and I decided we would head out to Garvin Park to check up on our people. Many homeless individuals sleep in Garvin Park and will even stay there during the day. BUT, generally, they head back into town by early morning. (Hungry!)

We saw one man down by the lake all by himself with a lot of ducks. We stopped and provided some him with some healthy treats and fresh water.

THEN, we drove past one of the main shelters. We saw some people sitting there. We checked this out and found a woman there along with her ? boyfriend. They needed some things so they came up to the van where we provided them with some of their needs. THEN, two young men walked up and joined us in our conversation. One of the guys, "Asa", was the woman's son. He was 22 y.o.a. He had a friend with him- "Robert", age 23. We aren't really sure what the entire story was about them as to why they were out on the streets but we wanted to help them all we could. We provided them with some of their needs, food, and water. AND, we asked them if they would like for us to pray with them. They requested that we do so. We all held hands and prayed to the God of the Universe. We were virtually all in tears when we finished. They told us they would be spending the night there, so we promised them that we would return the next day to check up on them.

Honestly, I didn't think they would still be at that site, BUT THEY WERE! They were waiting on us! I had packed a bag full of food items (and water) for them and a few other odds and ends. The boys, in particular, were HUNGRY! They began eating right away! I talked with the Mom ("Angel" was her name) and she told me that approximately TEN other people had come up during the night in hopes they could sleep in that shelter, too. In fact, at the time we were there during the day yesterday, there was another man sleeping on another table that was close by. I have no idea where all of the other people had gone. Only God knows! I just pray that they are safe.....

Yes, this past week, we "walked today where Jesus walked and felt His Presence there"! AND as Pat said it so aptly when we were leaving-"that blew me away!" Yes, it blew me away, too. Thank You, Dear Father, for being with us out on the streets of Evansville.....We are humbled AND honored by Your Presence. Thank You!

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September 17, 2022

Hello everyone!

Hope all of you are well! Just want to update you on what's going on in our homeless ministry. This past week, there was a big TV spot on the rising problem of homelessness in our country. In particular, they listed some of the main reasons this is on the rise. The following are some of these that they listed:

- Many prisons are releasing inmates earlier than the times they were sentenced for.
- Chronic mental facilities are emptying in the same manner as the above. (As in our area in the past)
- More mental illness among our population now than ever before. (Varied reasons for this).
- Heavy alcohol and drug abuse.
- Physical and mental abuse as children.
- No fathers in many homes as children.
- Illegal entry of many individuals into our country. Southern border is a BIG problem!
- High rates of inflation in our country.

Please remember that Evansville has the HIGHEST per capita rate of homelessness of ANY site in the State of Indiana. All of the above information may explain the reasons why we are seeing the numbers of people that we are. Dear Lord, help all of our area agencies to know how to handle this situation! We need You MORE than ever before!

Regarding our activities this week, we were very busy over at the United Caring Shelter. Upon completing their meals, many individuals just come outside and lie on the parking lot pavement, in the alley, under the bushes across the streets, or wherever they can find a spot. And remember, that all of the 22 women from Ruth's House are out on the streets from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. EVERY DAY. Many come over to the UCS for meals and shelter. We see them everywhere.

When we went over to the Salvation Army, we saw a grandmother pushing a very young baby in a stroller of sorts, but really didn't act like she was too interested in doing so. She didn't give me any specific information where the mother was at the time. I really fear for that child!

I saw another VERY young woman with a boy clinging to her-the child was only 6 years old or thereabouts. He acted frightened. I talked with this woman and the child for a short while. She was cordial with me. Told me that they were living with a friend. The child's father was dead. The future for that little guy looks pretty dim to me-as well as that of the young mother. I'll try to keep an eye on this situation. Oh, Dear Father! Please watch over this young Mom and her son.

On Tuesday, I received a phone call from a dear friend of mine telling me that she had been helping at a clothing distribution site on the West side of town that morning. She observed that many of the clothes that weren't being given to anyone were being thrown in the dumpster! She intervened in this situation and discovered that several of these articles of clothing were some what dirty, BUT she thought they could be

washed AND reused! SO, she retrieved them from the dumpster, took them back to her house, washed them, and brought them over to our church so we could deliver them to needed persons we find in our ministry! Wow! Thank you HEAPS, dear Bobby, for doing that. Many of those items have already been distributed to people in need on our ministry route.

On Tuesday of this past week, Jesus and I took some blankets out on the streets and distributed them to our people who needed them. All of the bunch that we took with us are now GONE!! Later in the week, we did the same again AND all of those are now gone, too! Honestly, we hadn't thought about the need for blankets just yet because it has been so warm during the day. Well, I think that if we were sleeping outside at night, even at the present time, we would have wanted a blanket, too! I'm so very glad we distributed them! We will continue to do so.

While I am speaking about colder weather coming up right now, I would like to remind all of you to continue bringing blankets to us EVERY TIME you can! ALSO, we will be having a "SWEATSHIRT DRIVE" coming up during the last week of September and the first week of October. We will be collecting good USED ones-adult sizes (M, L, XL, and 2XL). Just plain, simple (CLEAN) sweatshirts are what we need. Nothing fancy. If you want to buy one, that is fine BUT is definitely NOT needed! Last year, we collected approximately 240 sweatshirts TOTAL!! Thank You, Jesus! AND thank You, again, for all we will be collecting this Fall. Please just bring any of your donations into our church on Lincoln Ave. We VERY MUCH appreciate our thoughtful, caring donors.

This last Thursday, we were quite busy downtown at Patchwork Central. There is generally a fairly large number of men (in particular) who come there for breakfast, so we are always glad to help them with clothing and hygiene items. We did talk with one man who had had some heart surgery just recently-over the past 10 days or so. He appeared somewhat weak and frail that morning. I am SO VERY glad that John Rich, the director of P.C. (along with his wife) is not only a pastor, but ALSO an RN! John followed up with this situation, for which we were very grateful. Our NP, Jane, has been ill, but she will be back with us next week. Will be glad to see her again!

On Friday of this past week, Jesus and I made another trip downtown to the UCS to share some items with the individuals there. After distributing several items, one man, in particular, came back up (again) to my car for the sole purpose of thanking our mission team for stopping by to help as many as we can at that site. This SO VERY MUCH reminded me of the Bible Story that Jesus tells us about the one man out of the 10 who were healed came back up to Him AGAIN to thank Him for caring about him and healing him. This homeless man and I shared a prayer together, for which we both were VERY touched. Jesus is DEFINITELY with us in EVERYTHING we do in this ministry! The Praise belongs to Him, not us! Thank You, Dear Father!.....

We stopped over at the House of Bread and Peace on Friday to take some loungewear and socks that our mission room team had so tenderly sorted out to be taken to this site. (Thanks, guys) While there, I asked the gal in charge what was their greatest need right at the moment. She told me that they REALLY need hygiene products! WELL! We are going to take care of that! This week, we will get together a large box of these specific items for them and deliver it to their door. This is quite an honor for us to do. Thank You, Dear Father, for this ministry AND for ALL who are helping us carry it out! We need EVERYONE in this mission!

Yesterday, we stopped at the Salvation Army to pick up the cards we will be distributing to interested women regarding the Bible Study which Sue Kincaid and Sue Moore will be conducting every Thursday (beginning Sept. 29th at the Salvation Army) over the lunch period from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Right when I was leaving, I saw my friend, Christy, who is 6 months or so pregnant. She had her grocery cart overflowing with her personal belongings. All she owns was in that cart! I have mentioned her to you before. She put out her cigarette right as I was walking up to her. She and I have had that discussion before-"babies and cigarettes don't go together"! BUT, I dearly love that young woman. We SO VERY MUCH want ONLY the best for her!

I told her about the Bible Study coming up and she IMMEDIATELY grabbed one of the announcements! So, I hope and pray she will be in attendance when it starts. I ALSO hope she will be seen for prenatal care shortly. David Straw, perhaps you and your ECHO team can intervene in her situation. I always see her at UCS or the Salvation Army. Both sites. Otherwise, she's out on the streets. Thanks!

Yesterday morning, one of my E-mails was from the group who daily sends out some excellent devotional articles.

www.seekyefirstthekingdom.net

Hope I got the above correct. The one yesterday was about our representing Jesus on the streets. Was excellent! Hope you can find it and read it for yourself.

Thank you, everyone, AGAIN, for your love and support for this homeless ministry. Anytime you have any suggestions and/advice for us, PLEASE let us know. We love ALL of you! And thank You, Dear Father, for loving us AND for being right there on the streets with us! We are HONORED and VERY humbled to walk with You and Your people!

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Hello everyone!

Hope all of you are doing well! I think about all of you and pray for you constantly.

We have some news and updates for you regarding our "Unto the Least of These" homeless ministry: We have a sweatshirt drive that is starting tomorrow. For the next two weeks (Sept. 25th-Oct. 9th), we will be collecting clean, used OR new, ADULT size sweatshirts for our people we see on the streets. Sizes-medium, large, X-large, and 2X-large. IF anyone has any sizes larger than these that you would like to donate, please bring them to us, also. Currently, we have a young man we see occasionally on the streets or at UCS who wears a 4X-large OR a 5X-large. We would like to help him out if we can. If you would like to order a new one of any size from Amazon, please use the following website and have your donation sent to the Aldersgate UMC, 5130 Lincoln Ave., 47715:

<https://a.co/bBRUAMg>

Just as an FYI, last year, we collected 240 new or good, clean used sweatshirts for our people. Let's see if we can pass that number this year. Thank you for ALL you are doing for this ministry.

Another FYI-both of the following family shelters are in need of hygiene items for the people who reside in their facilities: House of Bread and Peace on Chandler Ave. and the Ozanom Shelter on Read Street. They are caring for more and more families ALL the time. The Ozanom Shelter staff told me that they have over 60 adults and children who reside there now. The number of children is approx. 25! This simply OVERWHELMS me! Because of this need, I would like for us to prepare a medium size box or laundry basket full of general hygiene items for each of these facilities-shampoo, bars of hand soap, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, razors, disposable hand wipes, hand lotion, women's hygiene products, and whatever else you can come up with. I know I probably forgot something of import! Please check on our Amazon list of important items. I believe you can order some items from there to help with this need. Then, please have these items sent to Aldersgate UMC. We will see that they are delivered to the right locations. Thank you!

By the way, if any of you have any Beanie Babies that are new OR in good condition that you don't need anymore, we will take them! We like to give them to the families that we see with children. We've been seeing some Latino families in particular with kids, so we like to give them a nice surprise like that. They LOVE it!!

Oh, by the way, just a couple of days ago, we received approximately 180 NEW copies of the daily devotional, "Our Daily Bread" from the company in Michigan. I had sent them \$25 recently and asked them to send us as many copies of this devotional as they could for that amount of money. Well, they went OVERBOARD! Our people LOVE to read this every day and I told the company that. What they sent us is definitely an answer to prayer! Each copy of this devotional has Biblical readings and scripture in them for the months of Sept., Oct., and Nov. Wow! Thank You, Dear Heavenly Father!!

Now, to update you as much as possible (without writing a thesis) on our other activities of the week. As you know, last Monday it rained heavily a good share of the morning, so we decided not to go out in the van that day. However, after the rain stopped, Jesus and I got in my car and made a few rounds here and there to help our people. Some of what I have listed above is part of what we found out and were able to accomplish that day-*ie.* the need for hygiene supplies, etc. Also, we have had several small "throw blankets" donated to us, so we took some of them over to the "Stepping Forward" site (operated by Stepping Stones-drug and alcohol abuse), and gave them to the women there. They also have homeless women at that location as well as ones who are pregnant and are in need of help. In addition, we were able to distribute some Bibles and copies of "Our Daily Bread" to them. They ALL very much appreciated these Christian materials.

Just as an FYI-our ministry will be starting a Bible Study at the Salvation Army for our people, after their lunch time (12:30-1:30 p.m.), on Thursday of this coming week. We had originally thought this would be primarily for women, but we have a feeling that some of the men might want to come, too. AND that is JUST FINE!! Sue Kincaid and Sue Moore will be conducting this every Thursday as much as possible. We'll keep you posted on how this goes. Please be praying for this endeavor-the leaders and those who attend.

On Thursday of this past week, we had a sunny day so we were able to go out on the streets in our van. We stopped at "Safe Haven", first (on the corner of Franklin and 2nd Streets. We generally stop here on a fairly regular basis and distribute whatever clothing, hygiene, or other items they need-*ie.* Bibles, devotional books, etc. They are ALL most appreciative! All of these women have recently been released from prison, have drug and alcohol problems, etc. They have some more sites around town for men and/or women who have experienced some of the same problems. We try to visit them, too.

Then, we went over to the United Caring Shelter (UCS). We were quite busy there. One of our other teammates, Kristin, met up with us there and circulated around among those at the shelter and talked with AND prayed with anyone who requested it. This is DEFINITELY a Divine Intervention that Kristin provides to our ministry. Kristin has experienced some of the same issues in her past as these individuals have so she VERY QUICKLY can identify with them. Thank You, Dear Father, for sending Kristin our way. She is indeed a BLESSING!! And thank You, Father, for ALL of the other individuals who are coming our way and want to help with this ministry-Linda, Janet, Roger, among others.

We did meet up with a woman at UCS, age 44, who is 5-6 months pregnant. She is staying out in a motel on Fares Ave. (Red light district of Evansville). She has received NO prenatal health care as of yet. I called ECHO Prenatal Health Clinic for her and was able to get her an appt. to see a health care provider THAT afternoon. (Thank you, Carol Collier-Smith, for your wonderful, caring staff!) AND Thank You, Dear Jesus!

We had a couple of bus tokens left in our van supply so we gave those to her right then and there so she could get over to the clinic THAT AFTERNOON! By the way, as I have mentioned before, we keep a supply of bus tokens on hand to help anyone, such as this woman, who is in need. We usually buy 30 of these tokens at a time. Right now, our most recent supply is depleted. If anyone would like to go to the Mets Bus office downtown on John Street and buy our team another 30 to replenish our supply, please do so. They are VERY MUCH needed! You can give them to me personally if we meet up along the way OR you can take them to the church (AUMC) and give them to the Administrative officer there-Diane Aker. She will get them to me. Thanks HEAPS! (By the way, this woman is afraid of the father of her baby (as is often the case) so she is trying to stay as far away from him as she can. You know, none of us who are living in a safe, SANE, family/friend/work situation have absolutely NO

what our people on the streets are going through OR what they have experienced in their lives. Oh, Dear Father, please continue to help us and guide us in this ministry. Help us to be as understanding and loving as possible. We need You right there beside us ALL THE TIME when dealing with our people. AND please be with ALL of the agencies, the police officers, the health care providers, the shelters-ALL other groups who are helping with this endeavor. ALL OF US ARE YOUR BODY here on earth, in Evansville, IN., who are doing all we can to help anyone in need. We continue to pray for Your guidance and Your direction.

We had other experiences this past week that I would like to share with you. I will include some of them in my "editorial" for next week. One that I do want to tell you about is someone Jesus and I met over at the Salvation Army when we stopped by there on Friday of this past week. When we got there, we saw several people just lying asleep on the sidewalk. Several of them got up to come over and see us, so I was able to share some needed items with them. One man who came over told me that he just wanted me to pray with him. That was a pleasure! So, he and I prayed together. What an honor! Another young woman came over to me who appeared very sad. We have seen her several times at different sites around town. We have helped her as much as we can. She began talking very quietly with me. I could tell she was emotionally upset. The jest of her communication with me revolved around her sister and things that had happened in the last few days. Apparently, her sister has been using drugs for a long time and, just a few days ago, she was found dead. I asked this young woman if the drug was fentanyl and she acknowledged that she thought it was.....My heart aches for this young woman and her family-all of those involved in her "world".

I have been sitting here at my computer for almost 2 hours trying to decide just what all I should share with you today. I have had to share some of the negative things because everyone we see and help in this ministry is a child of GOD, who is loved MORE than any of us can imagine! NO MATTER what all they have done OR has happened to them in the past OR is happening currently! BUT, as Christians, we must CONTINUE to show them the Divine Love of God in whatever way we can! Oh, Dear Father, help us! As caregivers, we REALLY NEED Your comfort and guidance. AND be with ALL of the other agencies that are doing what they can to help these poor individuals. No one can do this WITHOUT Your Help. Thank You for loving ALL of US, Dear Father.....

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Bible Study for the Homeless

Hello to all!

Sue Kincaid and Sue Moore conducted our FIRST homeless ministry Bible Study this afternoon at the Salvation Army on Fulton Ave for anyone who wished to participate. I am SO VERY EXCITED about this and the results of this first meeting! I am sending Sue Kincaid's E-mail to all of you so you can see what the results were! This is absolutely AWESOME! Sue K. and Sue M. will be conducting this every Thursday afternoon from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army. God was DEFINITELY PRESENT today when some of our people were presented with the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel of Jesus! Thank You, Dear Heavenly Father, for giving our homeless ministry this opportunity! AND a special thank-you goes to the Salvation Army and their staff for permitting us to further our ministry in this manner! We are VERY grateful. Thank you!

It was great Jennie! We went around to those in the dining room too and asked them to join us. We had 3 women (Tasha, Tammy, and Connie) who were a delight to have. Sue M. and I were there. I did my 30 minutes on God's Story of salvation in the Bible with props and they knew almost all the answers to the questions that I asked as I was talking. We also prayed in a circle after and it was very moving. They said they want to come next week. Also a man we saw as we were leaving asked what we were doing and he seemed disappointed that he missed it. He wants to come next week. We talked to several of the staff members too. Alex prayed with us at the beginning, we talked to a pastor's wife there, and another staff lady.