

OBION COUNTY CHURCHES BENEVOLENCE RESOURCE GUIDE

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1. BISHOP STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST (731-885-7822)

- a. This church has a food pantry. Donations are made on a case-by-case basis.

2. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (731-885-2961)

- a. This church has a food pantry available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00. They require a photo ID, proof of income, and a document showing the applicant's physical address. The person, or family, must be a resident of Obion County. For all other needs, the church refers the person to Helping Hands.

3. CROSSWIND (731-335-4534)

- a. This church works with the Backpack Program. Most of their work is through the Obion County Ministerial Association, Helping Hands, or Beulah Baptist Association.

4. EXCHANGE STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST (731-885-1507)

- a. This church works with individuals on a case-by-case basis and decisions are made through the deacon over benevolence.

5. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (731-885-0671)

- a. This church will give \$50 toward utilities. You must bring the bill with you. They will offer a \$25 voucher for groceries to E.W. James. They also sponsor Laundry for Love once a month (there is no designated night) at the laundry mat next to Big Lots.

6. GREATER VISION CHURCH (731-536-6388)

- a. This church has a clothing sale on the second Saturday of the month. The clothes are \$.50. Shoes and purses are \$1.00.

7. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH (731-885-0963)

- a. This church only helps when they are able, and then only on an as-needed basis. They do not have any funds set aside for benevolence.

8. PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (731-536-5596)

- a. This church has a committee that reviews and approves all completed applications for help. They will help with food and shelter.

9. PLEASANT VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH (731-885-5203)

- a. This church has a food pantry on the second Tuesday of each month from 4:00-6:00.

10. PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (731-885-7362)

- a. This church has a food pantry open the third Thursday of each month. They also operate Trudy's Café on located of First Street, Monday-Friday for children ages 0-18.

11. REFUGE CHURCH (731-446-5802)

- a. This church provides a meal at Celebrate Recovery on Sunday nights from 5:00-7:00. They also host Soul Food Café on the first and third Thursday night of each month.

12. SALVATION ARMY (731-885-0963)

- a. When applicants come to them for help, they base their help on the person's individual needs. Because this is a worldwide organization, they are not able to give much information to the public.

13. ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH (731-885-9575)

- a. This church sponsors AA and Alanon groups. They also have a discretionary fund to help with utilities, etc.

14. SOUTH FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH (731-479-2331)

- a. When people come to their church for help, they are required to complete an application which is then reviewed by a committee before any help is provided.

15. SUNSWEPT BAPTIST CHURCH (731-885-8525)

- a. This church sometimes has a food pantry, but not always. The financial aid that is available to help depends on the current financial situation of the church.

16. TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST (731-536-4611)

- a. This church has no specific programs. They implement an as-needed basis. They will meet specific needs such as providing shelter and food.

17. TROY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (731-536-4710)

- a. This church has a food pantry which is open on the fourth Saturday of each month. They also provide clothes for school-age children in need. They have a policy in place which allows them to help with one night of shelter for transients only. The pastor will also counsel these people.

18. TROY FIRST METHODIST CHURCH (731-536-4550)

- a. This church uses an as-needed basis. They also refer people to Reelfoot Rural Ministries.

19. UNION CITY CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (731-885-9773)

- a. They refer people to Helping Hands.

20.UNION CITY FIRST ASSEMBLY (731-885-2612)

- a. This church has a food pantry, but it's only available after they receive a call or referral about a need. They also donate to Helping Hands, so they refer people to them and to the Obion County Ministerial Association. A clothes closet is advertised in the Fall. They evaluate each situation and help on an as-needed basis.

21.UNION CITY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (731-885-9481)

- a. This church has a benevolence committee. They email members with information on people's needs. They can provide groceries and vouchers for utilities.

22.UNION CITY FIRST METHODIST CHURCH (731-885-3573)

- a. This church supports Helping Hands and Reelfoot Rural Ministries. They also have a pastor's discretionary fund. They will assist with groceries, gas, and shelter---at the discretion of the pastor.

23.UNION CITY SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (731-885-5223)

- a. This church has a women's mission group called WINGS. This group prepares frozen meals and usually has 40-50 meals on hand. Most benevolence is in-house. Benevolence serves as a line item in their church budget. They help members first and then others. The office will also refer people to Helping Hands.