



Servants of our Lord Ministry

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25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001



As summer begins to give way to fall, September invites us to pause and reflect on two important occasions: Labor Day and the anniversary of September 11, 2001. Labor Day is more than the unofficial end of summer. It is a day set aside to recognize the work of ordinary Americans - the farmers, truck drivers, teachers, nurses, factory workers, first responders, tradespeople, office workers, volunteers, and countless others whose daily efforts help keep our families, communities, and nation moving forward. Work has dignity not simply because of what we produce, but because of how we serve others through it. Scripture reminds us:

**"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."
- Colossians 3:23, NKJV**

Only a few days after Labor Day this year, our nation marked the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. For many of us, the memories of that day remain vivid. We remember where we were when we heard the news. We remember the images of smoke rising over New York City, the Pentagon, and the field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We remember the fear and uncertainty. But we also remember something else. We remember people running toward danger to help strangers. Firefighters climbed stairwells while others were trying to escape. Police officers, paramedics, military personnel, coworkers, neighbors, and ordinary citizens reached out to one another without first asking who they were, where they came from, or what they believed. In one of our nation's darkest hours, we witnessed extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and service.

**"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."
- John 15:13, NKJV**

That spirit of service is worth remembering - not only on September 11, but throughout the year. At Servants of Our Lord Ministry, we are reminded each month that service often happens quietly. It may look like loading a truck, packing food, driving hundreds of miles, stocking a pantry, giving financially, praying for someone in need, or simply showing up when help is needed. Most acts of service will never make the news. Yet each one matters. This September, may Labor Day remind us to be thankful for those whose work blesses our lives. May September 11 remind us to honor those who sacrificed, comfort those who still carry loss, and never take our freedoms for granted. How can I serve someone today? May God bless those who labor, those who serve, those who protect us, and the United States of America.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

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

Prayer Partners — Please lift up the food pantries, the dedicated volunteers, and the families who receive God's provision through this ministry. Pray also for our leaders, that they would be guided clearly by His will.

Financial Partners — If God is moving you to give, please prayerfully consider a monthly donation to help sustain this work. Every dollar given goes directly to providing food to families in Eastern Kentucky. As the cost of living continues to rise, your generosity makes a real and lasting difference. Donations are tax-deductible, and we are a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

Fuel Partners — Fuel is one of our largest expenses. As we continue delivering food and supplies to families and relief agencies in Eastern Kentucky, every gift helps keep our trucks on the road and food moving to those who need it most. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to this ministry.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Ministry Partner

Please keep in mind that 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 info@servantsofourlord.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 online at servantsofourlord.com, or mail your donation to P.O. Box 224, Lexington, IL 61753.

Thank you and God Bless.



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Prayer Request

- Please pray for Bernice's sister, who is blind and recently lost her husband. Pray for comfort, strength, and support around her.
- Beth asks for prayer for an expectant mother facing complications later in her pregnancy. Pray for the mother's health and for a safe delivery.
- Pray for Pastor Pete as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Pray for students and teachers as the school year continues—for safety, patience, and a good year.
- Pray for our pastors and church leaders as we approach Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 11.



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Breathitt County Hunger Alliance

On September 14, Servants of Our Lord Ministry had the privilege of visiting Breathitt County Hunger Alliance in Jackson, Kentucky, and spending time with its founder, Patsy S. Clair.

Patsy began this ministry in December 2020, helping distribute USDA Farmers to Families food boxes through the Quicksand Volunteer Fire Department. Since then, the organization has endured devastating floods and a 2023 fire that destroyed nearly all of its inventory. Yet with the help of neighbors, donors, and volunteers, they continued serving.

Today, this all-volunteer organization provides a walk-in food pantry, senior food boxes, clothing, household goods, and Christmas toys to families throughout Breathitt County and surrounding communities.

We are thankful for Patsy's warm welcome and especially grateful for the quiet, faithful work she and her volunteers do every day for families in eastern Kentucky. It is a blessing for Servants of Our Lord Ministry to partner with organizations like Breathitt County Hunger Alliance as we work together to serve those in need.

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." — Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

To support or learn more about Breathitt County Hunger Alliance, call 859-533-9210 or visit their Facebook page, Breathitt County Hunger Alliance.



Larry hard at work



Dedicated crew



Steve, Sally & Patsy

Remembering our Founder

On Sunday, September 13, 2026 — the ninth anniversary of my father's homegoing — Sally and I were in Kentucky again.

That is not unusual for us. Servants of Our Lord exists because my dad, Roger Whaley, saw hunger in the hills and believed the Lord still cared about empty tables. After he went home in 2017, the need did not go home with him. So we kept driving. We kept bringing the food, coats, and toys. And we did not do it alone. Dedicated volunteers have stood with this work year after year — loading, traveling, serving, and treating every person with dignity. Together, we kept showing up. That morning I woke suddenly from a deep sleep. It felt like a gentle nudge. I looked at the clock: 5:23.

My father's birthday is May 23.

I cannot explain that to anyone's satisfaction, and I will not pretend I can. I do not need a theory about what it was. I only know what it did. It turned my face toward the God who outlives every servant He sends.

If heaven were empty, the work would have died with the man who started it. It has not. The same Lord who numbered my father's days is still numbering meals. The same Christ who said "whatever you did for the least of these, you did for Me" is still standing in those lines with people who need food, coats, and dignity.

I do not offer 5:23 as proof. I offer it as gratitude. God is not finished. The harvest is still His. And the servants He calls home do not take His compassion with them.

To God be the glory.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)