



Servants of our Lord Ministry

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Whaleys named Lexington Kiwanis Volunteers of the Year



Steve and Sally Whaley will be honored as the Lexington Kiwanis Club's Volunteers of the Year on Nov. 16

The Lexington Kiwanis Club has named Sally and Steve Whaley of Servants of our Lord as this year's Volunteers of the Year, recognizing their work helping families in eastern Kentucky and mentoring local youth.

In partnership with Midwest Food Bank, the Whaleys deliver food each month to residents in some of eastern Kentucky's poorest communities. They also transport furniture, appliances, household goods, personal and senior care items, and clothing.

At Christmas, they coordinate an additional distribution of coats, toys, shoes, blankets and gifts for teenagers.

Locally, the Whaleys have mentored young people through 4-H and the McLean County Fair.

The couple will be honored at a dinner at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Lexington Community Center. Dave's of Fairbury will cater the meal. The cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door.

Reservations are due Nov. 8 and may be made by calling Lois at 309-531-7937.

Donations to Servants of our Lord will be accepted at the dinner.

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 individuals and families experiencing financial hardship 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

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 you.



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Prayer Requests

- Pray for our upcoming Christmas coat and toy distribution.
- Pray for the homeless as colder weather settles in.
- Pray for Brenda's brother as he faces health challenges.
- Pray for Dayspring as they continue to deal with box truck repairs.
- Pray that our monthly volunteers stay warm and safe while working in the cold warehouse.
- Pray for safety for the upcoming elections.



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Hands and Feet of Christ: Wanda and Gateway Helping Hands

In Rowan County, Kentucky, where about one in four people lives at or below the poverty level, Gateway Helping Hands has offered steady help for more than fifteen years. Founded in 2009 by Wanda Fultz, a kind and dedicated director known for her willingness to help whenever she can, the ministry lives out its mission as "the hands and feet of Christ" who give, care, help, and love without prejudice.

Gateway Helping Hands runs a food pantry that serves 250 to 400 families a month through distributions six days a week. It also operates a thrift store whose sales help support the other arms of the work, provides Tuesday soup distributions for hungry and homeless families, and assists people experiencing homelessness with food, clothing, and prevention support. Children's programs, including a weekend backpack snack effort that has reached hundreds of kids, Christmas sponsorships, and summer feeding, further extend the ministry's reach. Hours are typically Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 204 Morehead Plaza.

A lasting partnership began in 2014. During a season when Wanda and the ministry were struggling, she met Roger Whaley, founder of Servants of Our Lord Ministry. Roger recognized the need and helped establish regular monthly food deliveries. Every month since 2014, those deliveries have continued. After Roger's passing in 2017, Steve and Sally have faithfully carried the same rhythm forward, supplying food that Wanda and her volunteers distribute to Rowan County families.

Community feedback often highlights Wanda's personal care and the ministry's focus on making sure children have meals.



The long, consistent support from Servants of Our Lord has been one quiet but reliable part of that larger effort to fight hunger and poverty one family at a time.

Those seeking help, wanting to volunteer, or hoping to donate can call (606) 780-9704 or email:

oreheadgatewayhelpinghands@gmail.com.

Updates appear on the ministry's Facebook page:

[facebook.com/childhoodhunger](https://www.facebook.com/childhoodhunger).

SHARING WARMTH AND CHRISTMAS JOY ON DECEMBER 1

As cooler weather settles in, Servants of Our Lord Ministry is preparing for our Christmas Coat and Toy Distribution on December 1. With your help, we look forward to sharing the warmth of winter clothing, the joy of a Christmas gift, and the love of Christ with the families we serve.

We are still collecting coats, toys, gloves, hats, and scarves. A warm coat can make cold days more comfortable, and a toy chosen with care can bring a smile to a child's face. Each donation is a simple, meaningful way to remind someone that they are loved and remembered.

"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." — Hebrews 13:16, NKJV

Please consider helping individually or inviting your church, workplace, or community group to collect these much-needed items. Contact Servants of Our Lord Ministry to arrange your donation before the December 1 distribution.

Thank you to everyone who gives, volunteers, and prays for this ministry. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we are grateful for the opportunity to share His love through practical acts of kindness.

"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

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