

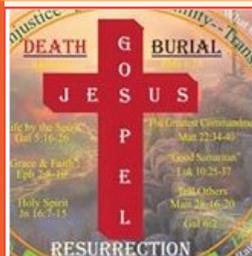


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*** THE MIRACLE NEWS ***

First Step Back Home Newsletter

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A Series of Miracles in Ministry

by Paul Kruse

Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul and Mind. (Matt. 22-37)
Love your Neighbor as Yourself. (Matt. 22: 37-39)

These are the supporting verses of **First Step Back Home**. When I studied these verses more I found that **God** is telling us to have Passion for Him— Compassion for the least of His people and to do good works! Then I saw that... hey, we are to do this before we do anything else. Paraphrased, we are saved by grace and that not of ourselves or by our works. But, after passion for **God**, we were created to do good works. (Eph. 2:8-10)

So it was and is that these verses encourage us in our miracle ministries as we connect with truckers, homeless at motels, and working poor living in mobile homes. It is by the Grace of **God** and to His Glory and Honor we do these things. We are just testimonies to **God** of what He can do with two people who step out in faith to say, "Here we are Lord. Please use us to your Glory and Honor."

I have learned to be very specific about that prayer, though, because **God** will load you up with work if you aren't specific. HA! It's all **God** and it's all good. Everything is possible with **God**.

We could never have imagined in our wildest dreams that we would have seen ourselves helping over 8,000 people, with most of them becoming self-supporting, and to give away over \$2 million dollars in 13 1/2 years to fragile families, and also 5,300 truckers. We now have eight mobile homes for permanent housing for the homeless and working poor that made it possible for us to get more than 40 people off the streets. That's over 13,000 hopeless and needy people who were given the Love and Hope of **God** through **FSBH** helpers and supporters. This is not much for a large agency but A LOT just for a couple of believers with hearts for the homeless and working poor. We are doing this also to raise awareness of the plight of homelessness and to encourage others to do the same.

Just think if a hundred couples were to model what **FSBH** has accomplished. There would be 1.3 million people being helped in 13 years! Just a thought! This is our lifelong goal to reach a million people with the Gospel of **Jesus** in words and action and build an army of believers and doers to help!

I try to preach to all our clients and anyone who will listen the six "G"s that we feel are the most important messages of the Bible: I like to outline these verses in fewer words so I can remember them.

- **God:** He loves us so much He gave His only Son for forgiveness of all our sins, when we repent. But He is just (Ex. 34:7) and must punish sin in our lives, when unrepentant. (Romans 6:23/John 3:16)
- **Grace:** Heaven is a free gift that can't be earned or deserved. (Matt. 5:3)
- **Greatest Commandments:** (Matt.22:37-39) 6 words paraphrased: Love **God** and Love the Poor.
- **Gospel:** The Greatest Act of love. (1Cor:15) 8 words: Life, Death, Burial, Resurrection and Ascension of **Jesus**.
- **Great Commission** (Matt. 28:16-20). Make disciples, baptize and obey all the teachings of **Jesus**. I like a new abbreviation to live by: Not only **WWJD** but also **DAJD** (Do as **Jesus** Did).
- **God's Got It in Jesus' Name:** Six words to remember of **God's** promises to us to give us grace, hope, strengthen our faith and take away our worries.

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A Series of Miracles (Con't.)

For those of you who haven't heard our story, I'll tell you in brief what happened.

We always did have the feeling that once we were saved we needed to do something about it, as our former **Pastor Jim Kane** stated many times. So we got involved with church activities and then were asked to preach at a nursing home and help start a new church. We did, and out of that came the Truckstop Ministry, out of that came the Homeless Ministry and out of that came mobile home purchases and community ministry in mobile home parks.

We didn't know how to raise funds so we overcharged our credit card by \$1,000 the first month. After my wife expressed her concern about how we would pay that expense, I cringed and said, "Oh, Lord, get me out of this trouble please!" He did, and that was the last of our own money we had to ever use on the ministry. Now we have given away \$2 million in services to the homeless and working poor over the span of 13 ½ years. Totally impossible for us but totally an easy miracle for **God!**

With the help of the internet, the resources through the coalition of **Community Council of St. Charles County**, and Biblical teachings, we learned how to help the homeless and raise some funds. The **Community Council** even handled our money for us until we could get our 501©3 IRS rating, which **God** also miraculously gave us for free by the way of \$10,000 of in kind donations from a lawyer and accountant.

Our ministries are just a series of miracles from **God**, over and over again! We thank **God** continually. That's why our newsletter is called "**The Miracle News.**" Can we all say, "Thank You **God!**"

We found a niche with helping unserved single homeless males living in the woods; then later also found a huge gap in service with all other types of homeless and working poor in our St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties—single moms, single dads and families, too. The media featured us in TV, radio and newspapers, and many people like you saw what we were doing and joined in. Funds started coming in and still do. We ask for little and **God** brings the rest by way of our mailbox.

Now we have ministered the Gospel by our actions and words to over 13,000 people (5,300 truckers and 8,000 homeless), and have seen many people accept the Lord or at least agree they were saved by the Gospel or understood the Gospel.

Pastor Louis Green of **Encouragers Church**, O'Fallon mentioned to me one night that we were changing our culture. After thinking about that I feel that maybe we have by **God's** love, grace and mercy. Many other ministries have started and many churches have become involved with helping the poor and working poor in our region since we began. This is what it will take, many more loving and caring people to get involved, to relieve the pain and suffering of the hundreds of thousands of homeless and working poor in our world— about 5,000 each year in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties.

In November 2014 **God** gave me a promotion and I was ordained as a minister. **Pastor Green** told me I was doing more ministerial work than any other minister he ever knew so I needed to be a minister. Now I am on guard because I know what **God** has in mind sometimes and it always means more work for me. But thank **God**, He is **God** because I know I can do all this through Christ who strengthens me!

I have had the idea for a while of starting a church for the homeless and working poor among our friends, board members and such. Oh, Lord, give me strength. I always had ideas of what I would do differently, such as open mic etc. for a service if I did have a church and it would be fun and interesting to try them out.

FSBH Expands to Runny Meade Mobile Home Park

In September, **FSBH** purchased its eighth mobile home, this one in a different location, **Runny Meade Mobile Home Park**, also in O'Fallon, between Highway K and Bryan Road. This very nice two bedroom unit is now home to a young single mom and her two small children. They had been living in a friend's basement for quite some time, and are thrilled to have a home of their own!

FSBH hopes to acquire more mobile home units in this park and develop a **Communi-**

ty Committee like we have had at **Rolling Meadows**. Plans are also under way to help residents, through the outreach efforts of other local churches, including **First Baptist – O'Fallon**.



Ministry Founder Recognized on Honor Flight



U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran **Paul W. Kruse**, Lake St. Louis, was honored for his service to our country as part of the October 27 **Franklin County Honor Flight** along with 22 other Vietnam, Korean and WWII service veterans. The day was filled with celebrations, commemorations and visits to all of the national memorials in Washington DC and end-

come home reception at **Lambert International Airport**, complete with songs, applause and recognition. **Paul** received a State of Missouri Senate Commendation Award, prepared by **Senator Bob Onder** detailing the work **Paul** did during his active duty years and the work he continues to do in the war against poverty through his ministry, **First Step Back Home**. While on active duty from 1967 – 1969, **Paul** was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Services Medal and one Bronze Star.

Paul and his wife **Lana** have lived in Lake St. Louis for the past 30 years where they are active in several community services including **Trucker Church** at the TA Truck Stop in Foristell 17 years ago, and launched from that **FSBH**, filling gaps in services in our region for homeless people as well as the working poor. They have 4 adult children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



17 Year Mark for Trucker Church by Lana Kruse



The 17 Year Anniversary of **Trucker Church** was noted on July 29, 2018. It began at the TA Travel Center in Foristell with 16 truckers and 14 **Westplex Community Church** attendees that morning. Since then, we've met every Sunday (except for a handful of nasty weather winter icy times) and we've had more than 5,300 truckers and travelers participate in services there.

We're so thankful for the men who volunteer to teach/preach each Sunday and for the women and families who come out to fellowship, sing and otherwise support the outreach to the trucking industry demographic. I wish I could have found it, but the very first couple to sign in our weekly registry listed their address as "homeless." Little did we know then how **FSBH** would be spawned from this little community spot.

on page 542 of our visitor book... and it all just keeps going and going! New people every week! Come join us sometime. 9 am in the Driver's Lounge.

FSBH Board Member **Chris Bray** coordinates **Trucker Church** activities. Currently the rotating speakers are **Chris Bray, Tom Street, Brian Turner** and **Jim Eddleman**.



VBS Was Great Success Last Summer

Meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings for five weeks in the middle of the summer, the second year of VBS at **Rolling Meadows Mobile Home Park** was hosted by ministry friends from **Gateway Church**. The final night concluded with 20 kids this year on August 14.



At the last session were snow cones, face painting, Bibles for all, but most importantly, learning about God and His promises.

The program was organized by **Cheryl Street**. She said, "God is blessing all involved! Thanks to everyone who helped!"



Back to School BBQ

A fun day at **Rolling Meadows Mobile Home Park** with Back to School Luau and BBQ August 11, 2018. Back to school supplies for the kids, gently used clothes donated to **FSBH** in the past, canned goods and BBQ! About 65 came out for BBQ and 30 kiddos for school supplies.



3rd Annual Halloween Festival at Rolling Meadows

It was a beautiful, warm, clear fall evening for more than 250 folks to gather for the 3rd Annual Halloween Event at **Rolling Meadows Mobile Home Park** on Saturday, October 27, 2018. **Gateway Church**, St. Peters helped us serve food and provided Trunk or Treat activities at the clubhouse. Games and a haunted path were part of the festivities along with the traditional hayrides throughout the park. The event was coordinated by the **Community Committee** at the park.



FSBH Board Members **Tom and Cheryl Street** as well as **Chris and Dawn** (not pictured) **Bray**, from **Gateway** served up chili, hot dogs, apples and drinks.

FBC O'Fallon Promotes Ministry Events at New Mobile Home Park

Ministry outreach one warm October evening with 60+ teens from **First Baptist Church O'Fallon**, passed out flyers about our new ministries in **Runny Meade Mobile Home Park** and promoted upcoming events at their church. The darkness came on way too quickly but they all had loads of fun, met residents, prayed with some and were prayed for by others. Fun times! As a result of their promotions several from the MHP attended the church's Trunk or Treat and have already made contact with us about getting involved in a **Community Committee** for residents there.



Element Serve Day

In Early August the mobile home park at **Rolling Meadows** was chosen to be a site for service by members of **Element Church**, Wentzville for their monthly "**EC Serve Day**" outreach. Two truckloads of folks came out to help us spruce up the grounds around mobile homes, help move furniture for one family, and to rebuild a broken park bench for the common ground play area where kids play. **Element** is one of several churches in the area that regularly supports the work of **FSBH**. We are grateful for everyone who helps! Loving our neighbors was the theme of the day, and this group certainly expressed it well!



CAPS Students Bring Fresh Perspective to Ministry Marketing Needs

The **St. Charles County CAPS Program – Center for Advanced Professional Studies**, under the leadership of **Dr. Dan Tripp**, has taken FSBH as a program to support. A group of five senior high school students have been working with us on marketing strategies for our ministry, creating flyers, helping with projects, producing a new ministry video and helping to update our website and social media work.

Students working with us are **Faith Rush**, St. Charles West HS, **Alison Aguilar**, Liberty HS, **Michael Howrey**, Francis Howell HS, **Justin Stephney**, Ft. Zumwalt East, and **Henry O. Young**, Liberty HS. Each one brings talent and perspective valuable to our ministry.



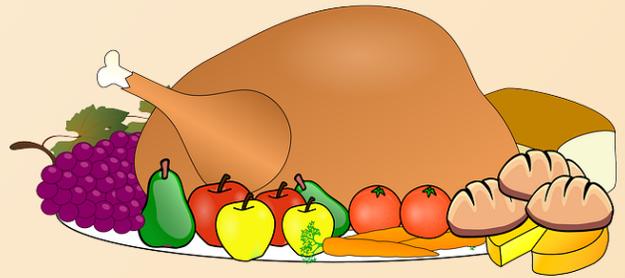


Thanksgiving Dinner Is Served!

The 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be served to all residents of **Rolling Meadows Mobile Home Park** on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Hosted by **Gateway West** and **FSBH**, the free meal will consist of traditional fare including turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables and desserts.

We expect to serve about 250 meals, part of which will be packaged up and taken to residents who are unable to come to the clubhouse to eat.

Coordinating the meal serving elements are **Tom and Cheryl Street** of **Gateway West**, and we expect a group of young adults from **First Baptist Church- O'Fallon** to come alongside to help us deliver food to the shut-ins. **FSBH** arranges for the turkey and **Gateway West** friends prepare all the side dishes and desserts.



Thanksgiving Meal Groceries To Be Distributed



A total of 15 families living in the mobile home parks will be receiving all the groceries needed to prepare Thanksgiving Dinner and breakfast the following day. This generous gift is being funded by the Food Pantry Ministry of **New Life Church, St. Louis**. This is the second year for this outreach ministry led by **Steve and Karen George**, who reached out to us last November, wanting to collaborate with **FSBH** to be a blessing to the working poor families we serve.

On the Monday before Thanksgiving, we will pick up two SUV loads of groceries and deliver them to families at both of our mobile home parks. What a blessing this provision will be to nearly 60 people!

Thank you, New Life!



10th Annual Christmas Wonderland—December 15, 2018



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CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

A special celebration for the homeless and needy families!



Saturday, December 15, 2018

10:30 am – 2 pm
Wentzville United Methodist Church,
725 Wall Street Wentzville, MO 63385

★ Children's Entertainment ★
Kinetic Tapestry
Crafts Games Face-Painting
Gifts and photos with **Santa!**
(Children must be present to receive gifts.)




Lunch will be served throughout the event.

Come celebrate **Jesus is the Reason for the Season** with us!
Whoever is kind to the needy honors God. Proverbs 14:31



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How to Help

Donate holiday cookies, desserts or candy
contact: Janice O'Rourke 314-229-8100 | majon@ourkagmail.com

Help with set up, Clean up, Crafts or activities
contact: Julie Patschoff 314-591-2528 | jromacoco@gmail.com

Contribute large gift bags, tape or tissue paper
contact: Sandi Bahr 636-236-1737 | sandi1979bahr@outlook.com

General Questions or other ways to be involved
contact: Lana Kruse 314-999-3691 | lanakruse@gmail.com

More Needs

Tax-deductible donations
Mail: 28 Auvergne Dr., Lake St. Louis, MO 63367 | Designate to FSBH
Paypal: <http://bit.ly/DonateFSBH> | Designate "Christmas Wonderland"
Bring: checks, gift cards or gas cards for distribution to the needy
Filled Laundry/Cleaning Baskets for families. See website www.firststepbackhome.net for suggested items.
Unwrapped New Toys for kids (0 – 12) needed for parents to select items for their kids

This may be the only Christmas event the homeless and working poor might have!

Come celebrate Jesus is the Reason for the Season with us and the needy!

FSBH is a public charity with the 501(c)3 tax determination. Tax donation receipt will be issued at the event. Further info: 314-999-3691.

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Share Your Bounty of Books!



Green Tree Elementary is a school with generous students and staff.
We are asking you to bring GENTLY used books for
First Step Back Home

This charity helps homeless families and the working poor in our area.



Your donated books will be given to families in need at their annual
Christmas Wonderland Event.

For the past seven years, Green Tree has hosted a Used Book Sale for our students in May. This spring, we will be remodeling our library; therefore, the Used Book Sale will not return until the Spring of 2020.

In this transition year, let's donate some great books to families in need!

Bring your Gently Used Books to GTE
Monday, Nov. 26th to Monday, Dec. 3rd

Thank you for your generosity!
Questions? Please call Mrs. Ann Muench
at the GTE Library (636) 625-5600 press 5 for the library or
jeanmuench@wsdr4.org



The Laundry List!

Here's what to put into the laundry baskets, so we have consistent "gifts" when distributing them. In the past several groups have made it a project to collectively gather items and then assemble them towards the end of the year. This list is also posted on our ministry website under "tangible assistance."

FSBH Laundry/Cleaning Basket Suggested Contents

- Sturdy Basket
- Laundry Detergent
- Powdered Bleach
- Dryer Sheets
- Toilet Paper
- Window Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Cleaner/Brush
- Hand Soap/Bath Soap
- Dish Soap
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Dusting Spray
- Stain Remover
- Sponges
- Dish towels
- Hangers
- \$5.00 in quarters (optional- for laundromat use)



Last year we had enough filled baskets donated to be able to send one home with each family that came to the Christmas Wonderland!

Other items you might consider collecting are clean, gently used purses, diapers and wipes, ladies cosmetics, new underwear, and socks for teens and adults.

Toys Needed for Christmas Wonderland



Toys!
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New unwrapped toys are requested for all ages for boys and girls. Parents will select a toy for their child and Santa will give it to them at the event. Please drop off at Wentzville United Methodist Church 725 Wall Street on Friday December 14, 2018. Between 9am and 3pm! Peace and Blessings to all!!!

Contact Lana Kruse at (314) 799-3694 to make special arrangements



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Save the Date!

Help First Step Back Home continue to serve the needs of the homeless and working poor!

Give STL Day 2019 will take place on Wednesday, May 1.

Please mark your calendars now and remember a special gift to **FSBH** on that day. We will be one of more than 900 public charities seeking financial support as many generous hearts help to fund organizations.

Last year more than \$2.4 million was given, and **FSBH** received more than \$27,000.

Watch for more information to come!



Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Recent Donor Acknowledgements

We want to thank several businesses, churches and community groups who have financially supported FSBH this past quarter with these recent gifts.

- \$5,000 – **CarMax Foundation Grant**.
- \$5,000 – **Anonymous Employee of MasterCard**, who gave \$2,500 and had it matched 100% by employer!
- \$4,000 – **CREC Operation Round Up**
- \$2,500 – **Central Presbyterian Church**
- \$1,600 – **Steve Crawford Trucking, Inc.**
- \$1,500 – **Anonymous Donor** – Inheritance proceeds tithed to **FSBH**
- \$1,500 – **Good News Brewing Company**
- \$ 750 – **Dardenne Presbyterian Church**
- \$1,100 – **Mary Martha Thrift Shop**
- \$ 600 – **Mission Financial- St. Peters**
- \$ 518 – **Oakridge Baptist Church Special Offering**
- \$ 190 - **Thrivent Choice Dollars** as allocations from **Susan Bauer** and **Dennis Hall**
- \$ 200 – **Vilatte Institute**
- \$ 105 - **New Life Nazarene Church** - \$5 for each visitor who attends their services.
- \$ 7 – **Amazon Smile**



We are so very thankful to all of you who think of donating to our public charity when opportunities present.

Donation Methods to Support FSBH

We want to remind you that your tax-deductible charitable donation is a great way to support the ministry. We are a public charity per IRS Regulations of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations will be receipted for tax-deductible documentation purposes. Here are several options to consider:

Corporate Matching Grant Donations

Some matching grant companies are **AT&T, Wells Fargo, Monsanto, Boeing, MasterCard, Pfizer, VMWare, and Thrivent Financial Services.**

Boeing and perhaps other corporations offer **volunteer time grant matches**. If you volunteer 25 hours with our ministry, **Boeing** will send a \$250 cash gift.

If you work for a company that offers match gifting, please initiate the paperwork for this to be done, and we'll complete the required elements so you and others can participate.

Write a Check payable to "First Step Back Home" and send to the following address:

First Step Back Home, Inc.
Paul Kruse
PO Box 966
O'Fallon MO 63366

Log onto our ministry website and click PayPal for direct donation via your credit card. There is a small fee charged to the ministry with this option. www.firststepbackhome.net

Thrivent Members can create an "Action Team" and receive \$250 "seed money" twice per year for charitable causes. Details can be found at this link: thrivent.com/actionteam.

Log onto **GoFundMe** to support the **FSBH Sponsored Housing Project for Mobile Homes**.

When you shop online, use **Amazon Smile** and choose **First Step Back Home** as your charity. They will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. You can use this direct [link](#) to our page.



Meal Ministry Update

House of Favor Church, Overland, has been a faithful partner in providing meals to the homeless at **Economy Inn** in Wentzville through **FSBH** for many, many years. They were the third church to commit to the schedule of "second Saturday of the month," and have not missed one single time since they started in 2006! Below are **Pastors Ed and Cheri Cope**, **Tamika Hamilton**, Meal Coordinator **Juanita Hamilton**, and **Savin Smith** with **Lana** and **Paul Kruse**. We celebrated the 12 years of their church ministry and outreach at a community dinner at their church on Nov. 3, 2018.



In the last quarter, we have had welcomed new meal serving groups from **Show Me Your Hands**, **Bethesda Baptist Church**, **Harvester Church of the Nazarene**, **First Baptist Harvester**, and this month a new group will serve from the **Troy Bible Holiness Church**. We are so thankful for all the groups and individuals who share the love of **Jesus** with the families at the **Economy Inn!**

Current openings are: 1st Fridays, 2nd Sundays, 2nd Thursdays, 3rd Sundays, 3rd Mondays, 3rd Wednesdays, 3rd Thursdays, 3rd Fridays (even months), 4th Sundays and 4th Saturdays. The calendar is always available online at firststep-backhome.net/meal-calendar. Contact **Kim Orf** to sign up for serving meals. See her contact information on Page One.



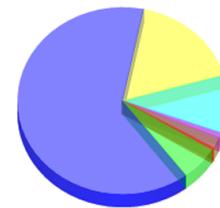
Current Client Stats

FSBH has helped 219 clients of all ages this year with a total program expense of \$70,385 for a variety of services including motel stays, fuel, food, utility assistance, transportation, medication, cell phones, car repair, utilities, rent assistance, school supplies, emergency home repairs, healthcare, insurance and mobile home expenses. Primarily calls now come to us as referrals from the newly formed **Coordinated Entry Program**, which began last January. When clients call 211 and enter a St. Charles/Lincoln or Warren County Zip Code they are connected to a triage team who evaluates their needs and sends them to us if we're the best fit.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing support by **YOU**, our **FSBH** ministry friends, who graciously and generously remember this ministry in your charitable giving. No government grants or funds are provided to us. All revenues come from individuals, businesses, churches and community groups who have a heart for the needs of the homeless and working poor. We appreciate each one of you so very, very much!

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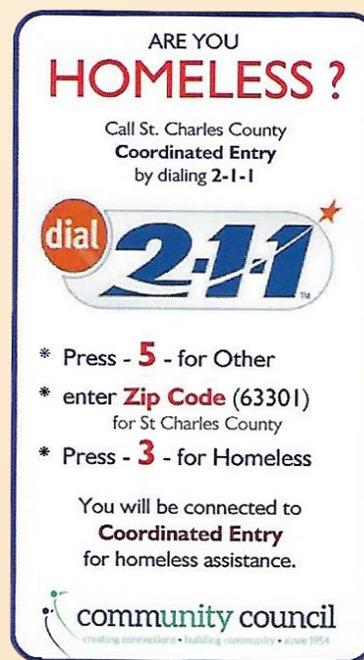
Top Age Ranges Served by Client Count



Service Provided by Age	Unduplicated Client Count	Units	Service Total
0-5	1	1.00	\$14.99
18-23	13	38.00	\$3009.50
24-44	139	450.00	\$48307.35
45-54	38	99.00	\$8193.25
55-69	22	51.00	\$4384.84
70+	2	5.00	\$5745.98
Unspecified	4	8.00	\$729.90
Organization Total:	219	652.00	\$70,385.81

How Best to Help a Homeless Person

When you encounter a homeless person on the streets or in your neighborhood, encourage them to call **2-1-1** for assistance. When they get connected to the **Coordinated Entry** team they will be assessed for their needs and referred to appropriate agencies for services and support. If you'd like a supply of the 2-1-1 cards to pass along to others, just let us know and we'll send some to you. Email Lanakruse@gmail.com and include your mailing address.



Death Prevention is Goal for Winter Warming Centers

From December 2018 through March 2019, if temperatures are predicted to be 20 degrees or below overnight (via weather.com), the **Emergency Weather Response** program of the St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties **Continuum of Care** will activate a **Free Warming Center Response** to provide safe sleeping accommodations for the night at local churches in the area. To locate the nearest warming center, call the hotline number at **636-395-0492**. Transportation services may be available. Last winter a total of 29 nights were activated with 51 people served for a total of 223 nights of lodging. Eight churches will be Warming Center locations this year, with each one scheduled for a week of service at a time. Participants will not only receive a safe, warm place to spend the night, but social service agencies will follow up with them to evaluate and provide further resources.

Churches participating in the 2018-19 winter include **Grace Gospel Temple, St. John UCC, Calvary Church, Ridgecrest Church, St. Charles First United Methodist, Chapel of the Cross, Wentzville Christian and First Baptist- Wentzville**. Trained volunteers at each site, who have had background checks, and received specialized training, will be on hand to greet, check in, oversee the evening activities, provide food, prepare laundry and clean up and load a van where supplies are transported from one church to another during the winter season.

Please keep the hotline number handy, and pass it out to homeless you encounter during the cold winter season. If you or your church would like more information about how you can become involved, please call one of these folks: **Program Coordinator Pastor Michael Hammond, Sr.** at chiefservant@faithcovenantstl.com; **Pastor Matt Miller, Training Team Coordinator** at 636-939-4343 ext. 1157 or mmiller@calvaryonline.cc or **LINC staff Kathy Thompson** or **Tiffany Jackson** at 636-332-5127 x 222.



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Christmas Wonderland December 15!
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If you would like to receive your future **FSBH** quarterly newsletters more quickly and with less cost to the ministry, please give us your email address so we can add you to that confidential distribution list. Please email Lana Kruse at LanaKruse@gmail.com

For every newsletter that is mailed out, the work is labor intensive and expensive, in creating hard copies, getting them folded, and sorted by zip codes, then taking them to the US Post Office for bulk mailing. At this time we have about 350 that still go out by snail mail. We do thank **Chapel of the Lake Church** and ministry friends **Tracy and Gina Baillet** for doing most of this work. They all do their part with smiles and are very gracious to us in their "labor of love" to get it all done timely.

If you would consider receiving your newsletter by email instead, or reading it from our ministry website, please let us know and we'll remove you from the hard copy mailing list.

