

# OBION COUNTY CHURCHES BENEVOLENCE RESOURCE GUIDE

*(This guide was compiled by The Bridge of West Tennessee, Inc. For additions or revisions, please contact 592-0650 or Board@thebridgewesttn.org)*

1. BISHOP STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST (885-7822)  
This church has a food pantry. Donations made on a case by case basis.
2. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (885-2961)  
They have a food pantry available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00. They require (1) a photo ID (2) proof of income, and (3) a document showing the applicant's physical address. They must be an Obion County resident. For all other needs, the church refers the person to Helping Hands.
3. CROSSWIND (335-4534)  
This church works with the Back Pack Program. Most of their work is through the ministerial association, Helping Hands, or Beulah Baptist Association.
4. EXCHANGE STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST (885-1507)  
This church works with individuals on a case by case basis and decisions are made through the deacon over benevolence.
5. FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (885-0671)  
Will give \$50 toward deposits on utilities. Must bring the bill with you. Will offer \$25 voucher for groceries at EW James. Sponsor Laundry for Love once a month (no designated night) at laundry next to Big Lots.
6. GREATER VISION CHURCH OF GOD (Troy 536-6388)  
Clothes closet on the second Saturday of the month. Clothes 50 cents. Shoes, purses \$1.00
7. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH (885-0963)  
The 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 (536-5596)  
The 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 (885-5203)  
They have a food pantry on the second Tuesday of each month from 4:00-6:00.
10. PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (885-7362)  
Food pantry open the third Thursday of each month. Operate Trudy's Café on First St. open

Mon-Fri for children ages 0-18.

11. REFUGE CHURCH (446-5802)

Celebrate Recovery Sunday nights 5-7 p.m. Soul food Café 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday night of each month.

12. SALVATION ARMY (885-0963)

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

13. ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH (885-9575)

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

14. SOUTH FULTON BAPTIST CHURCH (479-2331)

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 given.

15. SUNSWEPT BAPTIST CHURCH (885-8525) Sometimes the church has a food pantry, but not always. The financial aid that is available to help others depends on the financial current financial situation of their church.

16. TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST (536-4611)

They have 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 (536-4710)

They have a food pantry which is open once a month—on the last Wednesday of each month. They also have a clothes closet for children which provides school clothes. 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 (536-4550)

They use an as needed basis for people who come to the church. They refer these people to Reelfoot Rural Ministry also.

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

They support Helping Hands and refer people to them.

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

They have a food pantry, but its only available after they receive a call or referral about a need. They donate to Helping Hands so they refer people to them and also to the ministerial association. A clothes closet is advertised in the Fall. Basically, they evaluate each situation and

help on an as-needed basis.

21. UNION CITY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (885-9481)  
Church has a benevolence committee. They email members with needs  
They can give a sack of groceries and they will also turn on utilities.
22. UNION CITY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (885-3573) They support Helping Hands and Reelfoot Rural Ministry. They also have a “pastor’s discretionary fund”. Person must have paperwork from Helping Hands and be a church family member. They will help with groceries, gas, and shelter---but all is with the pastor’s discretion.
23. UNION CITY SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (885-5223)-They have a women’s mission group named WINGS. This group prepares frozen meals and usually has 40-50 meals on hand. Most benevolence is in-house. Benevolence is a line item in their church budget. They help members first and then others. The office will also refer people to Helping Hands.

## OBION COUNTY CLOTHES CLOSETS

Troy First Baptist 519 E. Harper St, Troy TN 536-4710  
closet for children needing school clothes

Greater Vision Church of God 701 Mary Jane St, Troy TN 536-6388  
Clothing store open the second Saturday of each month.

# Obion County Food Banks

Calvary Baptist Church 2250 E. Reelfoot Ave.  
Tue and Thur 9a.m.-11a.m. 885-2961

Helping Hands 430 N. Miles Ave  
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 885-3924

Pleasant Valley Methodist Church 1422 Pleasant Valley Ave.  
Second Tue of each month 885-5203

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church 720 E. College St.  
Third Thursday of each month 885-7362

Reelfoot Rural Ministries 6968 Minnick Elbridge Rd Obion TN  
Tue, Wed, Thur 8:30-11:30 a.m. 885-3924  
and 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Troy First Baptist Church 519 E. Harper St, Troy TN  
Last Wednesday of each month 536-4710

## FOOD DONATIONS MADE ON CASE BY CASE BASIS

Bishop St. Church of Christ 885-7822  
First Christian Church 885-0671  
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church 536-5596  
Sunswept Baptist Church 885-8525  
Troy Church of Christ 536-4611  
UC First Assembly of God 885-2612  
UC First Baptist Church 885-9481  
UC First United Methodist 885-3573