

Dalton's Food Pantry SEEDS OF GRACE

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GOOD BYE 2017

Few people will regret the passing of 2017. It was a year of mountains and valleys and for most of us, it was valleys. A lot of us, when we go through a valley experience, wonder why God allows us to go through them. Count on God's promises as He works out His plan for your life.

During 2017, there were a lot of changes in the ministry. We saw volunteers go, we saw families leave, we experienced heartache and defeat. We suffered set back after set back and yet God was faithful through it all. The ministry continues to be in good, solid soil.

The economy continues to decline, more and more people are in need, in fact 7 in 10 Hoosier children are eligible for some sort of nutrition assistance program. That's why Dalton's Food Pantry exists. Not only do we fill their body, but we fill their soul with the Holy Spirit.



HELLO 2018

Where is God taking us in 2018? We don't know but we will remain faithful and focused on him. He alone is all that we need. We believe God has big plans, and 2018 just might be the best year yet for Dalton's Food Pantry. We are counting His promises.

We expect changes in the ministry during 2018. We look forward to the new people God will bring to our door for assistance as well as those people who God will put on their heart to become a part of the family and volunteer and serve with us. God will plant those He needs for this ministry.

As more and more people face needing help, we will remain strong and help everyone that we can. We plan to solidify the programs we have in place and continue to seek areas which great need is calling.

Revelation 2:20—Better faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

Just this past Saturday afternoon, on Indy's Westside, I was at McDonalds. An older gentleman approached me from behind and said, "Man they will let anyone in here." Suddenly I realized it was an old partner in crime that I ran with daily while I was in high school and attending college. It had been 28 years since we were together. Instantly he wanted to talk about our "past" and how we sinned together back in the early 70's. He asked all the typical old questions that I deal with in the streets, witnessing the lost in this dark and lonely world today. "Do you still have that black 1955 Chevy? Are you still married. How many kids do you have? Hey Dalton, do you remember when...?"

Honestly I found it extremely difficult carrying on a conversation with him. You see, my past is my past. We all have a story to tell. But that old man Dalton died and I'm proud to tell you that I am a new creature.

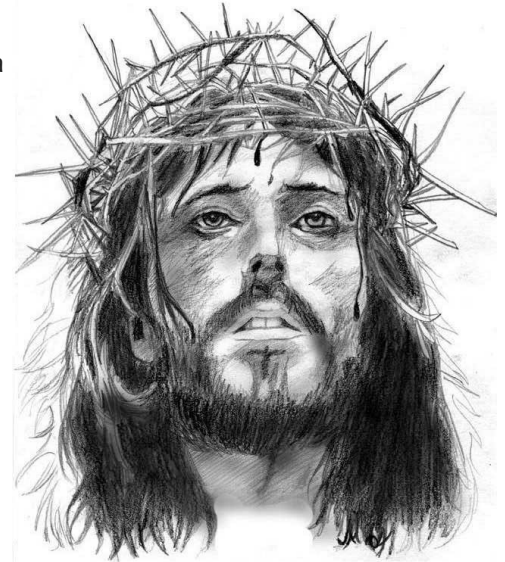
My Bible tells me that *for whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall man give in return for his soul?* (Matthew 16:25-26).

Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is "new" creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17).

After quoting the word of God to Him face to face, he knew for sure that I was born again—"A proud man of God". As I looked at him, my subconscious was telling me, "Holy Spirit speak, look Dalton how this man's life is stuck in sin; has made him age verses how I have protected you and your family." Praise God!

I feel we need a new awareness of the fact that death is rapidly approaching for all of us, and that the Bible has many warnings for us to prepare to meet God. The rich with all their wealth cannot buy a ticket from the death sentence that hangs over every man. The poor cannot beg one extra day of life from the "grim reaper" who pursues every man from the cradle to the grave.

What is your life? Is it even a vapor that is apparent for a little time and then vanishes away? I feel that if people gave more thought to death, eternity and judgement, there would be more Holy living and a greater consciousness of God.



Too many Christians try to put off the thought of death and of the fact that all children of God will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of how they spend their time here on earth. I pray to God to live to be 70-80-90 years old, that is but one snap of the finger compared to eternity. Now put your hand on your heart and feel it beat. It is saying Dalton—quick, quick, quick, we have only a few years at most. Let's live them for the Lord.

Oh by the way, my old partner of crime, I walked him to his truck, met his wife and prayed in the Holy Ghost and I cried like a baby telling him just how great life is with Jesus Christ in my heart, not my head. They said thank you as I left with tears in their eyes.

Father God, my life is going fast and I have so many things I want to do for you and your kingdom. Help me Lord to chose wisely the activities and projects I undertake here on earth. Let each one glorify and magnify you in some way direct to the things you have planned for me to do. In Jesus name, Amen.

J.R.

jeremiah 17:8 giving

Dalton's Food Pantry clings to the Jeremiah 17:8 Bible verse. We believe we have been called to plant seeds into the lives of those who are less fortunate in the Haughville and surrounding communities. And we cannot do what we do without committed donors like you. **We thank you from the bottom of our heart** for your continued support. Your continued faithfulness is immeasurable. We deeply appreciate your generosity and humbly ask that you continue to help our ministry, God's mission.

For 2018, we are asking for you to **consider making a special commitment to God**. It is our desire to have as many people that are led to consistently donate to Dalton's Food Pantry throughout the year. Donations can be accepted through cash, check or credit card. To pay by credit card, please contact the office to discuss your options.

With your continued support and obedience, Dalton's Food Pantry will continue to touch lives, pursue souls, plant seeds with assured growth.

Your financial contribution is crucial for us to continue building God's kingdom in this community. We anxiously await 2018. We are looking forward to watching His plan unfold. We eagerly anticipate and pray for the families which God will bring to us to help as we patiently wait for God's leading and direction. **Won't you partner with us?**

Jan Ellis, our Ministry Assistant is always available to answer any questions you may have. Don't hesitate to call her at 317-955-2581 or email at daltonsfoodpantry@gmail.com.

We encourage you to continue to pray for Dalton's Food Pantry and our obedience to God's direction. We are excited to see what this New Year holds and where God will take us. We believe God has a higher purpose for us and we are as small as we are ever going to be. Again, thank you for all you do for our ministry. **We are grateful** we are on this journey together.

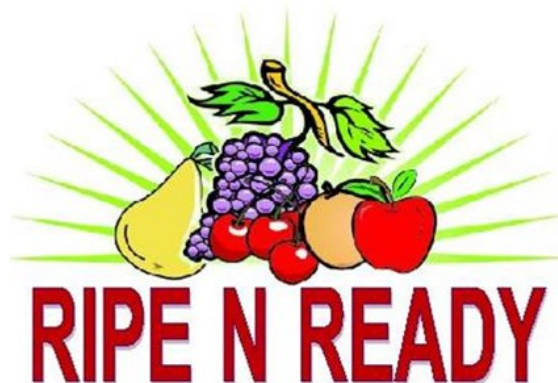
ripe n ready

During the year of 2018, Ripe N Ready will have it's third anniversary in June. For two and a half years, we have provided quality fruits and vegetables to the Haughville community, produce which may not otherwise be affordable for healthy eating. The produce sold at Ripe N Ready is sold at a deeply discounted price because everyone has the right to eat healthy.

This produce store is not only for the Haughville community, but you are welcome to shop as well. Did you know that all proceeds go back to the ministry? So if you are unable to make a direct donation to Dalton's Food Pantry, you can shop at the produce store and you'll be making a contribution to the ministry.

The store is located at 2725 W. Washington Street, at the corner of Washington and Warman. The hours are 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Product changes frequently so make sure to visit often.

We hope to see you soon!



They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:8

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Dalton's Food Pantry compassionately touches lives in being the hands and feet of Jesus, by providing essential necessities and pursuing souls in planting seeds of love, hope and encouragement for the assured growth which is promised in God through whom all things are possible.

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What have you done for GOD today?

AMAZING GRACE of Dalton's Food Pantry

What is so Amazing about grace? Many things and for Dalton's Food Pantry, it's our Amazing Grace program we have every Friday night from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. At 440 Ketcham, we open the doors of our community center and invite the children from the neighborhood in for a hot meal, games and a devotion. This is a special time to bond with the children and teach them the love of Jesus through our service, prayer, devotions, and time spent with them.

Are you curious? Join us on a Friday evening. We won't make you work, just come observe and fellowship with us. The children are starved for attention and relationship. We have one family that now has started bringing a second generation to Amazing Grace, that's how important it is to them. We fulfill a need they have and they want to share that with their children!

God is good and has a plan for Amazing Grace during 2018. What is that plan? We can't answer that just yet as we are still praying asking for God's direction and leading.

