

# Austin Street Centre

**When:** Third Sunday in January, April, July & October. We leave the church at 4:30 sharp. (We'll have the coffee on for you!)

**Where:** Meet @ SVUMC @ **4:15 A.M.** (door by Wesley Hall & kitchen). We will caravan to ASC, using the church van and volunteer drivers of personal vehicles. The Centre is located at 2929 Hickory Street in Downtown Dallas. We will be back to the church at about 6:15 A.M. Dress casually.

**What do I bring:** **(EACH VOLUNTEER IS TO PROVIDE 24 SANDWICHES/24 FRUIT/24 EGGS/24 BAGS)**  
**24 Sandwiches**

- Example: Salami/Cheese, Ham/Cheese, Peanut Butter/Jelly, etc. Please place sandwich in individual sandwich bags. Please do not use mayonnaise, mustard or other spreads. Many persons save their sandwich for later and sandwich spreads can quickly spoil. Please be generous with portions, as this may be the only meal the person will have all day. Mustard/mayo packets may be placed in sandwich bag. Hamburger buns are suggested for use as sandwich bread. Please do not put lettuce and tomato on sandwich as this will make the bread soggy.

Also, you are encouraged to label the sandwich bag with the type of sandwich. Just like you and me, the residents of the shelter have personal preferences and labeling makes the selection process easier for both the residents and the volunteers.

## **24 Pieces of "Soft" Fruit**

- Example: Bananas, Oranges, Plums, Grapes, etc. Many persons have dental problems and cannot chew hard fruits such as apples.

## **24 Hard Boiled Eggs**

- Tip: Save your carton to bring your eggs.

## **24 Plastic Grocery Sacks**

- These are used by residents to carry their meal items.
- Optional items include bottled water, cookies, candy, cereal bars.
- **FOOD ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH KITCHEN (BY WESLEY HALL) ON SATURDAY. PLEASE MAKE SURE ITEMS ARE CLEARLY MARKED "AUSTIN STREET." IF YOU PLAN TO DO THIS, PLEASE CALL US SO THAT WE HAVE THE PROPER FOOD COUNT.**

**What to expect:** Once at the Centre, SVUMC volunteers will group sandwiches together, fruits together, etc. Persons at the Centre will proceed through a line and select one egg, one fruit, and one sandwich of their choice. Sacks will be used for them to carry their meal.

**Why:** *... 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

Matthew 25: 45-46

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SVUMC participates with other area churches in providing a meal every quarter for those homeless persons, who find themselves in need of ASC services. The following is some background information on ASC, as excerpted from the ASC website (at [www.austinst.org](http://www.austinst.org)): **Austin Street Centre for the Homeless** continues its mission as a residential, pastoral care program offering help and hope to 350+ men, women and children each day. The Centre centers on an atmosphere of a Christian caring community. It is a safe, clean, comfortable environment for those who wish to get off the streets and need help in returning to the larger community. Persons staying at the Centre are provided with their basic needs such as food, showers, clothing, personal items and over-the-counter medications. 120 different churches, schools, and service organizations provide food. In addition to the basics, Austin St. provides medical and psychiatric clinics.