

SAINTS' BREW
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Saints' Brew continued to be a vital community program serving over 20,000 guests during the 2014 year. Financially, we are struggling. We have had to draw down our reserves over \$5,500 through the end of November. Saints' Brew does not receive any funds from the church budget; we rely totally on donations. Through the end of November we have spent \$20,015 and we have received \$14,470 in donations. We did receive a grant from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program of \$3500 this past year but unfortunately, only the first half of the grant has been paid. On a positive note, Saints' Brew has become a United Way Agency. We are hoping that this will relieve some of our financial difficulties. We will not hear until after a site visit and a presentation to their board whether we will receive any funds for the coming year.

We are in the planning stages of a fundraiser for Saints' Brew. More details will be coming in the next few months.

During the month of August, we did shut down Saint's Brew for two weeks. The volunteers needed a break and the kitchen needed a thorough cleaning. Walls, floors, ovens, refrigerators and the pantry area were cleaned. We could not believe how much grease was everywhere! I want to thank everyone who assisted with this effort.

Many faithful volunteers who cook and serve the meals, get groceries, and take care of the recycling bless us. Without their generous donation of time we would not be able to provide this ministry to the residents of Tupelo.