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The Rogersville Laundry Ministry continues to grow at a rapid rate and volunteers and donations are in great need. Dawnel Newhouse, who originally started the laundry ministry with her women's group at the Rogersville First Christian Church, says the ministry is serving many more people than ever before. "In 2017 from June to December, we served a total of 322 people in those seven months. In 2018, the average monthly number served was 352 – each month! We served 4223 people in 2018 and we spent in excess of \$10366. There are times we spend in excess of \$500 a week! God has blessed us tremendously with monetary donations as well as donations of laundry products like bleach, washing powder and pods, fabric softener, dryer sheets and more. There is no way we could have done this without all of the wonderful people that donate money, drop quarters in the Rogersville Laundry Ministry PODS containers, as well as various organizations that have contributed" said Newhouse. "And obviously without all of our volunteers and local Churches pitching in the ministry could not continue to function and serve people like we have. I have said it before and I will say it again, we started this ministry to 'Love People to Jesus' and it has turned into just that. We have opportunities to share with these families, pray with them and take their prayer requests with us". Further Newhouse says "we would love to have more local churches get involved and sponsor a night and provide labor for an event. We would love to have as many nights available for this ministry as we can. She encourages any Church, Women's Ministry or other group to contact her if interested.

The Rogersville Laundry Ministry currently operates at two laundromats – West Rogersville Laundromat on Locust Street across from the Hospital and Dirty Dudz Laundromat on Main Street across from the City Park Office entrance. The ministry serves every Thursday night from 5 to 7 PM. The first Thursday of each month, Henard's Chapel Baptist Church and Hope Community Church man the laundromats; the second Thursday Hope Community Church is at both locations; the third week, First Christian Church and a contingent of community volunteers led by Sharon Jones are in charge; and then on the fourth Thursday Burem Missionary Baptist Church staffs both sites; if there are five Thursdays in the month, all churches come together to man both laundromats. These ladies provide quarters for the machines and supervise an evening where individuals or families can come and do their laundry for free! All the detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, bleach and other products to do a load of laundry are provided free, as well as up to \$10 in quarters to get as many loads of clothes done as possible.

Newhouse invites anyone who wants to help out to give her a call. "We can always use volunteers to help us provide needed services on the night of the event". Newhouse can

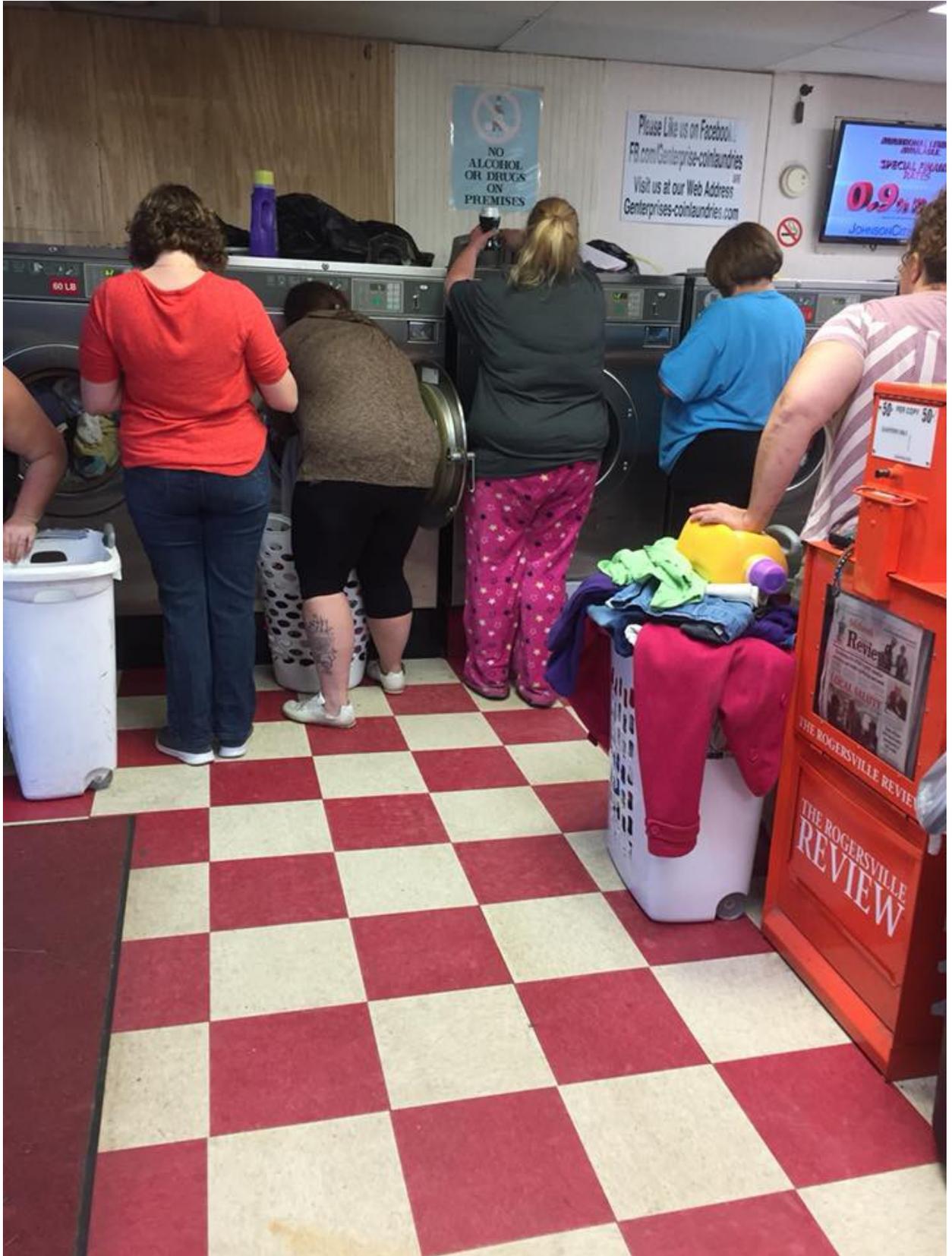
be reached at 937-661-5706 or via email at newhousesd@hotmail.com . “That is our biggest need right now – we need more volunteers to help us staff on the nights we currently offer the ministry. Who knows, if we were to get enough volunteers or more Churches, businesses, civic groups, school groups, Doctors offices or anyone else to sponsor and staff a night, we may be able to add more nights of service”. She also said anyone who would like to contribute laundry products such as bleach, detergent, etc. can drop them off at the Parsonage at 815 Douglas Drive in Rogersville, TN 37857. They are always in need of laundry baskets or bags as well. “We have had product donations from as far away as Arizona and Indiana as well as locally of course”. Monetary donations can be dropped off during ministry nights or they can be mailed to the Douglas Drive location as well. Contributions can be made out to the First Christian Church with Laundry Ministry in the memo section. All contributions are tax deductible since the Rogersville Laundry Ministry is run through the Church, a non profit organization. For more information or details regarding the Rogersville Laundry Ministry, feel free to contact Mrs. Newhouse.

2018 ROGERSVILLE LAUNDRY MINISTRY			
	TOTAL SERVED -WR-	TOTAL SERVED -DD-	
Jan	65.00	0	65
Feb	42.00	0	42
Mar	117.00	95	212
Apr	212.00	167	379
May	257.00	134	391
Jun	257.00	193	450
Jul	343.00	147	490
Aug	324.00	183	507
Sep	300.00	161	461
Oct	245.00	151	396
Nov	282.00	194	476
Dec	278.00	183	461

WR = West Rogersville Laundromat (across from Hospital)
 DD = Dirty Dudz Laundromat (across from Main Street City Park Entrance)







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