

Third Place Ministries

Third Place Ministries is a local outreach program sponsored by the Purchase District. This ministry exists from the support of the Purchase District and its member churches. The goal of Third Place Ministries is to *"enable the nurture, outreach and witness of our cooperative connection in order to strengthen and enrich the life of the communities of Marshall County."* Through a number of programs, Third Place Ministries has supported Marshall County residents through support and outreach since 1971, and still does to this day. Keep reading to learn more about some of the mission work of this ministry or check out their website at thirdplaceministries.com.

New To You Shop

The New To You Shop is a resale shop located in Marshall County at 176 Beechwood Lane, Benton, Kentucky. The shop serves as an outreach ministry in western Kentucky by providing a large variety of men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes for a fraction of the cost of other local resale shops.

All of the items available for resale in the store are items that are donated by a very generous community. Donations are sorted by season, put on hangers and then sized in the store for the convenience of shoppers. The shop's workers and volunteers strive to offer the best quality clothing and merchandise available. Donations are tax-deductible (donation receipts are available).

People from a variety of churches all around the county volunteer to work on a rotating basis at New to You. Without volunteers, the mission and ministry of New to You Shop's cooperative ministry would not be possible.

Hours to Receive Donations

Wednesday thru Friday, 8am-3pm

Saturday, 8am until noon

NOTE: Please do not leave donations outside after hours due to potential damage from the weather.

Store Hours

Tuesday thru Friday, 8am-4pm

Saturday, 8am-2pm

For more information call (270) 527-5147.

Crisis Ministry

The objective of the 3rd Place Ministries Crisis Fund is to provide local residents with emergency assistance to help get them back on their feet. We offer assistance to victims of housefires, flooding, and other natural disasters, including Recovery Kits of clothing, toiletries, and linens. They offer assistance with utility bills (gas, electric, water), non-narcotic prescription medication, emergency automobile gas, and similar urgent needs. And through our New to You Shop we are able to provide vouchers for children's school clothing or appropriate outfits for a job interview.

Despite a great need in the Marshall County area, funds are not unlimited. The Crisis Fund is supported solely by private donations, therefore requiring us to be good stewards of what's given and place fair and consistent limits on the amount of assistance provided. Third Place Ministries works in cooperation with Needline and the Marshall Co. Sheriff's office to maintain updated records and information on those seeking assistance. To prevent abuse of the system, information is shared with other agencies through Charity Tracker.

Day1 Follow Up

Third Place Ministries sponsors a 30-minute radio program on WCBL and WCKK radio stations (for more information, see below) called Day1 Follow Up with host commentator Lois Cunningham. It features a discussion panel of local pastors and laypersons. This local panel discusses one of the week's lectionary scriptures and how that scripture applies to the listeners. You may listen to a recent session online at <http://lawsonbbs.net/thirdplaceministries/day1.htm>.

For more information, call (270) 527-5147.

The Day1 Follow Up program can be found on the following radio stations:

- 9:30 a.m. on WCKK 95.7 FM located in Calvert City, Kentucky
- 10:00 a.m. on WCBL 1290 AM and 99.1 FM located in Benton, Kentucky

On the two stations 30-minutes prior to these times is also the [Day1](#) program sponsored by the Third Place Ministries made up of United Methodist Churches located in Marshall County, Kentucky.