

## What will Fresh Start do?

- Disciple and counsel mothers and their children from God's Word; teaching them to trust the Lord and His bright plan for their future.
- Provide *Pleasant Places at The Pines* transitional housing for single mothers and their children.
- Assist in job training efforts so a mother can be equipped to get a better job to provide for herself and her children.
- Enroll children in a smaller teacher/student ratio setting through Shining Light's Preschool and/or Academy (K3-12) on a tuition-free scholarship basis.
- Develop a *Fresh Start Thrift Store* to make clothing and other necessities available to those who need them.

### - LOGO ON FRONT -

The windshield is bigger than the rear view mirror because we are supposed to spend more time looking at where we're going than where we've been.

## A Personal Note

Two weeks into my 4th grade year, I was picked up by my mother at school one day. She told me that we were moving because she and my dad had separated. They would later divorce. I came to realize that my life would never be the same.

God has put it in my heart for years to try to show families facing a similar situation the love of God by helping them in a very practical and positive way. Only if some mothers had someone to help them think things through and get direction from God in such a time, what a difference could be made in a 9 year-old boy's life...

If you have experienced a similar situation or know of someone who has, this is your opportunity to make a positive difference in a searching heart. The opportunity is here. The time to get involved is now!

-Pastor Tim Cruse

Please sincerely pray about investing in this worthy ministry.



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“What we need is  
a fresh start”

# “The Christian life is a series of new beginnings”

## Why Fresh Start?

Transitioning from a women's shelter or a difficult divorce situation is a time of great challenge for a mother and her children. The financial challenges of starting over coupled with confusion, hurt, anger, and fear often bring mothers to the point of desperation and despair. They need someone to come along side of them and help them think clearly, and to begin anew with spiritual counsel and practical assistance until they can get “their feet back under them.”

James 1:27 declares, *“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction...”* God says that one of the purest expressions of genuine faith in Jesus Christ is demonstrated when we reach out to single mothers and their children in their time of need. Whether she is widowed or abandoned, God has a special place in His heart for her and her little ones. He promises in Exodus 22:23 to hear their cry and in Micah 2:9 to deal with those who cast them out of *“their pleasant houses.”*



## Mission Statement

To be used of God to help take single mothers and their children from where they are to where He wants them to be by offering them a hand-up both spiritually and practically.



## Who is Fresh Start?

Fresh Start of Union County is a ministry working with fellow Christians who have a genuine desire to help some of our county's most treasured citizens - single mothers and their children. Pastor Tim Cruse, Monty Huntley, and several other concerned Christians have yielded themselves to follow the Lord and honor Him in this needful, worthy endeavor.

Clear and accurate financial records are maintained, with questions being welcome throughout the year. An annual report will be available.

## What do we need?

God has given four houses to re-establish on lots made available by a local church family. The footings have been poured and the houses moved over their foundations. Brick has been donated along with some other items. A list of additional needed items is available by calling 704-283-1480. Donations will be receipted and are tax deductible. Checks can be made to **Fresh Start** and sent to:

Fresh Start  
2541 Old Charlotte Hwy.  
Monroe, NC 28110.

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” II Cor. 5:17