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Cold Weather Shelter Open Christmas Eve

Ferris Hill Baptist Church will open their cold weather shelter Christmas Eve for the homeless or heatless although temperatures are not expected to drop below 40 degrees that night. Volunteers will serve a Christmas Eve dinner that evening and breakfast Christmas morning. Ferris Hill Baptist Church is located at 6848 Chaffin St. in Milton. Those who would like to stay at the shelter must arrive between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. No one will be admitted after 8:30 p.m. unless brought in by law enforcement. The shelter closes at 7 a.m. the following morning.

Santa Rosa County's cold weather shelters are operated by local churches utilizing volunteer resources and donations. They open each night when weather is forecasted to drop below 40 degrees, typically December through March. The shelters are for people who are homeless or cannot maintain heat in their home, can care for themselves, and are not at risk to themselves or others. No one will be admitted to the shelter if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, are unable to walk unaided or are disoriented.

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