

You never know what road life may have you travel down, Ms. Evelyn Harper definitely did not think she would be on the road that she is now. She and her daughter live in a home that she did not have until her mother passed away, a time in her life that she said was the hardest thing to go through and yet it was the biggest blessing because her mom left her the home. Before her mom passed away, she was homeless and now she is more than grateful to have a roof over her head. She doesn't want to think about how she would make it if she had to worry about rent out of her \$765 a month income. She is unable to work and relies on her disability to check and only visits the food pantry at Crossgates Baptist Church when it is a necessity. Right now, it is a necessity as her daughter is out of work and looking for a job – she says that when her daughter is able to help with the bills, they do not have to visit the food pantry. Ms. Evelyn always tries to visit the first week of the month to stretch the food for the month – she acknowledges that it doesn't last an entire month but she will make the most out of it before trying to find other ways to eat. While she was waiting for her food, they had extra bananas and flour – she was so excited because she bakes banana bread, her first comment was that she would be able to bless her neighbors now. As someone who has faced many hard times, she hasn't let it change her – she still smiles and believes her blessing is right around the corner.

