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TO DATE: \$1,725,154.72**



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“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...” -  
Isaiah 40:31

*Rebuilding the Lives of Homeless Men  
One Precious Soul at a Time*

**A Message from our Director:**

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”  
Philippians 2:3-4



Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Our volunteers and staff members do a marvelous job of living out these verses. They treat every one of the men who come to Calvary Rescue Mission as a family member. That's what sets Calvary apart from other shelters and that's why so many of the men at the mission consider it their home. Our volunteers and staff take a genuine interest in the lives of our men rather than treat them as a number. Just like everyone else, our homeless population doesn't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Because of Calvary,  
Dennis Rutledge

Executive Director      drut1954@comcast.net

**Our Volunteers!**



**Calvary Rescue Mission, 960 S. Third St, Memphis, TN. 38106;  
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## Client's Testimony, by Tim Schlum



Tim Smith was born and raised in Indiana, but had a very rough start to his life. He was the middle of five siblings and he and his siblings were raised by his mother and his step father, but their step father was an alcoholic who was also very abusive. Because of this, Tim took on the role of being the protector of his siblings and his mom when his step dad would rage and that meant Tim took several beatings on their behalf. Suffice to say, Tim Smith grew up very fast. He started working in carpentry and construction as a teenager and eventually made it his career. He even supervised new construction for Hilton hotels all across America. But like so many of us, when tragedy hits, it hits hard. After already losing two of his siblings, he lost his remaining three siblings in a span of eighteen months. Him and his siblings were so close and losing them felt like a huge punch in the gut to him. He wasn't a Christian at the time, but that loss made him go from apathetic to borderline resentful of God. He began asking questions like, "how could a good God allow this to happen?" He became depressed and felt hopeless. Tim got help at the Salvation Army in Memphis and was discipled by men there and Tim began accepting that there is a God and began asking questions like, "why has he left me on earth?" and "what is my purpose?" He began realizing that there had to be a reason God kept him on earth. He felt like God had something for him to accomplish that would glorify God and bless others. God blessed Tim with an awesome ability to cook and prepare delicious meals for men at the Salvation Army. He felt like feeding the people food allowed them to properly receive the spiritual food given each night at chapel service. After his time at the Salvation Army, Tim transitioned to Calvary and has now been here for a few months and is now cooking for Calvary Rescue Mission! He feels like that is his purpose right now and believes this is what God wants him to do. Lastly, Tim is a Florida Gators and Chicago Bears fan, which is proof we are all in the sanctification process.

**Needs:** Stove top stuffing mix, Cranberry sauce, Candied yams, Sweet peas.  
Work pants/jeans - All sizes, 2XL and 3XL Boxer briefs, Body wash and Deodorant

**Praise:** Please praise God that men who have almost always felt out of place because they didn't seem to fit in, can come to Calvary Rescue Mission and become a member of our Calvary family and fit in perfectly, imperfect.

**Please pray:** Please pray for our upcoming "Feed the 400" program, held on the day before Thanksgiving, where we prepare 400 "to-go" Thanksgiving dinners and deliver them into the neighborhood around the mission. The median income in our zip code (38106) is lower than 99.2% of all zip codes in the United States. The vast majority of our neighbors simply cannot afford to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner without our volunteers and supporters. We need boxes of Stove Top Stuffing, large cans of candied yams, sweet peas, and jellied cranberry sauce.

**Please pray:** Please pray for our upcoming Calvary Children's Christmas Celebration, held on the second Saturday in December for children from all over South Memphis, that we will have enough new toys, school supplies, activity books, crayons, cold weather items (gloves and knit caps) and bicycles to make this a special Christmas for all of the youngsters who will come to Calvary Rescue Mission that day

NEEDS  
&  
PRAYERS

YOU CAN FINANCIALLY HELP CALVARY ...  
WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A PENNY!!!

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Kroger.com.communityrewards Our No. is XV227. We would appreciate you signing up with Kroger's listing Calvary Rescue Mission as your charity so we will receive a percentage of your purchases. Last Quarter: **\$942.69**



# CRM 2024 - Thanksgiving - Feed the 400!

If you would like to serve at this event please contact Tim Schlum at 901-775-2570 ext. 5, and leave a voicemail if no one answers. The date is November 27, 2024, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Feed the 400!



## CRM's Children's Christmas!! Saturday December 14th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

We need **new, unwrapped toys, activity books, school supplies, and cold-weather wear** to gift to the neighborhood children. We also need new bikes and tricycles. Contact our Assistant Director, Tim Schlum, if you wish to volunteer to fill the gift bags or give them out.



### Memorial or Honorarium

Would you like to make a donation to either our Operating Fund or Building Fund in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone. You can fill out the information and send with your donation in the enclosed envelope.

Please contact: Hatch\_CRM@outlook.com

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Send acknowledgement to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(relationship to person)

Address to send acknowledgement:: \_\_\_\_\_



# “Volunteer Highlights”, by Dennis Rutledge



## Chicken Champions

Bob & Ann Jones

David & Christy Moore

Want to become a  
Chicken  
Champion??

Sponsor the cost of supplies (\$250) for our monthly luncheon so that all money received at that luncheon goes into our Building Fund.

## September

2024

Lodgings	2,245
Meals	6,735
Clothing	179
Saved	18

They come during Fall Break. They come during Spring Break. They bring two to three groups a week, every week during the summer. They even come whenever they can put a team together. They are Praying Pelican Missions based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and they organize and lead hundreds of weeklong mission trips around the world and in many major cities in the United States. These groups include middle schoolers to adults along with two Praying Pelican trip leaders from the missions' ministry. Those leaders, in essence, move to Memphis at the start of summer season and stay here until early August, leading two to three groups through ministry in Memphis every week and serving one to three nights of their week here preparing and serving dinner at Calvary. Some of them also lead our nightly chapel service during their time here. At any rate, every single group that comes to Memphis and serves at Calvary Rescue Mission ranks the top of their highlight of their trip to Memphis as the time that they spent at Calvary Rescue Mission!



## Our November Business Luncheon

Our November Luncheon will be **November 5th!** Election Day! Go Vote and Come Eat! Our speaker will be **Pastor Eddie Bromley, First Methodist Church Collierville!** The Luncheon begins at 11:00 a.m. Of course, we'll have Robert's famous fried chicken and all the fixing's! We look forward to seeing you all at Calvary!



**\*Due to construction of our new chapel, parking on-site is very limited for the next several months. We will direct you to other nearby locations where we will have men watching the vehicles and provide shuttles to the mission.\***

Our December Luncheon will be **on December 3rd.** Our musical program will be provided by **Cheryl Maccarino and Friends.**

**I WANT TO BE A PART OF THE MIRACLE & PROVIDE A BETTER PLACE FOR HOMELESS MEN!**

**Website: [calvaryrescuemission.org](http://calvaryrescuemission.org)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I PLEDGE TO GIVE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHLY, YEARLY for \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS (Circle One)

For a Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Enclosed is my first payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. I want to make a One Time Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**\* CRM is a Tax Exempt Charity, All donations given to Calvary are Tax Deductible. \***

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