

# July **2025**

"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:

Galatians 5:13-14 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

July is the time of year when we celebrate our freedom. July 4th is the date that we celebrate our independence from foreign rule and usually observe it by gathering with others for large meals, juicy watermelon and fireworks. These events bring us happiness, but they fall far short of the joy we receive when we serve others. We are so very blessed to have so many friends and supporters who know the joy of serving others by supporting Calvary Rescue Mission and serving the men who come through our doors.

Because of Calvary,

Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director

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#### Our Volunteers!









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## **Client's Testimony**

<u>Jessie Stuckey</u> was raised by his mother in Clarksdale, Mississippi. As a boy, she faithfully brought him to church, and his favorite hymn from those early years was "*This Little Light of Mine*." Looking back, Jessie sees how that simple song has shaped his life's mission — to let the light of Jesus shine to everyone around him. Though raised in the church, Jessie didn't come to personally know Jesus as his Lord and Savior until he was 18 years old. A friend invited him to church, where he heard the Gospel, was convicted of his sin, turned to Jesus, and was baptized. Jessie believes he was truly saved in that moment, though he admits he still wrestled with many of the same struggles and temptations as before.

Over the years, life's hardships pulled Jessie into one of his lowest valleys. He became homeless, stealing food from grocery stores just to survive, and was beginning to lose hope. His relationship with his son also became strained and distant — a relationship we continue to pray will one day be fully restored.

But even in that dark season, God surrounded Jessie with "good Samaritans" — kind strangers who reminded him that his story wasn't over. By God's grace, Jessie found his way to Calvary Rescue Mission, where he began the slow and steady work of rebuilding his life.

Today, at 61 years old, Jessie is thriving. He has fallen in love with the Word of God, studying it diligently. In chapel services, he's known for his joyful and hearty "Amen!" when truth is preached. And just as he sang as a little boy, Jessie is letting the light of Jesus shine — encouraging and uplifting the other men at Calvary by his faith and example.

Jessie has grown mightily through the work of the Holy Spirit. And as our friend Frank Sinatra once said, we truly believe: *the best is yet to come*.

# NEEDS & PRAYERS

**Needs:** Please pray for our supply of napkins and paper towels to be replenished as we serve breakfast and dinner each day and are averaging 70% capacity.

**Praise:** Please praise God for providing such a beautiful chapel for the men who call Calvary Rescue Mission their home (both now and in the future). We truly tried to keep it simple, but God had other plans.

**Please pray:** Please also praise God for so many people who helped pay for our new chapel and those who sponsored windows, bought pews, and provided pianos, a new pulpit, Bibles, hymnals and more.

**Please pray:** Please pray for our supply of bottled water and canned drinks to be replenished, to help the men stay hydrated during the upcoming hot weather.

**Please pray:** Please pray especially for so many lives that will be forever changed by attending a chapel service in the new Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel.

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

If you shop at Kroger you can register for your Kroger Rewards Card at:

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: **\$893.13** 

## The Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel Update ...

On Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 2:00pm, we will have a Dedication Service in the new Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel. Our Board of Directors wanted the service to be available to as many of our friends and supporters as possible. There are many of you who are unable to attend our Monthly Luncheons due your work schedule. There are also some who won't come to the mission at night out of safety concerns. We are all hopeful that many of you will be able to attend this service to see our beautiful new chapel and hear about some of its features.

Come and see what God has done.













Calvary Rescue Mission is a nonprofit ministry whose goal is to reach homeless men with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and provide temporary shelter, food and clothing to those who are in need. Last year over **391** men made decisions to follow Jesus Christ.

#### **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

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## "Volunteer Highlights" ...



<u>Chicken</u> Champions:

> 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.

> MAY 2025

Lodgings 2,172

Meals 6,525 Clothing 218

Saved 46

In **2024**, there were <u>**391**</u> men who made decisions to follow Christ!

We always love it when the members of **Gray's Creek Church** serve the men at Calvary Rescue Mission. They originally contacted us about serving opportunities on a regular basis but the only night that we had available at the time was a night once every three months. That didn't deter "The



Creek"! They latched onto it with gusto and are so faithful in filling "their night" at Calvary. They (Ms. Lucy) contact us in advance of their night to serve to find out

what our biggest need is at that time. When they arrive at the mission to serve, they bring a generous donation to cover our current need, they bring a prepared meal, they serve the meal, and they lead a great chapel service. In addition to their regular night to serve, when they heard about our Feed the 400

program, their men volunteered to deliver meals and then got busy in covering more of the needs of our men.

Gray's Creek Church continues to reach out to those in need. This summer they partnered with the YMCA to provide week-long meals to 300+

needy families in Memphis and Shelby County. Gray's Creek Church has ministry that reaches far outside the walls of their building in Arlington, TN.



# Our Upcoming Annual Fundraising Dinner and Business Luncheons

#### ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Our Dinner will be Friday, September 19, 2025 at Woodland Hills Event Center, 10,000 Woodland Hills Drive, Cordova, TN. 38018, at 7:00 pm. Those that are interested in attending this event please contact, Kathy Hatcher and send your request to Hatch\_CRM@outlook.com.

Our September Luncheon will be <u>September 9th!</u> The Luncheon begins at 11:20 a.m. Of course, we'll have our famous fried chicken and all the fixing's! We look forward to seeing you all at Calvary! (Construction on the Chapel is nearly complete. Therefore parking on site has improved and most parking spaces behind our gates are available.)

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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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