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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:

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalms 95 :1-2



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas and Thanksgiving and New Years Day make for such a joyous time of year for most people. Family gatherings and events with friends make it such a festive time of the year. The true meaning of the joy that we have during this time has nothing to do with the presents that we receive and everything to do with His presence in our hearts. As this scripture points out, He is "the Rock of our Salvation". He deserves ALL of our praise every single minute of every hour of every day! He offers us the most valuable gift we could ever want, and it is absolutely free to all mankind if we will only accept it.

From all of us at Calvary Rescue Mission, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and joyous New Year!

Because of Calvary, Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director director@calvaryrescuemission.org (new email address)



Our Volunteers!



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Client's Testimony, by Tim Schlum



Michael Posey was born into chaos. To say he had a difficult upbringing would be an understatement. He was badly abused as a young boy and eventually ran away from home. He married for the first time when he was just 17 and a year later he and his wife were pregnant with their first baby; they were so excited to meet their baby girl. Sadly, when their precious baby girl was delivered, the doctors diagnosed the baby with spinal meningitis, which had no cure back then. Mr. Posey had to bury his baby girl, which broke him badly, both emotionally and spiritually. He had heard about God, but determined at this point in his life that if God was real he didn't want anything to do with Him because of what had happened to his baby girl. Michael fell into a deep depression because of the loss of his baby and his marriage began to suffer because of all that was going on. Michael eventually tried to kill himself and ended up in a mental institution to get help. The mental institution helped as an immediate band-aid, but never got to the root issue in his life. When he got out of the mental institution, he began using meth and cocaine to manage his negative thoughts. During this period of his life he had 5 children with 3 different women. For him, drugs and women were a way to deal with his negative reality. Michael's drug use turned into drug dealing which landed him in prison for 5 years. Michael got out of prison and became motivated to live differently. He developed a new vision for his life. He wanted to be sober and get healthy for his children so that he could be a part of their lives again! Here's where the story gets amazing: Michael has now been sober for 1 year. He came to Calvary Rescue Mission 4 months ago, surrendered his life to the Lord during a Calvary Chapel Service, and just last month came on staff as a Dorm Monitor! His motivation to be healthy for his kids is what started his recovery, but now his motivation is for the Lord, too! He is praying about how to reintroduce himself to his kids in the very near future. Praise God for the work He does in our lives!

Needs: Please pray for our hygiene items and newcomer hygiene packs to be replenished as we are getting more and more newcomers every week in need of bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo/body wash, and washcloths. Please pray for our supply of individually wrapped snacks (chips, dessert cakes, etc) to keep up with the demand of serving more men each night after chapel service;

Praise: Praise God for people who are willing and desire to help men stay in a shelter rather than leave them to try to survive on the streets.

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.

Please pray: Please pray especially for those who truly desire to help someone stay at the mission, that our Lord will give them discernment to identify when someone is truly open to help and when they are being used for access to money to be used for dark purposes. Please pray that they will still help, but not make the funds available to be used in the wrong way.

NEEDS & PRAYERS

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: **\$930.12**

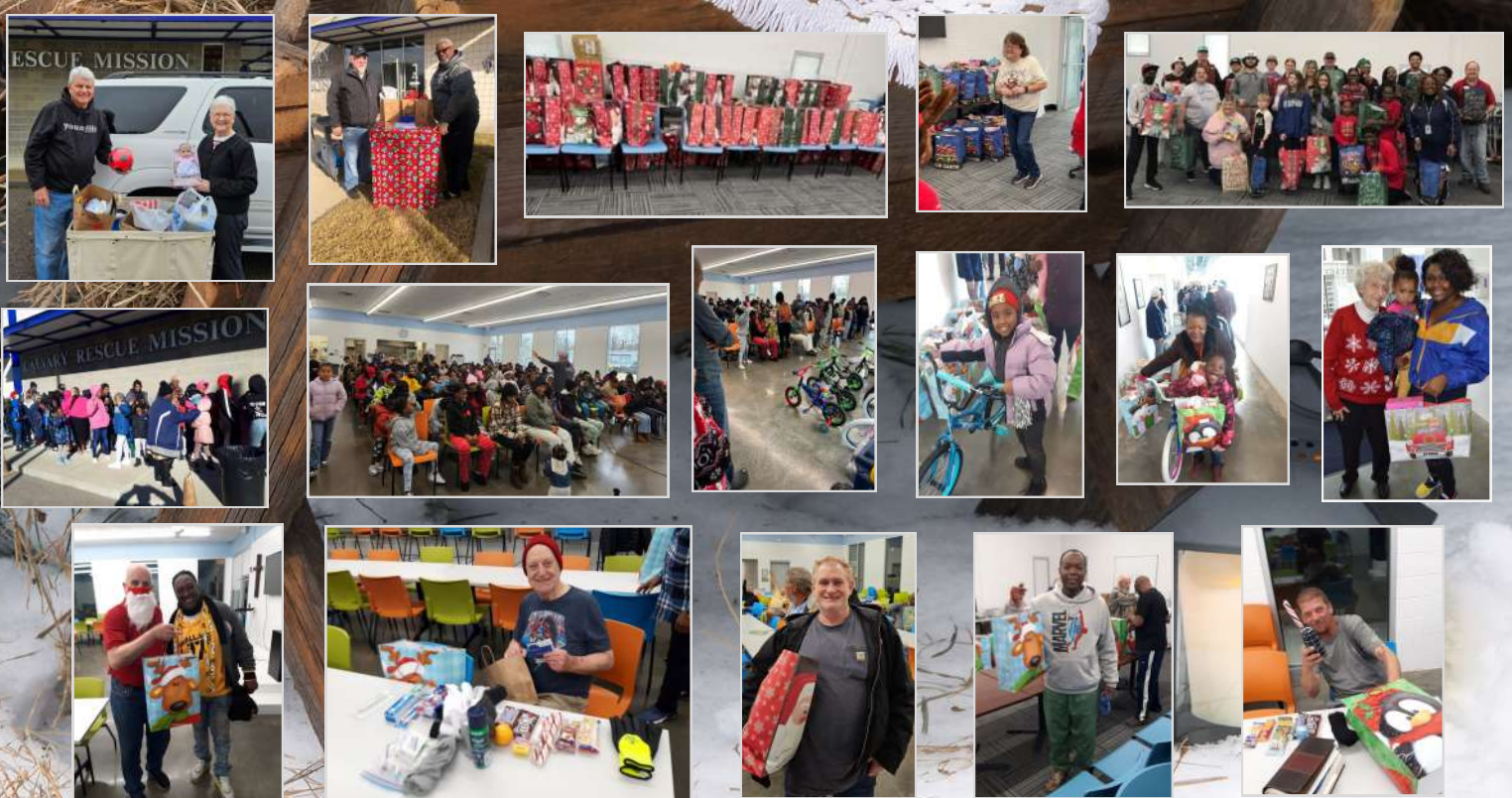
CRM 2024 - Children's Christmas!! Saturday December 14th!

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

Please pray for our Calvary Children's Christmas Celebration to be held on December 14th. We need new, unwrapped Toys, children's books, activity books, coloring books, crayons, school supplies, bicycles, tricycles and gloves and knit caps for cold weather for ages 2 to 12.

Please pray for our Calvary Men's Christmas Celebration to be held on December 19, that we will have enough gloves, knit caps, warm socks, oranges, apples, candy canes/peppermint sticks, and other treats for the men to enjoy.

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 _____

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Address to send acknowledgement:: _____

“Volunteer Highlights”, by Dennis Rutledge



Our Volunteer Profile this month is on a couple of volunteers who are actually new to serving the community of Calvary Rescue Mission. Randy Jackson, from The Green Beetle on South Main Street, Memphis, contacted me in early September with a desire to collect food and hygiene items to donate to Calvary to help with our Feed the 400 program. Randy and his friend, Matthew Bramlett, went to work getting donations from patrons, friends and competing downtown restaurants to provide the necessary supplies for our pre-Thanksgiving outreach. By the first of November, they had collected cases upon cases of canned vegetables, cases of canned fruit, lots of Stove Top Stuffing, cases of cranberry sauce, boxes of rice, razors, deodorant, men's shoes, and multiple cases of much-needed paper products. Quite a haul for a first-time effort.

Mr. Jackson said he first learned about Calvary Rescue Mission when he was looking for a good place to donate some clothes. He did an internet search of several organizations but was drawn to the programs offered by Calvary. He donated the clothing but wanted to be more involved in reaching out to our neighborhood. When we talked about all of the donated food, he commented, "Now, on to collecting toys for the Calvary Children's Christmas Celebration."



Chicken Champions

Bill & Marsha Thompson
David & Christy Moore
Carol Simpson

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.

October

2024

Lodgings	2,400
Meals	7,200
Clothing	353
Saved	33

Our December Business Luncheon

Our December Luncheon will be **December 3rd!** Our musical program will be provided by **Cheryl Maccarino and Debbie Kines!** Cheryl Maccarino, a life-long Memphian, has played professionally for over 40 years. She currently plays in a jazz group, teaches piano, and is the pianist at Central Church. Debbie Kines, a seasoned soprano with a varied professional music background in Opera, Broadway, swing & jazz.



The Luncheon begins at 11:20 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 January Luncheon will be **January 7th!** Our own **Tim Schlum**, Assistant Director of Calvary, will be our Speaker! Come and enjoy great fellowship and delicious food!

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

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

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