



August  
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:

Psalms 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!



We are so incredibly blessed to have a new chapel and to be able to worship our Lord in it. Everything about it has turned out beautiful and it is a place that is worthy of worshipping our King. The acoustics in the sanctuary are fantastic and the men at Calvary Rescue Mission love to sing out nice and loud with a joyful noise. It is a place that just makes you want to worship our Creator and Sustainer.

Come and see what God has done and is doing at Calvary Rescue Mission.

Because of Calvary,

Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director

Chief@calvaryrescue.org



Our Volunteers!



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## Client's Testimony

David Downs, the ninth of ten children, was born on a Navy base in Charleston, South Carolina, and was raised in Frayser, TN after his family moved to the Navy base in Millington when he was three years old. Though brought up in church, David's life took a difficult turn at age 15 when his father died of a heart attack. Grieving and confused, he turned to drugs and alcohol, drifting away from his faith.

Years later, David married a woman named Sharna who helped him reconnect with the Lord. Unfortunately, their marriage ended after David was unfaithful. Heartbroken and filled with regret, he returned to substance abuse and spent the next 20 years as a functioning addict, working long hours in construction just to get by. In his 30s, the death of his mother deeply impacted him. She had often told him to get his life straight and warned him that he would miss her when she was gone. Though her passing prompted some attempts to return to church, David continued to struggle, repeatedly falling back into addiction.

David first came to Calvary Rescue Mission in 1995 after seeing the building from a bus and walking in to speak with Barry Compton. He was looking for help to get clean. While Calvary supports sobriety, our main mission is to provide a safe, stable place for homeless men to live as they work to rebuild their lives. As a working man's mission, we offer men the freedom to work or visit family during the day. However, that freedom can be difficult for men in recovery, as it often opens the door to old temptations. That was David's story—coming and going from Calvary for nearly 30 years, caught in a recurring cycle of addiction and struggle.

But last March 2024, everything changed. David checked in once again—this time with a serious commitment to surrender his life to Christ, get sober, and truly follow the Lord. He repented, was disciplined, and was baptized at Berclair Baptist Church last summer. Since then, he has remained faithful in his walk with Christ. He regularly attends Berclair and has been asked to serve as a door greeter or help with lawn care—roles he's genuinely excited about as he continues to grow in faith and purpose.

David joined the staff at Calvary about a year ago and now serves faithfully in the kitchen. He asks for continued prayer—for lasting sobriety, a strong walk with the Lord, and, Lord willing, a future godly wife to finish the race with.



## NEEDS & PRAYERS

**Needs:** Please pray for our supply of Breakfast Sausage, Biscuits and Ground Beef. We also need shower shoes size M – XL, Twin Blade Razors, and Boxer Briefs size M/L/XL.

**Praise:** Please praise God that we are able to connect the men who come to Calvary Rescue Mission with much needed medical care when they have medical needs arise.

**Please pray:** Please pray for our supply of smaller-waisted work pants, any length, to be replenished. We are currently completely out of every waist size less than 38.

**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 that our supply of shoes (every size) to be replenished so that we can provide much needed footwear to those who come to Calvary Rescue Mission seeking shelter.

*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**



## ***CRM 2025 Annual Fundraising Banquet***

**SEPTEMBER 19th, 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. - Calvary Rescue Mission  
2025 Annual Fundraising Banquet!**

**Woodland Hills Event Center.**

**Speaker & Special Music - Danny Cosby**

**Magnificent Event Center, featuring fabulous food.**

**No Charge to attend, Love Offering to be collected.**



**If you would like to come to the Banquet or Host a Table please contact Kathy Hatcher: Hatch\_CRM@outlook.com or call 901-461-5630.**

**Mark your calendars for September 19, 2025**

## **Dedication Service for the Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel**



### **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"



### **Chicken Champions:**

David & Christy Moore

B'rit Hadasha

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.

JUNE

2025

Lodgings	2,166
Meals	6,498
Clothing	240
Saved	10

In **2024**, there were **391** men who made decisions to follow Christ!

Even though our Chapel Dedication Service wasn't held until July 20th, our first service in the new chapel was held on July 3rd. Since the chapel was built for the men who come to Calvary Rescue Mission, we wanted them to be the first to worship there. During our weekly staff meeting on Tuesday, we decided that we had everything needed to hold chapel services in the new building, but we needed a couple of days to put everything in place. It was decided that we could start having chapel in our new building on Thursday, July 3rd. The first Thursday of each month is Frank Sizemore's regular night to preach at Calvary Rescue Mission, so he gave the very first message delivered there.

Frank Sizemore has served at Calvary Rescue Mission since he came with his Sunday School Class (Galileans at Central Church) in 2007. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Calvary Rescue Mission and is currently our board secretary.



## *Monthly Business Luncheons*

*Our September Luncheon will be **September 9th!** 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!*

*Speaker - Albert Edwards, Exec. Dir of Alpha Omega Veteran Services*

*October 7th, Speaker - Todd Payne, BOTT Radio Network*

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

**Website: calvaryrescuemission.org**

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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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