



October
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:

Psalm 149:1 Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

We are so very thankful for everyone who attended our annual banquet last month and especially those who helped sponsor it. It is always a joy to have fellowship with our friends and supporters who attended. We got to visit with each other, enjoy great food, hear some powerful testimonies, and praise our Lord together through words and song. We are also thankful that so many of those attending blessed us by partnering with the mission through helping fund this ministry. We praise God for providing so many people who help keep the dream of Milton and Betty Hatcher alive.

Because of Calvary,
Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director
Chief@calvaryrescue.org



Our Volunteers!



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Client's Testimony

Preston Deener

Born and raised in Memphis, Preston Deener spent his earliest years with his grandmother, who faithfully taught him the Bible. His father was in and out of jail, and his mother, his greatest source of love and stability, died of HIV when he was only thirteen. Her death shattered him and left a deep emptiness.

In his grief and anger, Preston joined a gang at thirteen and quickly turned to crime. At seventeen, he was convicted of a serious crime and sentenced to thirteen and a half years in prison. For his first three years behind bars, he had no interest in God. "If there is a God, I am angry with Him," he admitted.

God was still at work. Preston and five other young men were unexpectedly transferred into a unit filled with men in their forties and older, whom he referred to as the "old heads." These older inmates began to mentor him and encouraged him to explore faith. They introduced him to Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Rastafarianism, and Christianity. As Preston studied, the truths his grandmother had taught him about Jesus came back to mind. Several Christian men began reading Scripture and praying with him, patiently pointing him to Christ. Seeds of faith were planted. Released in 2016, Preston remained hardened and angry. Years later, in 2023, tragedy struck at a McDonald's when he took someone's life. Although the act was ruled legally justified, the experience shook him to his core. Facing the possibility of a 15 to 60-year sentence, he realized how fragile life is and how close he had come to death. He became convinced that God had spared him and given him another chance.

In the aftermath, Preston poured out his heart in prayer, asking God for forgiveness and surrendering to Jesus in a deep and life-changing way. He points to this moment as the true turning point of his conversion, a clear work of God's deliverance and grace.

In November 2024, Preston began attending Calvary Rescue Mission, where his faith has continued to grow steadily. By September 2025, he joined the staff as a dorm monitor, eager to serve and continue maturing as a follower of Jesus.

Preston is a young believer who is being actively disciplined. Pray that his walk with the Lord will remain fruitful as he learns to submit more and more to the ways of Jesus. Pray for strength and perseverance as he rebuilds his life on the only foundation that will last forever, the solid Rock of Christ.



NEEDS & PRAYERS

Needs: Please pray for our supply of Ground Beef, Coffee, and Individual snacks and chips. We also need White Bath Towels, Deodorant and Bar soap. Please pray for our supply of breakfast items (large eggs, bacon, sausage, and coffee) to keep with demand as we feed the men breakfast every morning.

Praise: Please praise God for our many faithful volunteers who serve month after month and year after year to share God's Word on their nights at Calvary Rescue Mission.

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. We need boxes of Stove Top Stuffing, large cans of candied yams, sweet peas, and jellied cranberry sauce.

Please pray: Please pray for our many friends to start collecting new unwrapped toys, activity books, coloring books, crayons and more for this year's Calvary Children's Christmas Celebration to be held on December 13th (weather permitting).

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 September 2025 Luncheon



Feed the 400!!

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.

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.

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____
(relationship to person)

Address to send acknowledgement:: _____

“Volunteer Highlights”



Chicken Champions:

Bob & Julia Dean
 Lou & Kat Marshall
 Jimmy & Jan McElroy

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.

August

2025

Lodgings	2,419
Meals	7,557
Clothing	273
Saved	52

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

Phil Weatherwax (aka Brother Phil or Moose as Dr Adrian Rogers called him) has been a faithful volunteer for Calvary Rescue Mission for many years where he has led many men to faith in Christ. He has also led teams in Prison Ministry in Tennessee and Arkansas for many years. Brother Phil loves to tell people about Jesus.

Brother Phil had a regular night each month where he came to Calvary Rescue Mission to preach God's Word. He began cancelling preaching on his regular night to care for his wife who was battling a long illness. We eventually had to give his night to someone else to allow him to care for wife. Following her passing, he was able to return to preaching but all that we had available at that time was the fifth Monday night when there is one (only four times a year). Brother Phil has also written a Gospel tract (titled "The Gift") that we use to share with everyone who receives a Thanksgiving plate at our "Feed the 400" program (held each year on the day before Thanksgiving).



Monthly Business Luncheons

*Our October Luncheon will be **October 7th!** 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 - Todd Payne, BOTT Radio Network

Our November 4th Luncheon speaker will be Mark Whitby, President of CRM Board of Directors.

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