



**March
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:

Romans 12:4-5, For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.



Through the prayers and efforts of a throng of people, we are nearing completion of The Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel. Betty worked tirelessly for more than 50 years to keep Calvary Rescue Mission in operation and grow to serve more and more men. After our daily population exceeded our capacity in our old building's chapel, Betty's dream was to provide a new chapel that was capable of hosting larger crowds, in a setting that was worthy of worshipping our Lord. We have worked closely with architects and our contractor to be sure that her dream is realized. It is taking all of us, working closely together to see that her dream is fulfilled.

Because of Calvary,

Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director
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Our Volunteers!



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Client's Testimony, by Tim Schlum

George Barton was born and raised in West Memphis, Arkansas, but as a kid, George bounced around from his parents house to his grandparents and godparents house all the time. His parents weren't very involved in his life. George had a very tough childhood and young adulthood. When George was 25, he met a lady while he was working at Hershey's here in Memphis. They started dating, they got pregnant, and had their son, Kylan Barton. Kylan is now 13 and after most of his life not being in a relationship with his dad they are now talking! Praise God! Relational conflict began brewing between George and his parents and siblings along with drug usage and all of that came to a head in January of last year (2024). George had a falling out with his dad, his dad called the police, and it landed him in jail for the first time. He served a couple of months in jail, got out, but landed himself back in jail after just a week when he got into another altercation with his father. He spent 86 total days in jail. By the end of the second time he was in jail, he was treated for his mental health because he was battling suicidal thoughts, depression, and anxiety. He went from one low point to another and at this point in his life he ended up sleeping on the streets. God used this low point in George's life to bring two people around him who told him about Calvary Rescue Mission and encouraged him to go and try it. The next day George showed up and Brother Barry at the front desk welcomed him with a smile and told him about Calvary! Over the last few months, George has loved his time at Calvary and has now officially been sober for the last year, is now talking to his son, and is growing immensely in his relationship with Jesus. He is eating up God's Word. Staff at the Mission have taken George under their wing and have been a blessing to him, as well. George has a servant's heart and is constantly finding ways he can help the Mission while he's here! In fact, we just brought him on staff and are excited to see how God uses him here. George is just 39 years old and is getting his life on track by the grace of God! Continue to pray for my friend George!



NEEDS & PRAYERS

Needs: Please pray for our supply of **Breakfast items (Eggs, Bacon, Ham and Sausage)** **Cleaning Supplies, Laundry detergent (HE), Dryer sheets, Hand Sanitizer wipes, and Coffee** to keep up with the demand for them as we have more and more men at the mission. 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 that in Him we can have a new identity regardless of what our past has been. In Christ we are made new!

Please pray: Please pray for the funding for our remaining furniture, fixtures and equipment to continue to come so that we can move into our new Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel debt-free.

Please pray: Please pray especially for those who define themselves by their past, not realizing that they can have a fresh start and a new life by following our Lord and Savior.

Please pray: Please pray for the construction of our new chapel to continue safely and as scheduled so that we can begin having chapel services in there very soon.

***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](https://www.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: **\$1,000.10**

The Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel Update ...

The Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel is rapidly taking shape as construction is not far from being completed. The exterior brick and concrete are now complete. The flooring has been installed, and the pews will be delivered and installed soon. So will our new stained-glass windows. In the lobby, there will be an area identifying those who donated \$2500 or more towards those beautiful windows. At the recommendation of a dear friend, we have expanded that recognition area to include names of individuals, families and groups who wish to sponsor a pew. We will have **24 pews** (12 on each side), with each pew costing **\$2100** finished and installed. If you, your family, your Sunday School class, or your business would like to have your name in this recognition area, OR, if you wish to have a loved one honored or memorialized in such a way, we have 24 opportunities for you to do so. Please let us know quickly as there are only **23** more pews available. Please let us know by April 15th so we can put the name on the sponsor board.



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

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____
(relationship to person)

Address to send acknowledgement:: _____

“Volunteer Highlights”, by Dennis Rutledge



Chicken Champions:

Bill & Marsha

Thompson

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.

January

2025

Lodgings	2,096
Meals	6,288
Clothing	110
Saved	30

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

Two years ago, this past month, a new church was born in Collierville, Tennessee. That was the beginning of First Methodist Church of Collierville. They currently meet at Collierville Funeral Home but have purchased property on Houston Levee Road for a near-future home.



I was so very blessed to be the first invited guest to speak at their Men's Breakfast and told them about Calvary Rescue Mission. During that first meeting, the men decided that they wanted to serve a meal at Calvary. After that first service opportunity, the men decided to serve a meal that they provided and prepared. They now provide the meal and serve dinner at least once every three months, and this past month they introduced some of their youth to serving at Calvary Rescue Mission with plans to include them on a regular basis. Even though First Methodist Church of Collierville is a newly formed congregation, they are actively involved in serving others.

Our March Business Luncheon

*Our March Luncheon will be **March 4th!** Our Luncheon Speaker will be **Pepper Horn!** He is an Elder with Harvest Church. 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 April 1st Luncheon - Open House - Speaker will be Dr. Gregg Hauss! He is the Director of Missions At Fayette Baptist Association.

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

Website: 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 \$ _____.

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