# RESCUE MISSION

# September 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 9:10 And those who know your name put their

for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

It is an exciting time at Calvary Rescue Mission since we opened the Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel on July 3rd. Men are coming into the chapel early to pray, read

their Bible and prepare their hearts to hear from God's Word. Each night the men are singing out loudly and responding to our Lord's call to follow Him during our nightly service. It is wonderful to hear the men praise our Lord and sing out praises to Him, but the real joy comes from seeing their lives change once they surrender to God's will and follow Him.

We praise God daily for all that He has done and continues to do at Calvary Rescue Mission.

Because of Calvary,

Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director

Chief@calvaryrescue.org

#### Our Volunteers!





















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#### **Client's Testimony**

Stanley Brooks was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, and grew up with one brother, two sisters, one stepsister, and two stepbrothers. When Stanley was just a year or two old, his mother left his biological father because of his alcoholism and physical abuse. Not long after, she married the man who would raise Stanley as his own. Stanley would not meet his biological father until he was 15.

Stanley describes his upbringing as "good" in some ways, but his family lived on a lower income, had no church involvement, and the children largely raised themselves during the day while their parents worked. That kind of "freedom" opened the door to dangerous influences. At only six years old, Stanley was introduced to marijuana by his oldest brother and sister. By the age of seven or eight, he was also drinking alcohol, and by his teenage years, his substance use had escalated to meth, pills, and other hard drugs.



Stanley dropped out of high school in the 11th grade. The person he loved most was his oldest sister, Lisa. Her life was filled with abuse from her husband and heavy drug use. Eventually, she overdosed and died, a loss that devastated Stanley.

Years later, Stanley married a woman also named Lisa, and they had a daughter, Katelyn. When Katelyn was born 15 years ago, Stanley knew something had to change. However, his addictions and anger persisted, which led to the collapse of his marriage. After the divorce, Stanley's life unraveled even further as he faced multiple arrests for public drunkenness, DUIs, and domestic violence. He sank into deep suicidal despair.

One morning, while drunk in a motel and planning to jump off a bridge into oncoming traffic, Stanley met a woman who urged him to enter Teen Challenge. By God's grace, he agreed. Through that Christian recovery program, Stanley came to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and began walking in sobriety.

While still in the program, the same woman who had encouraged him to go to Teen Challenge called to say she was dying of cancer. She told Stanley she had completed the mission God gave her, which included helping him find Jesus, and left him with the words, "Now go and live for the Lord."

God rescued Stanley from destruction and gave him a new heart. He graduated Teen Challenge, stayed longer for stability, and in April 2025 came to Calvary Rescue Mission. Today, he serves faithfully on our kitchen staff, has reconnected with his daughter, and even asked for more to be withheld from his paycheck so he can better provide for her.

This month, Stanley turns 52. All glory to God for His saving work through Jesus Christ.

Please pray for his reconciliation to continue to grow with his daughter and for the Lord to continue drawing him nearer and nearer to The Empty Tomb where any can find true life.

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.

**Praise:** Please pray for us to identify enough Table Hosts and their friends to fill every seat at every table at our Annual Fundraising Banquet on September 19th at Woodland Hills Event Center.

<u>Please pray:</u> 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.

<u>Please pray:</u> 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 2025 Annual Fundraising Banquet

SEPTEMBER 19th, 7 p.m. - Calvary Rescue Mission

<u> 2025 Annual Fundraising Banquet!</u>

Woodland Hills Event Center.

Speaker & Special Music - Danny Cosby

Magnificent Event Center, featuring fabulous food.
No Charge to attend, Love Offering to be collected.





I once was lost, but now I'm found. Through homelessness, drugs & prison, God never gave up on me-- Don't give up on yourself! - Danny Cosby

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

#### 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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Address to send acknowledgement::

# "Volunteer Highlights"



#### <u>Chicken</u> <u>Champions:</u>

Wayne & Laura Lowrie
David A. & Christy Moore
Jim S. Forbis

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. We always enjoy a visit from our friends from Pine Grove Baptist Church from Hickory Flat, Mississippi. They share the first Monday night of every month with two other groups so that each group comes to Calvary Rescue Mission once every three months. This method of rotation allows more people to know the joy of serving the



men at the mission without placing a burden on one group. This is especially true for groups like Pine Grove Baptist who have a one hundred fifty-mile round trip to serve at Calvary.

When our friends from Pine Grove Baptist come to Calvary, they are in charge of the entire

night. They typically spend much of their day at their church preparing a fried chicken dinner with sides and a variety of homecooked, delicious cakes. Once they clean up the kitchen and dining room, they conduct our nightly chapel service, leading worship and sharing God's Word. Before returning to Hickory Flat on their church bus, they visit with the men and pray with them. It is always a joy to be visited by our friends from Pine Grove Baptist Church.







## **Monthly Business Luncheons**

JULY
\_2025

Lodgings 2,370

Meals 7,110

Clothing 403

Saved 64

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

Our September Luncheon will be **September 9th!** The Luncheon begins at 11:**2**0 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!

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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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