

“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:

Isaiah 57:10 You were wearied with the length of your way, but you did not say, “It is hopeless”; you found new life for your strength, and so you were not faint.

Dear friends,

As we begin another new year, I get excited as I consider the number of lives that are changed every year after coming to Calvary Rescue Mission. God has done many amazing things in this place and He continues to do so. It would likely surprise you to know the number of times a week that we are told, "Calvary saved my life!" Many men express that they had completely lost all hope when they first arrived at the mission. Some of them had even decided to take their own life and had planned out how to do it. But after hearing about God's love for them and feeling His presence they put those plans aside and follow Him with a renewed strength. Many come here hopeless but soon learn that the only Hope for any of us is found only in Christ Jesus.

Because of Calvary,

Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director



Our Volunteers!



Client's Testimony

John Taylor was mainly raised in Renzi, Mississippi, and has lived in that general area his entire life, including time spent in Memphis. He grew up in a strong family environment with loving relatives. John, his mother, and his siblings lived with his grandmother and great-grandmother. His father was a Vietnam War veteran. Before his deployment, his father did not struggle with alcohol, but after returning from the war, he became an alcoholic. This coincided with John's mother becoming pregnant with him. The alcoholism contributed to his parents' divorce before John was even born. Later in life, his father found faith and repented from his alcoholism.

John was raised in the church and brought up to be God-fearing, learning early lessons in right and wrong. He grew up with two brothers, two sisters, and two half-brothers.

Life became challenging for John at the age of twelve when he was introduced to alcohol by an older friend. His drinking escalated quickly, and at twelve, he suffered alcohol poisoning, a near-fatal experience. Unfortunately, his struggle with alcohol continued into adulthood, leading to repeated partying, lost jobs, and significant financial difficulties over the years.

Now 55 years old, John has experienced a dramatic transformation through faith. His life took a major turn when he came to Calvary Rescue Mission, where his faith deepened and he recommitted his life to the Lord. He has been sober for nearly two years and continues to build a new, faith-centered life.

John is a father of three children: a 26-year-old son, a 22-year-old daughter, and a 19-year-old son, and he is also a grandfather to two granddaughters. After years of difficult behavior and alcoholism, he is now rebuilding relationships with his children, who have warmly welcomed him back into their lives.

At Calvary, John joined a Bible study titled *"Christmas According to Moses,"* which he says has significantly strengthened his faith. One key takeaway for him was the example of Moses's unwavering faith in the Lord. John also notes that he has read the Bible more during his time at Calvary than at any other point in his life. Recently, he began serving on staff at the mission, further committing to a life of service and discipleship.

John's advice to those struggling with addiction mirrors his own journey: *"You're somebody. You're God's child. You can get off drugs and drinking with Him. Trust God. Be disciplined. Don't drown your sorrows in the bottle; give your sorrow to the Son. He will turn your life around."*

Please pray for John's continued sobriety, and even more importantly, pray that the Bible studies he is participating in draw him closer to the One who not only restores sober minds but also saves sinful souls. What a beautiful Savior we serve!



NEEDS & PRAYERS

Needs: Please pray for our supply of individual snacks and chips. We also need white bath towels, deodorant, bar soap, and paper towels.

Praise: Praise God that so many of our first responders genuinely care about all of our citizens regardless of their social status, ethnicity, religion, or any other characteristics.

Please pray: Please pray for our supply of disposable, twin-blade or triple-blade razors to be replenished to keep up with demand.

Please pray: Please pray for our supply of men's boxer briefs, especially medium, large, 2X and 3X sizes, to keep up with demand of new arrivals nearly every day.

Please pray: Please pray especially for people who are living under bridges, in tents, in abandoned buildings, in cars, and in other secret places during this dangerously cold weather that God will protect them and guide them to a place of safety.

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Last Quarter: **\$1,039.59**

Volunteer's Continued



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)

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"Volunteer Highlights"



Chicken Champions:

Marsha Ramsey

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.

Linda McKinley has helped with our annual Calvary Children's Christmas Celebration for 25 years. She started out bringing her children to help hand out gift bags and then added bringing friends from Brighton Baptist Church. When she found out that we pack the bags on the Thursday before our Celebration on Saturday, she brought a vanload of friends to help with that as well. Every year she brings friends and toys to go in the bags. Then she returns with friends on Saturday to organize and direct the volunteers who hand out the bags of gifts to the children as they come through the line. She truly loves doing this and seeing the smiles and excitement on all the children's faces. However, the fried chicken luncheon that we provide the volunteers who help is an added bonus! Thanks again, Linda, for a job well done!



November

2025

Lodgings	2,470
Meals	7,410
Clothing	197
Saved	30

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

Monthly Business Luncheons

*Our January Luncheon will be **January 6th!**
The Luncheon begins at 11:20 a.m. Of course, we'll have our
famous fried chicken and all the fixin's!
We look forward to seeing you all at Calvary!*

Speaker– Chuck Mann

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