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2026



“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 3:3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

Dear friends,

On April 1, 1967, Milton and Betty Hatcher opened the doors of Calvary Rescue Mission and they’ve remained open every night since. The location of the mission has changed several times but Milton’s purpose for the mission still remains the same. He wanted to provide a safe, over-night haven for men who had lost all hope, feed them, clothe them, and share the hope that we all know in Christ Jesus. As we celebrate our 59th anniversary, we reflect on the number of lives that have been forever changed by coming to Calvary Rescue Mission. Since Milton and Betty first opened the doors more than 31,000 souls have prayed for salvation here. God has been so very good to Calvary Rescue Mission.



Because of Calvary,
Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director



Praying Pelicans, Spring Arbor, MI



Harvest Church

Our Volunteers!



Crossroads Baptist Church



Abundant Grace Fellowship Church

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Client's Testimony - Allen Jones

Allen Jones was born in 1959 and raised in Hughes, Arkansas, in deep poverty. His mother faithfully brought him to church each week, while his father worked long hours but was largely absent. Allen grew up with two brothers and one sister, in a time and place marked by racial hardship. He remembers his father chopping cotton from sunrise to sunset for just \$3 a day, and later Allen was working up to 100 hours a week for very little pay.

As a teenager, Allen began heading down a difficult path. He dropped out of school in the 11th grade, fell in with the wrong crowd, and spent 90 days in juvenile detention for theft. Instead of returning to school, he left home and went to work.

In 1987, Allen was introduced to drugs by his own brother. What began with pills quickly led to crack cocaine, and addiction took hold for the next 26 years of his life. During that time, he was admitted to mental health institutions 21 times and diagnosed with various conditions. Allen describes this season as one of deep spiritual darkness, combined with drug and alcohol abuse.

In 1990, Allen moved to Memphis for work, holding jobs at Specialty Feed and through temp agencies. He was a hard worker, but addiction continued to control his life. Though he sent some money to support the mothers of his nine children, much of his income went toward drugs. He lived in a downtown bunkhouse and maintained what many would call a "functional" addiction.

Allen first came to Calvary Rescue Mission in 2000 but came and went for years due to ongoing drug use. In 2005, he began staying more consistently and sitting under the regular preaching of the Gospel in nightly chapel services. Over time, God began to transform his life. Though struggles remained, his seasons of sobriety grew longer, showing a steady movement toward Christ.

In 2013, by God's grace, Allen fully surrendered his life to Jesus Christ and was delivered from addiction. Since then, he has remained completely sober. He now speaks of a renewed mind and a deep hunger for God's Word. Where he once craved drugs, he now walks in freedom with the Lord.

Today, Allen faithfully serves at Calvary Rescue Mission by tending the garden, mowing the grass, and caring for the property. God has also restored his relationships, and he now has a meaningful connection with his nine children and twenty grandchildren.

Allen asks for prayer for his health, as he needs knee replacement surgery and is concerned about the recovery. Please also pray for his children and grandchildren, and that his story will encourage others still struggling with the same things he used to struggle with.

Let us thank God for His powerful grace in the life of Allen Jones.



NEEDS & PRAYERS

Needs: Please pray for our supply of individual snacks, chips, fresh fruit and vegetables, Instant oatmeal, rolls of paper towels, hand sanitizer wipes, breakfast sausages, cereal, and dinner meats (ground beef, chicken, pork loin and pork chops) to keep up with the demand as we are averaging 80 men each night for dinner. Face towels, deodorant, boxer briefs (Med and 2XL), pants 30" - 34".

Please pray: God would comfort men who are staying at Calvary and have suffered severe hardship in their lives.

Please pray: Shoe donations. (Men's sizes 9-13 are our most popular size).

Please pray: Please pray for more local churches to get involved by 'owning a night' at Calvary Rescue Mission. This involves providing the meal, serving the meal, and leading a chapel service.

Please pray: Please pray for someone who has a beef contact to get in touch with us as the price of beef has skyrocketed in grocery stores and we are in need of a good contact where we can buy meat for a cheaper price or have some meat donated.

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: **\$1,001.90**

Volunteer's Continued



Central Church



Praying Pelicans,
Asbury Church, Tulsa, OK



Barnhart Crane & Rigging



Praying Pelicans, Living Word Church, Grapevine, TX



Bellevue Baptist Church

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:

Robert & Julia Dean
Peggy Grant
William & Merle Todd

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.

February

2026

Lodgings	2,223
Meals	6,669
Clothing	221
Saved	50

In 2025, there were **523**
men who made decisions to
follow Christ!

Our Volunteer Highlight this month is about a new (unnamed) donor. For the past few months we have included a request for prayers in our weekly Prayer Letters and monthly newsletters for a gently-used pickup that we could afford. Our old truck had 260,000 miles on it and had many mechanical issues. We need a truck to haul supplies and donations.

Last month we received a phone call from a new found friend who said that he and his wife had been praying about helping us fill this need. He had learned about our request from a mutual friend who is a Missions Committee member at his church. He sent a link to a 2023 Ford F-150 with 4 wheel drive and only 28,000 miles saying that he wanted us to get a truck that would serve us for at least 15 years. With this generous donation (30,000) and a \$5,000 additional grant for the truck, we were able to replace our old pickup for less than \$10,000. God is so very good!



Thank you all for your prayers.

Monthly Business Luncheons

*Our April Luncheon will be **April 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!*

*Our **59th Anniversary Luncheon** Speaker for April 7th is **Andy Bramlett**, Special Music: **Pastor Jim Rowland**
May 5th Luncheon: Speaker - **Jason Weatherly**, Board Member*

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

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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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