



November
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 95:2. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

We have so much to be thankful for at Calvary Rescue Mission. Our Lord has been so faithful in providing for the needs of the men who come through our doors. It's been seven years since we built our new quarters and more than doubled our capacity. This year we completed our new chapel and began having chapel services in it in July. Currently we are at slightly more than three-quarters capacity of clients.

Now we're preparing for two of my favorite events that we do each year. The first of these is the "Feed the 400" program where our volunteers prepare 400 "to-go" plates with a traditional Thanksgiving meal and distribute them to the neighbors around the mission on the day before Thanksgiving. The second event is our Calvary Children Christmas Celebration on the second Saturday in December where we hand out bags of donated gifts to the children of South Memphis who attend our program and hear the Gospel. We would love to have you join us for either or both events and witness the joy in the faces that we serve.

Because of Calvary,

Dennis Rutledge, Executive Director



Our Volunteers!



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Client's Testimony

Jerome Bell's Story

Jerome Bell was born in Cleveland, Mississippi, and spent part of his early childhood in Buffalo, New York, where his father served in the Army. His parents were never married, and when he was six, his mother moved him to Memphis. Jerome rarely saw his father, but his grandfather—a pastor—taught him about Christ and kept him active in church. Frequent moves during his childhood left Jerome feeling unstable and lonely. After high school, he earned a full scholarship to LeMoyné-Owen College but lost it due to drinking and partying. He dropped out, worked at FedEx and restaurants, then in sales at Verizon. Alcohol and drugs became his escape from what he saw as a strict upbringing. Eventually, he went to jail for selling drugs.

After his release in 2006, Jerome stayed sober until his mother's death in 2008 sent him into relapse. By 2011, he was homeless and addicted. He later discovered he had fathered a son but was not part of the child's life. Facing federal drug charges, a judge sent him to a faith-based rehab in 2012. There, Jerome encountered Jesus personally and experienced lasting change.

For five years, Jerome remained clean, working and providing for his son. But in 2018, job loss and financial stress led to relapse. His son's mother moved to Dallas, taking their child with her. Heartbroken and without resources for custody, Jerome fell back into addiction.

In 2021, he entered another Christian rehab in Atlanta, regained sobriety, and later returned to Memphis when his son's mother invited him back into their lives. Though he stumbled again, God graciously led him to **Calvary Rescue Mission** in 2024.

Since arriving, Jerome has rededicated his life to Christ, remained sober for over a year, and now serves faithfully on staff. His son's mother recently reopened the door for him to be part of his son's life. Please pray for Jerome's continued sobriety, reconciliation with his family, and growth in Christ.



NEEDS & PRAYERS

Needs: Please pray for our supply of ground beef, coffee, instant rice, and individual snacks and chips. We also need white bath towels, deodorant, bar soap, and H. E. laundry detergent. Please pray for our supply of breakfast items (bacon, sausage, and coffee) to keep with demand as we feed the men breakfast every morning. Please pray for our supply of smaller-waisted work pants to be replenished to keep up with the demand of new men arriving at our door (we are completely out of waist sizes 30, 32, and 34 and nearly out of size 36).

Praise: Praise God for the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus and for His desire for all of us to know that freedom.

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. 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. We need large cans of candied yams, and sweet peas.

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](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: **\$893.13**

"Feed the 400!" November 26, 2025



Start at
11:00 am
Deliver
plates at
Noon



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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:

Piperton UMC
Jerry & Karen Winemiller

**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.

September

2025

Lodgings	2,303
Meals	6,909
Clothing	235
Saved	61

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

When Gray's Creek Church in Arlington first approached us about serving the men at Calvary Rescue Mission we offered them their choice of several nights. At the time there was only one night available that allowed them to serve dinner and share God's Word during chapel. That night was the fifth Tuesday night of the month in the months that have a fifth Tuesday night. Each year there are four months that have five Tuesdays so that gives Gray's Creek four opportunities to serve dinner and lead chapel.

When Gray's Creek Church serves at Calvary Rescue Mission, they always come prepared. They contact us several weeks before their night to serve to see what our biggest need is at the time. When they arrive at the mission, they bring the meal and the items that we are needing. They also serve the meal and lead our chapel service. Gray's Creek Church are the hands, the feet, the voice and the heart of Jesus!



Monthly Business Luncheons

*Our November Luncheon will be **November 4th!**
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 - Mark Whitby - President of CRM Board of Directors

*Our December 2nd Luncheon speaker will be
Fullview Baptist Church Men's Chorus*

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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