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“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:**

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”



I Peter 1:3

Dear Friends in Christ:

Spring is in the air and new life is all around us. It seems like so many flowers and trees are blooming early this year. Beautiful to see, but difficult to breathe! There is a lot of new life here at Calvary as well. Men are being saved, starting new lives in Christ Jesus and growing through discipleship and training classes here at the mission. We hope you can join us for our upcoming 57 year anniversary open house luncheon at Calvary. We are also celebrating receiving bids on our new chapel this week! Thank you all so very much for your stellar prayers, help, and support!

Burdens are truly Lifted at Calvary,

Bob Freudiger,

Executive Director      calvaryrescue@att.net

**Our Volunteers!**



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## Calvary's Client ...

Travis Ware came to Memphis two and a half years ago from Steele, Missouri, where he was born and raised. He was baptized when he was 10 - 12 years of age but got into trouble as a teenager. When he was 19 years old, he was arrested in Kennett, Missouri and charged with 3 counts of robbery. He prayed for mercy and was released after about 3 months and has stayed out of trouble since. At age 33 he rededicated his life to Christ and started following Him in everything he did. In 2021, he was involved in a terrible car crash and he had a severe stroke while recovering that still effects his right side. He had to relearn nearly everything: how to walk, talk, read, etc. While recovering from the stroke, he became very frustrated, anxious and depressed. He says that he was even afraid to trust God.



Travis came to Calvary Rescue Mission on September 1 and his outlook on life completely changed. He graduated from our Discipleship 1 class and is currently taking Discipleship II. At the start of March, he got his own apartment and moved out of the mission but returns every Monday afternoon for Discipleship II class. He said, "Before coming to Calvary, I was lost and in despair. Calvary saved my life!"

## NEEDS & PRAYERS

**Needs:** Hygiene products (bar soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, wash cloths, deodorant, etc), Canned fruit and Cereal, High Efficiency HE Laundry detergent, Individually wrapped Snacks especially cupcakes, Twinkies and the like, Chips, breakfast meats (bacon, sausage and ham) and eggs.

**Praise:** Praise God for leading so many men to Calvary Rescue Mission to be encouraged through the testimonies of others so that He can restore their soul.

**Please pray:** God's wisdom as we move forward with our Chapel.

**Please pray:** Men's pants, and boxer briefs (All Sizes) to be replenished as our daily population continues to grow (we only have 3 pairs of waist size 38 and none in smaller waist sizes).

**Please pray:** For so many men who have listened to Satan's lies about their worthlessness and believed that they are not worthy of salvation that their hope will be restored through our Lord and Savior and they will begin to pursue a life in Him!

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: **\$978.03**

# Calvary Rescue Mission 57th Anniversary Open House!

This is your special invitation to Calvary Rescue Mission's Open House for Our 57th Anniversary Celebration!! Mark your calendars for April 2, 2023, 11:30 - 1:00pm.



## **Rev. Dennis Kirk, Speaker**

Dennis Kirk was born and raised in Memphis, graduating from Raleigh Egypt High School. After high school he went down a very dark path that led to 201 Poplar. Praise God that he was saved at age 26 and called to ministry two years later. After serving in Memphis, he was called to pastor a church in the Knoxville area where he served for 15 years. Nine years ago, he was called to lead a church in Middle Tennessee at Tennessee Ridge Baptist. He and his wife have 3 daughters, 1 son, 2 sons-in-law, and 2 grandchildren.



## **Special Music by Jim Rowland!**



### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO HELP -**

Volunteers to coordinate with Dennis Rutledge, 901-775-2570, to bring or prepare meals for the Men's evening meals.

Ladies/Men who want to Volunteer to serve at our Luncheons, please contact Dennis Rutledge, 901-775-2570.

### **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:: \_\_\_\_\_

# "A Favorite Memory", by Dennis Rutledge



A good friend of mine used to love to tell people, "Coincidences are strictly for nonbelievers". He would go on to explain that things, especially good things, don't just happen by chance . . . they are gifts from God. For any doubters, he would point to the first three verses of the Twenty-third Psalm and stress certain phrases:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

We have many moments at Calvary Rescue Mission that can only be gifts from God brought about by the Holy Spirit. This is one of my favorites:

About a year ago, a man wanted to check-in Calvary Rescue Mission, but our check-in man couldn't understand anything that the man was saying. I was asked to try and talk with him. As I approached the man he pointed to his ears and said, "I'm deaf." I asked if he read lips and he nodded yes. It took some effort, but we were able to get him checked in. Once he was issued a towel and a complete set of clean clothes, I walked him to his dorm and mentioned to the dorm manager to look straight at him as he talked with him because he only reads lips. While he (Jerry) was getting his bed linens, I went to the man who was going to be in the bunk across from him (Ryan, who was there for only his second night) and asked him to help the new man get to dinner and chapel on time because he was deaf. I was surprised to see Ryan's eyes light up at being asked to help, but as Jerry walked over to his bunk, Ryan raised his fingers to his chin and extended them toward Jerry. I recognized this as the American Sign Language sign for "you're welcome" but was amazed that Ryan knew it. It turned out that he had deaf family members and learned sign language at an early age. The two of them sat together each night so that Ryan could sign the message to Jerry each night. And as if that wasn't enough . . . Jerry gave us a hand-written message one night that he wanted to find a drug and alcohol rehab program for deaf people. One was found in Atlanta and a local group provided a bus ticket to Atlanta for Jerry to enter that program. He returned for one night about a month ago, just to let us know that he had completed the program.

## Chicken Champions

Dr. Bob & Julia Dean

**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

#### 2024

Lodgings	2,155
Meals	6,465
Clothing	186
Saved	47

## Our May Luncheon

**Our Last Luncheon before summer break will be on May 7, 2024. Our guest speaker is Brother Bob Freudiger, and our special music will be provided by Bruce Brooke. This will be Brother Bob's final luncheon as he prepares for retirement. He has served as Executive Director at Calvary Rescue Mission for 28 years, beginning on January 2, 1996. The Luncheon begins at 11:00 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!**

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

**Website: calvaryrescuemission.org**

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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