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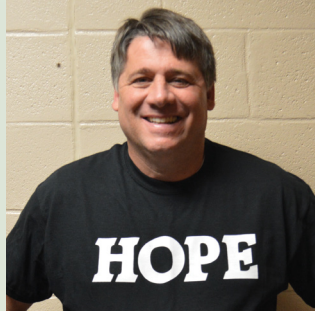


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FROM THE *President's Desk*

## YOUR Support Matters

The 2021 **Five Star Kevin Brown Russell Henley Celebrity Classic** is right around the corner. We are excited to see how God will move during this event, as we know He far exceeds what we anticipate each year! By supporting this event, YOU can make a difference in the life of a man, woman, or child in our life recovery program.



Did you know that it costs \$23,000 per year to fund a resident in our life recovery program? God uses this tournament to provide funding for lives to truly be changed here, and we could not do it without YOU. Last year, we all faced many challenges, but God continued to provide. Thankfully, we were able to still have our event.

We are happy to announce that this year we are planning to return to our in-person auction at Idle Hour Country Club on September 20th. The clay shoot will be on Monday September 20th at the Meadows Gun Club, and the golf tournament will be held on September 21st at 3 local golf courses.

There are many ways you can support this event and the work God is doing here at the Mission:

- Purchase an ad in our golf program
- Sponsor a clay shoot team
- Play in our golf tournament or sponsor a team
- Attend the auction or donate an item for the auction
- Make a monetary donation that will be doubled in our Call to Action

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Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership as we work to share the love of Jesus Christ with others!

Pat Chastain, *President/CEO*



## Testimony FROM THE MISSION

# Jesus Christ Saves!

Before the life change I experienced here at the Rescue Mission, I was a victim of my circumstances. I lived a life where it felt like no one wanted me. I was bouncing from house to house, and everywhere I stayed, I felt as if I was just a big inconvenience. My own mother acted as if I was the biggest mental case ever. I'm not saying she did not love me, but again, I was an inconvenience to her. I felt she did not want me around.

My life started on October 25, 1990, in Americus, Georgia; this is the day I was born. I did not have a perfect childhood growing up. For the better part of my childhood, I lived with my grandparents in Elko, Georgia. I was a very active kid always playing in sports, but baseball was where I excelled. I was 11 years old when I first tried drugs. I began smoking and drinking with my older brother, and he would say, "I just want to make it to where you don't want to do this stuff". Along with drinking and smoking marijuana, I would huff aerosol sprays. At the age of 16, I started taking pills, because I wanted to have more fun and be accepted by those that I chose to surround myself with. When I was 17, after my brother was released from prison, he introduced me to the lifestyle of not only doing drugs but selling them as well. I eventually started doing meth after learning that my mom had an affair with my best friend. All the unhealthy relationships I chose to put myself in had a big hand in my drug usage as well. I was with this one girl. She had a child that I absolutely adored, however when we split up, she refused to let me see the child anymore. Although that relationship was purely about sex, never did I imagine I could care for a little child like I did that girl and when her mom refused to let me see her after the split, I experienced a hurt that I was not used to.

I met Alexis at my job. I was a meat cutter, and she was a cashier at the Piggly Wiggly in Unadilla. She is my best friend and the love of my life. This was one of



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# Donation Drives

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One of the coolest aspects of being a Christian, is having the opportunity to experience the love of Christ through others. It is within the context of community where this amazing piece of our Christian walk is felt most. Being part of a Christian community is something that so many have missed out on over the past year due to the pandemic. Prayerfully we will continue to move in a direction that helps us heal together. Community is a must for Christ followers. It is where everything happens. In community, we experience love, trust, growth, compassion, empathy, encouragement, acceptance, significance, security, support...I could continue, but I believe you are following me. Over the past 8 years of my life in Christ, I have had the privilege and honor to be a part of such a community here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia. It is not a place full of people acting perfectly, pretending they have it all together, but one of openness and vulnerability, unashamed of allowing others into their brokenness. Together, in Christ, we get to experience the power of His healing. I cannot imagine being anywhere else, and I do not want to. The way the men of the Mission love one another is infectious, and we could all learn a great deal from observing the way Christ works through them. It is not done perfectly, but it is done genuinely. It is within this sometimes-clumsy process where the power and beauty of this one of kind community shines brightest. When I think of the men at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, 1 Peter 3:8 comes to mind. It says, "To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit". This is the example the men have shown me, my family, the staff, volunteers, and our amazing donors. It is this example, within this community, that has sparked many Christ-centered conversations with my own son, as he gets to witness firsthand, men from all walks of life with many different stories, love and serve those around them with the love of Jesus Himself. Thank you to all the mighty men of the Mission, past and present, in doing your part to make our community one of safety and healing. Grace is messy, but it is through His Grace that we are truly loved! To our awesome donors that help make such a community possible, I cannot thank you enough. We love you all.



*Jason A. Beck*

Jason Beck, Vice President of Programs

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the first healthy relationships I think I have ever had. I hid my meth usage from her for as long as I could, but eventually, she found out. Her finding out was not as bad as I thought it would be. She told me to end it, or she would leave me. She did not stick to what she said, and eventually, she wound up trying meth too. I was able to stop for a few months, and during my clean time, she became pregnant. Alexis miscarried the baby. With that and the passing of my grandma all on the same day, I went right back down that dark path. There was a lot of fighting between us about numerous things but having to deal with the loss of not only one child but two children due to miscarriage, put more on us as a couple than I ever want to feel again. That and having family telling us everything we were doing was wrong and how we needed to live, made us feel worthless and unaccepted. Even through all that, Alexis and I have stayed together. God blessed us with two precious little girls. He also put a son in my path that was from her previous relationship. I am truly blessed to have them in my life.

It was not until my failed suicide attempt, that I realized my need for help. Not being successful in that was a clear sign that something had to give. I was broken, bitter, and stubborn. I could not ask for help until now. A miracle was needed. Looking for peace from my past was causing me to surround myself with unhealthy relationships, people who I sought approval from by using drugs with them. This had to change. Before, my life revolved around drugs and unhealthy relationships that were hindering me from being the best father I could be. Now, I let my life revolve around the One who saved me and changed my life, Jesus Christ. Coming to the Mission has been one of the best decisions of my life. With that being said, it has not always been easy, and I have had a hiccup or two since being here. All in all, the biggest challenge coming here is being separated from my girls that God has blessed me with. My two little girls, Kayleigh (5) and Ramona (2), and Gabriel (7 ) are the light of my world and are why I am finally stepping out against my addiction. They are my motivation. Being separated from them has felt like torture, but in the end, the torture was worth it to become the father they need in their lives.

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The Mission has taught me what it means to be passionate. My biggest passion is getting lost in His word, seeking after the One who saved my soul, telling people He is real, and He does, in fact, save. Being here has taught me that I can love myself because of who I am in Christ. I can smile and truly be happy without drugs in my life. I have also learned I have a helping heart and want to help those

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# SCENES FROM AROUND THE MISSION



Congratulations to these six graduates for successfully completing our life recovery program. We are so very proud of each of you and pray God continues to bless you during this new season of your life!



**Gwen Dorminey**



**Jerome Moss**



**Matt Grantham**



**Stephanie Moore**



**Dalton Smisson**



**Rickey Heath**

# Resident of the Month

Each month the residents in our programs vote to recognize another brother in their community that shows integrity, vulnerability, honesty, and Christlikeness. We had a 4-way tie and are so very proud of all these men. Great job and keep up the good work.



**Darion Allen**



**Stuart Fowler**



**Josh Clark**



**Jason Foreman**



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around me. This Mission has become my home. Because of The Mission, I am now a saved man living out the life Christ has called me to. I am seeking Him in His word every day, learning and growing into a man of God, and for that, I will be forever thankful.

I want to personally thank the ones who give to the Rescue Mission. Because of you and your donations, I am a life transformed by loving, caring people who want nothing but the best for me and for me to know Christ. It means so much to me and so many others that you care enough about us and our recovery to stand up and take action to help change lives. Those donations have given me a place to call home, a place that led me to Christ and allowed me to be baptized in his name. Because of you and your donations, I have been given the miracle I was looking for - a second chance and a restored relationship with the mother of my kids along with an opportunity for her to meet and give her life to Christ as well. Not one life was changed in this instance but two. Thank you all so much, and please continue to pray for us at The Mission as we continue to pray for you.

*"This is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."*

*- Micah 6:8*



## Women's Division HAPPENINGS

# GOD IS Restoring Relationships

We have shared a lot lately about the expansion that God has blessed the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia with. He has increased the number of men, women, and children we are able to serve through this spacious property on Zebulon Road, as well as the creation of our new Barn Center which all proceeds go to our ministry of providing a path of hope, redemption, and empowerment by way of Jesus Christ. This month I would like to share what God is doing in the hearts of the women that are in our program.



The residents enter our program at a point of feeling completely helpless and hopeless. There is beauty in that brokenness because that is where God meets them and pulls them out of the darkness into His glorious light. At the Mission, we get to see the transforming Grace of God work in the renewing of minds and hearts.

This year we got to witness a mother get reunited with her children through 3 times a week telephone conversations where they spend their time reading the bible. Another mom has been granted weekly in person visitation with her young daughter. It is a true blessing to witness these women mature into the mothers God created them to be.

We are also excited to announce that 7 women have surrendered their lives to Christ and have continued in obedience to the commands of Christ through water baptism. Please be in prayer for these women that the Lord will fill them with the knowledge of His will and all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

*Linda Wessells*

Linda Wessells,  
Women's Program Director



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