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FROM THE *President's Desk*

BARN CENTER Opening Day-May 25



It's the day we've all been waiting for...**THE BARN CENTER GRAND OPENING!** I would like to personally invite you to our opening day on May 25th for a unique shopping experience. The support of this community by *Donating Local* has been a contributing factor in our ability to open a second store. Did you know that by donating your gently used goods to the Rescue Mission, YOU have a hand in a life changed by way of Jesus Christ? And when you shop at our Bargain Center and Barn Center, YOU are funding programs for the men, women, and children that we serve. We are so very thankful for each of you; without YOU, we would not be able to offer a free life recovery program.

The men and women in our program will perform their work therapy at the Barn Center. The Barn Center will serve as an additional revenue source to fund our programs to allow us to share the gospel and healing to more people. Our residents will have a direct hand in the store operations (merchandising, pricing, cashier, customer service) which in turn, gives them employable skills.

Our God is awesome, and He certainly has plans that are far greater than anything we can imagine. We know He will rest over this new journey, and we ask that you continue to support and pray for the Mission!

Pat Chastain, *President/CEO*

BARN CENTER OPENING DAY - MAY 25

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: 6601 Zebulon Road

(follow the directional signs) at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia

Testimony FROM THE MISSION

Q & A WITH GRADUATE *Zeddrick Scott*

When did you realize that you needed help, what was happening in your life?

Turning away from my responsibilities as a parent to my two beautiful kids seemed to be that turning point for me. I just wanted to continue to use heavy drugs and run the streets, which ultimately only ended up with me being incarcerated for 7 months. That was a very dark moment for me. As I sobered up, I instantly began to feel the shame and guilt associated with my poor decisions and how it was affecting my kids.



How have you looked for security, peace of mind, happiness in the past?

Through social media and unhealthy relationships. I sought the approval of the world and found my identity through the acceptance of others. I now know that I am fully accepted and loved because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I no longer seek the approval of this world! God gives me the love I need.

What is the story of your childhood?

My father passed away when I was very young, and my mother struggled to cope with that loss which ultimately led to her abandoning me and my two sisters for drugs. This left us living with my grandmother. There was not much order within my grandmother's house. We did not get disciplined for our behavior or for missing school, so I kind of felt as if I was on my own. I could make my own decisions and choices. My biggest influencers as a child were the friends I decided to hang around to compensate for the lack of family at home. Not caring if I was in the wrong or not, I instantly started smoking cigarettes and marijuana at a

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Donation Drives

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Your generous donation of these much needed items help the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia to be good stewards of our resources while meeting the daily needs of the men, women and children we serve. **THANK YOU** for any help you can give in meeting these needs.

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Men's Division HAPPENINGS

LOOK AT WHAT He Has Made

One of the great joys that we get to experience here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, is having the great honor of seeing firsthand the amazing work of Christ Jesus in the life of those that come in search of healing and hope.



This month I get to boast in our Savior's handy work in our friend and recent graduate Zeddrick Scott. Looking back, I am blown away, not surprised, at just how far Zeddrick has allowed Christ to bring him. If you get the opportunity to sit and talk with him you will immediately see how excited he is to see where the Holy Spirit guides him next. When I think of Zeddrick's journey in recovery here at the Mission, I can recall his first days of hopelessness, uncertainty, and his lack of confidence. During his time in the program, all those things have changed, through Christ. He now has hope. Although we often encounter uncertainties in life, Zeddrick is now certain that his life is held by Christ, and there is nothing that can ever change that. Along the way, God has not only given him confidence in who he is in Christ, but He has also created one of the most capable, up-and-coming leaders that I have ever had the honor of walking beside. I have repeatedly seen Zeddrick go above and beyond what anyone could have asked or expected, to serve and love on those that God has placed in front of him. He has been and still is, a very bright shining light of the love of Jesus to our community here at the Mission. He is a Christlike example to us all. How he chooses to walk in humility is infectious. It makes you want to get to know him, and he is very quick to tell you where this new life came from, which to me, is the best part of my friend Zeddrick. Through Zeddrick's constant surrender, God has created and is currently developing a mighty man! One that serves others well, loves others well and desires nothing more than to bring glory to our Heavenly Father. Zeddrick came here hopeless, now he is hungry for all the good things that Christ has planned for his life. His journey is not over. It is only beginning, and I cannot wait to see how God chooses to use this mighty young man to change the atmosphere and environment of wherever he chooses to place his foot. Please join us as we continue to pray for Zeddrick in his transition of life. One thing is for certain, as he continues to choose Jesus, the number of people he will influence for the kingdom will be immeasurable. We celebrate the work of Jesus in your life, my friend!

Jason Beck, Vice President of Programs

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very early age just so I could fit in with the friends around me. I remember feeling very alone and unwanted. My dad was gone and shortly thereafter so was my mom. I felt utterly and completely alone. Being around my friends made me feel better about my life regardless of the choices we were making.

What was the most important thing to you before coming into the program?

All I knew was drugs growing up in my household. If my relatives were not being prescribed the drugs or misusing the drugs themselves, they were more than likely selling them. The most important thing to me before coming to the mission was where I would get my next high from. If I did not have the money to buy my own, then I always knew I could find a way to take what was not mine at the expense of any man or even relatives in some cases. I had become a very dark man.

Have you ever been disappointed in yourself – what did you do to recover?

After countless times of missing days in school and very poor behavior problems within my senior year of high school, I was expelled and denied my return to graduate. After losing all hope in myself, I somehow found the courage from my family to return to an online career academy to earn my diploma, which I completed within my first semester there.

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What has been your biggest challenge since being at the Mission?

Due to the heavy drug use in my past, isolation had become second nature to me. Completely withdrawing myself from socializing, in general, made me a very anxious individual in this community. It took me quite some time before I was able to open up and be comfortable living with other men. I slowly started opening up and letting others in, now I have formed some lifelong friendships that I will forever cherish.

What are you passionate about personally? What do you really enjoy?

I believe those around me would say that I am passionate about serving others but for the sake of giving you a broader answer about Zed, I am also passionate about having a sense of order around me. I really like for things around me to fall into place and to run smoothly. I am learning to be adaptable as circumstances may not always go my way.

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BARN CENTER GRAND





GRAND OPENING: MAY 25



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What have you learned about yourself?

I have learned that I am a very disciplined and responsible young man who loves the Lord. I have learned that I can be loved by others, and I no longer must live in fear of being alone. The Lord will never leave me nor forsake me.

How has being involved with the Rescue Mission impacted your life and that of your family?

The Mission allowed me to live in a safe environment as I focused on my relationship with the Lord and my relationship with my kids. My family is very proud of the man that I have become and continues to support me as I transition. The Mission continues to take really good care of me as I have been offered a position here on campus at our new thrift store called the Barn Center. They have allowed me a place to live here on campus as well. I will forever be thankful to the Mission and everything that they have done for me and my family. I have a new beginning and I am so grateful that the Lord never left my side.

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*“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost?”
Matthew 18:12*

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Women's Division HAPPENINGS

APPALACHIAN TRAIL Hike

With spring approaching, the women are beginning to take advantage of getting back outside to walk our spacious property and enjoy God's creation. Due to Covid, off-campus activities for the residents at the Rescue Mission have been limited. The staff and some volunteers have planned a hiking trip for the men and women to be able to enjoy nature outside of the Rescue Mission property, and we believe that this trip will be the thing that they need to boost their morale.



They are looking forward to hiking a section of the Appalachian Trail and the sixth-tallest mountain in Georgia. The part that the women are most excited about is seeing the waterfall.

In addition to being fun, we are hoping that this outing will allow our residents to create a greater bond and build increased trust with each other as they venture along the trails and terrain. Through the physical challenge of this hike, we hope that the women will develop confidence in themselves as they accomplish as much of the 6.6-mile hike as they can.

Please join us in prayer for these men and women that this opportunity for them to spend some time outdoors enjoying nature and each other will be the motivation that they need to keep them strong as they continue their healing.

Linda Wessells

Linda Wessells,
Women's Program Director

*"The heavens declare the glory of
God, and the sky above proclaims
His handiwork." Psalm 19:1*





We are seeking an individual that would love to be a part of our thrift store team. Our store is a Christian, faith-based business that sells donated goods to raise revenue for our ministry that supports the men, women, and children in our local community. This person will be required to work our sales floor, cashier and/or price when needed. We are currently staffing for two locations and are seeking the right people to join our small team! If you are interested, please email your resume to: rescuemission.job@gmail.com

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