

THE MISSION Bell

Providing a path of hope, redemption, and empowerment through Jesus Christ



Brandon's life
has been made
New this
Easter!

Thank you for sharing hope
for his fresh start.

Easter
2026



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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

A NEW LIFE in Christ...

As I reflect on the Easter season and its promise of new life, I'm reminded of Psalm 119:67: "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word."

What if God allows us to be afflicted because it's how we find our way to Christ?

I love sharing that message during the Easter season with those who are hurting... letting them know there is a safe place to come without judgment. We're here to lead them to Christ and help them heal. That's why our life-recovery program is focused on helping them build a relationship with Jesus Christ and the new life found in Him.

There's no better time than Easter to invest in changing lives. Thanks to your generosity, our new women's transitional building has already been filled with women and children who have found a safe place to begin again. Your compassion also restores hope for people like Brandon, whose story you can read on page 3.

Thank you for supporting their journey to new life in Christ.

God Bless,

Pat Chastain, President/CEO



How **YOU** Helped

Thank you for your impact in 2025! Friends like you joined together to change lives...



246,375
meals served



82,125
nights of rest
provided



1,138
professional
counseling
sessions

Thank you for caring for our hurting neighbors last year.

Now, let's make 2026 a year of hope for even more people in our community!

This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$3.09 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Rescue Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It nourishes men, women, and children while they receive life-changing services like safe housing, Christ-centered care, and healing in our life-recovery program!

For just \$3.09 each, you can provide a hot Easter meal to someone in need... and share hope for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at rescuemissionga.com/donate.

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“I AM A Better PERSON.”



Brandon grew up with a close-knit, loving family in East Macon. “My childhood was amazing,” he recalls. “I went to Chuck E. Cheese a lot, went to the park and had a lot of fun.”

School, however, was a challenge. “I struggled to stay focused and listen to people,” he says. He also felt different from others and didn’t have any friends until after high school.

As an adult, Brandon tried to find his way. He continued living with his parents, working odd jobs while searching for steady work to gain independence. But his coworkers were a negative influence, and alcohol sometimes became a distraction. “I used to go over to my coworkers’ houses or go out to clubs and drink,” he says.

Everything changed when a friend from church told him about the Rescue Mission. **“When I first got here, it was amazing,”** Brandon says. “Going to church, being around the Lord, being around positive people – they’re not pretending to be nice, they really are nice.”

Today, Brandon is thriving – he has a job and has graduated from our life-recovery program. “I have enjoyed working at the Barn thrift store, helping out, and talking to others,” he says. **“I already have a good character and a good heart, but I became a better person.”**

Brandon is looking ahead with hope. “I want to save up some money and have my own place,” he shares.

This Easter, Brandon has a new direction for his life. Thank you for lighting the path forward for him to experience a future of hope and peace! “I’m thankful to be alive and I’m thankful I wake up to see another day.”

“I’M THANKFUL TO THE RESCUE MISSION FOR SHOWING ME I CAN CHANGE AND BE THE BEST I CAN BE.”



May we shine the light of Christ.

“In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:4–5





HELP HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Spring Cleaning

Clean your closets and help neighbors in need!

As you declutter and refresh your home for spring, you can also help neighbors in need.



Donate gently used items.

We take clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, and bikes. Your donations support the Rescue Mission's program and provide clothing for our struggling neighbors.



Shop at our Thrift Stores.

Are you looking to refresh your home and closet for warmer weather? Check out our Bargain Center Store and Barn Center Store! You'll find treasures at bargain prices and provide work experience for guests in our life-recovery program.

Drop off donations and shop at these two locations in Macon: the Bargain Center Store located at 3375 Napier Ave, and the Barn Center located at 6601 Zebulon Road.

We hope to see you there!



This Easter, you can help turn hunger into hope. Donate much-needed food items and help nourish men, women, and children in our life-recovery program. Your generosity not only fills plates... but also warms hearts!

Give food. Share hope. Help welcome our residents with a nourishing Easter meal and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items **by March 23:**



SPIRAL SLICED HAM



BUTTER

ROLLS

SUGAR

PIES OR CAKES



INSTANT MASHED POTATOES



CANNED VEGETABLES

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Drop off donations at the Rescue Mission, 6601 Zebulon Road in Macon.

No time to shop? Donate now!

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You're invited to serve hope!

Easter Community Meal | April 3

Just a few weeks until Easter... and YOU can help us get ready to provide over 1,500 meals! Here's how:



Donate food items



Volunteer to prepare meals



Help pack food boxes



Deliver meals to neighbors in need

No time to shop for food items or volunteer? You can help fund meals for our struggling neighbors. Please donate by March 23: rescuemissionga.com/donate

To learn more about donating items or volunteer needs, visit rescuemissionga.com/easter