Rescue Mission OF MIDDLE GEORGIA

HOLIDAY 2026

THE MISSION Bell

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

DAVIS HAS *hope* THIS *Christmas,* THANKS TO YOU!

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A Message from
THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Sharing the gift of hope this *Christmas*

On the night of His birth, Jesus' family was turned away because there was "no room at the inn." I find it so profound to think that they experienced the same fear and uncertainty our guests face when they have nowhere else to turn.

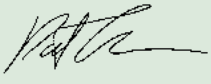
Here at the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia, we are committed to welcoming and caring for every hurting person who comes through our doors. Yet many of our guests have endured years of poverty and hardship that have left them feeling forgotten and alone.

During the holidays, friends like you help share God's compassion and remind them they are seen and deeply valued. Your gifts to provide hot meals, safe housing, and recovery support become meaningful expressions of God's love and care in their lives. Above all, you give the gift of hope and a second chance during these dark winter months.

This Christmas, I invite you to share love and grace with neighbors in need – like Davis, whose story you'll find on the next page. Through your generosity, you'll open a door when so many others are closed to them – and let them know that there is room for them here.

Thank you, and may you experience God's peace throughout Christmas and into the New Year.

God Bless,



Pat Chastain,
President/CEO

12 DAYS OF GIVING BACK

What better time to experience the joy of giving than the Christmas season! It's also a wonderful time to teach children the importance of giving, or to partner with a friend or family member to give back.

Get inspired to share the blessing of Christmas with these ideas for **12 Days of Giving Back:**

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Sponsor a child at the Rescue Mission	Make a plan for year-end giving	Donate winter coats
DAY 4	**DAY 5**	**DAY 6**
Write a Christmas card	Pray for staff at the Rescue Mission	Give a gift in honor or memory of someone
DAY 7	**DAY 8**	**DAY 9**
Supply hygiene items	Create a care package	Provide food
DAY 10	**DAY 11**	**DAY 12**
Host a donation drive at your school or work	Share our social media posts to spread our mission	Pray for families at the Rescue Mission

To learn more about ways you can share the peace and hope of Christmas with Rescue Mission guests, give us a call at **(478) 743-5445** or visit us online at **rescuemissionga.com**!

Give a meal. Share the gift of *hope!*

For our neighbors who are struggling, Christmas can feel more lonely than joyful... **but YOU can share the gift of HOPE.** Just $3.09 provides a nourishing Christmas meal – and opens the door to recovery and a fresh start this holiday season.

$3.09 for 1 hot meal → **SHARES HELP & HOPE** → **That leads to new life!**

Please send your Christmas gift today!

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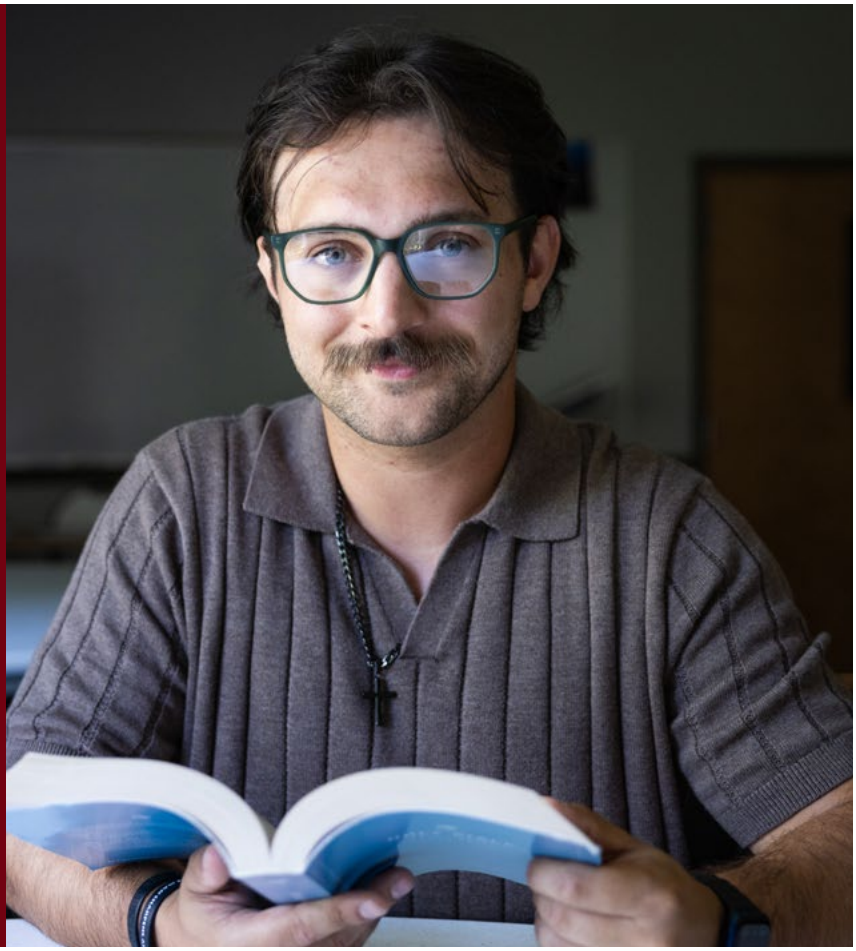

Davis grew up in a loving Christian family. He excelled in sports, won state tennis championships, served at church, and enjoyed a close-knit family. But when his family moved, everything changed.

As the newcomer, Davis was bullied constantly. **"I began feeling rejected, lonely, and depressed,"** he says.

Over time, he grew desperate to fit in. By the time he left for college, that desire for acceptance led him into a lifestyle of partying and drinking. **"I hated myself,"** Davis recalls.

Davis managed to graduate and land a high-paying job, but his battle with addiction continued for several years, putting his stability and his health at risk. Although he still believed in God, he felt distant from Him – and even more distant from himself.

Then came a devastating turning point. Davis experienced a traumatic sexual assault that led to an emotional breakdown. "I couldn't really vocalize my issues to anybody. I didn't feel comfortable being vulnerable." He knew he was at rock bottom but was too scared to ask for help.

Thankfully, Davis' father intervened and took him to a detox center. Then he was ready to enter the Rescue Mission of Middle Georgia.

"I don't have to live in shame anymore... I can go boldly to my Lord."

Through classes, counseling, and our life-recovery program, he began to heal. "I started making a lot of friends, getting connected here... It kept me moving forward."

"Addiction isn't just alcohol and drugs," he says. "It can be your phone, the gym, the businessman obsessed with making money... it's not always the homeless guy on the street."

Today, Davis has restored relationships with his family and feels called to earn his pastoral degree so he can minister to others. "Since coming to the Rescue Mission, I have realized that my identity is in Jesus," he says.

This Christmas, Davis is experiencing God's grace at work in his life. Thank you for sharing the gift of hope with him! "The Rescue Mission helped me surrender it all to Jesus."

Sponsor a Holiday Donation Drive

Want to get together with loved ones while making a difference this Christmas? By organizing a donation drive with your family, friends, church, or school, you can collect donated items for the men, women, and children in our life-recovery program. The more people you involve, the more fun you'll have... and the more donated items you'll collect!

Some of our most-needed items include:

- Hygiene Items (full size)
- Cleaning Products
- Paper Products
- Canned Food
- Cereal & Dried Food
- Clothing
- Bed Linens and Towels
- Winter Coats and Hats
- Gift Cards

To schedule a drive or for more information, contact us at **(478) 743-5445, ext. 404**, or **info@rescuemissionga.com**.

INVEST IN SAVING LIVES!

You can make a lasting impact for our neighbors in need using **Donor-Advised Funds (DAF).** And the end of the year is the perfect time to consider this unique giving option.

Here's how DAF works:

- Your DAF acts as a charity savings account that you can use to send money to the Rescue Mission.
- If you put money in today, you'll get a tax deduction for 2026.
- While the money sits in the fund, it accumulates interest tax-free!

For more information, please contact Tina Hicks at **tinahicks@rescuemissionga.com** or **(478) 743-5445, ext. 302** .

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