



THE MISSION BELL

The Love of God to a New Life: Addiction-free!

A testimony of a Jr. Olympic Gold and Bronze Medal Winner

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My name is Curtis Roundtree, Sr. I was raised and educated in Miami, Florida. Being born in Valdosta, Georgia in 1960 my parents moved to Miami when I was 5 years old. During my High School years I was very active in sports, even making it to the Jr. Olympics where I won a gold and bronze medal in 1976 for Track. I was also involved in football, wrestling and received a 4 year scholarship to Mississippi Valley State University. That's when my drinking problem and the addiction to alcohol started. In the beginning, drinking to me was part of the college in-crowd, going to late night parties and hanging out with the boys.

After college I married, started a family and had two boys. My wife was in school getting her PhD in Mental Health, which she received years later. As for myself, I was working as a City Official for the City of Miami. Once more I found alcohol to be relaxing after a long shift at work. I believed that as long I was a good provider, things were well. I was sadly mistaken. I was divorced within 3 years of marriage. Life wasn't looking so great anymore. In an attempt of regaining my family back, I quit the city job and became a High School Coach. I stayed alcohol free for a while, but the addiction overcame my will and my relationship was over, losing my family again. As years passed my addiction got worse and in the search of a change I moved to Macon not knowing that it was going to get me so sick, unable to eat and losing weight.

One night while in bed I was so sick that I wrote a living will thinking I would never wake up again. I was confused and in a very bad health condition. I woke up the next morning by God's grace and decided to do something about myself; I needed professional help. I remembered going by the Mission and reading the sign "Jesus Cares." I stepped out of my car with my duffle bag and walked in the Mission with one thing in mind "Jesus Cares." I talked to Mr. Jackson and told him the story of my life. One day later I got in the program here at the Mission, where they took me as I was.

The program at the Mission has taught me that God had forgiven me a long time ago and that He was waiting for me to accept him, which I did. I stopped bringing myself down over my failures, my addiction, my marriage and family. The Mission has given me the opportunity of a new life; addiction free. Now, I have reconnected with my sons and family only by God's love and grace. The Mission has helped me overcome addiction and learn not to pick-up my past, to stay spiritually connected with God. I am greatly thankful for the love and compassion here at the Mission.

*"Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good; his love
endures forever."*

Psalms 107:1

HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATE TODAY

You can help those suffering in your community. Online giving now available.



NEEDS LIST

We depend on you to help meet our needs by donating items. See list inside!



BARGAIN CENTER

Shop at 3375 Napier Avenue or donate items to a great cause! You call, we haul! 743-5445

Because you care, we can share...please consider remembering the Macon Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan.

January STATISTICS

Program Days of Residence:

Men	1,219
Women	217
Children	217

Mission Ministry

- ◆ 4,959 residential meals served
- ◆ 70 lodging nights provided for transients
- ◆ 140 meals provided for transients
- ◆ 132 hygiene kits provided with a total value of \$1,300
- ◆ 795 diapers dispersed with a total value of \$151
- ◆ 132 Gospel tracts distributed
- ◆ 132 Bibles distributed
- ◆ 500 food boxes distributed with a total value of \$20,000
- ◆ NA/AA meeting participation was a total of 655
- ◆ 25 chapel services conducted by volunteer ministers



CARE TO SHARE NEEDS LIST

- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Canned Goods
- ◆ Diapers— size 3,4,5
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Baby Wipes
- ◆ Deodorant Soap
- ◆ Bleach, Pine Sol
- ◆ Shampoo/ Conditioner
- ◆ Laundry Detergent
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox)
- ◆ Disposable Razors
- ◆ Wash Cloths/Towel

BARGAIN CENTER NEEDS:

- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Appliances
- ◆ Toys

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from the Director's Desk...

Dear Friends,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, MACON RESCUE MISSION!

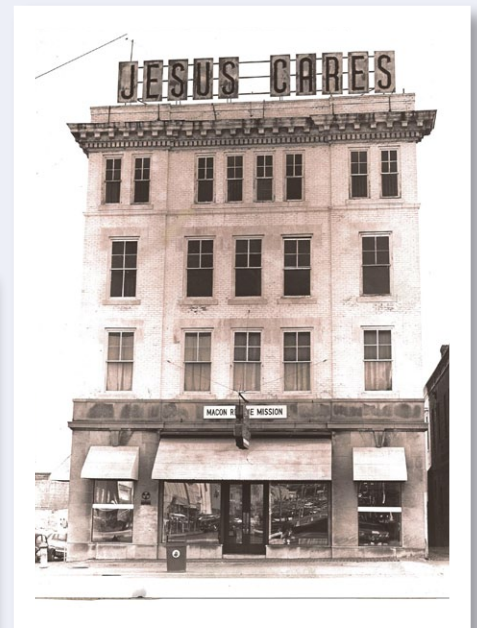
On behalf of everyone who has had any sort of connection to the Macon Rescue Mission in the past sixty years, I thank you. Police Sergeant A.E. McGee established something phenomenal in 1952 when he thought there had to be a better place than the streets or jail for the homeless of Macon. The men, women and children of the Mission are forever grateful to all who have served, donated, or volunteered to this ministry. Mark your calendar and reserve May 10, 2012 as we are having an open house to celebrate this occasion, more details will follow. We are in the introductory stages of Campaign 60 to celebrate this great occasion, please be prayerful in your consideration of renewing your commitment to the Macon Rescue Mission.

We are kicking 2012 off with a bang! Our Bargain Center is undergoing a major remodel, we're freshening it up with new paint and a new layout. Connie England is bringing years of retail experience to help us emphasize its importance to the Mission. As we lead into spring we are looking at completing new and much needed storage space to our Dove Center and a community garden to help us trim some costs off our food budget.

Everything we do at your Macon Rescue Mission is only possible because of you! You care so we can share. May God Bless you always and have a GREAT February!

Jeff Nicklas

Then



1952

Now



2012

Your Caring Hearts are a Blessing to the Dove Center Children...

There must be something very important for the Lord to put so many references in the Bible about our heart. Did you know in the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible that heart is referenced an estimated 725 times in the Old Testament and 105 times in the New Testament? That's 830 times God chose for us to know about our heart! Jesus cares about your heart. It's where He looks first. Not your face, not your status, not your wealth, not your situation. Your heart.

One of my favorite Bible verses about the heart is Proverbs 17:22, "A merry heart does good like a medicine..." How wonderful it is that the Lord wants us to have a joyful heart and not a sorrowful heart. Here at the Dove Center we wanted to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and share our special Valentine hearts with you. These are precious, joyful hearts and it is because of your caring hearts we are able to help the women and children of the Dove Center. As Jesus said in Luke 6:45, "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart"; and, that is exactly what you, our supporters, do for us. You bring good things to help us share the Good News to so many who need to know Jesus is the answer to their broken hearts.

Happy Valentine's!

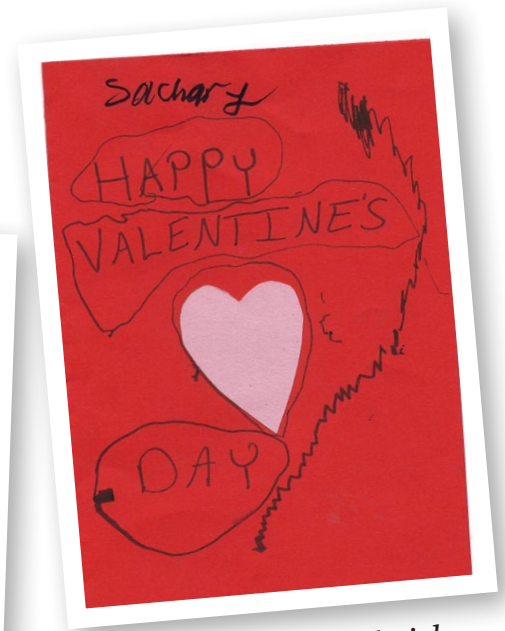
Julie Adair | Director

Renee Barreth | Director of Women & Children Services

Vernice Chappell | Evening Supervisor



by a 6-year-old girl



by a 5-year-old girl

*"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have **love**, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have **love**, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have **love**, I gain nothing."*

1 Corinthians 13:1-3



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