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Fall 2024

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Impactful God-Honoring Legacies

Typically, when you think of a legacy, you think about what an individual passes on to others after death. It has many forms, such as monetary gifts from your estate to family members, churches and charities that you supported. It may be the example you set by your character, reputation and the life that you led. It could be your faith and beliefs, instructions passed on to future generations on how to live a life that pleases God.

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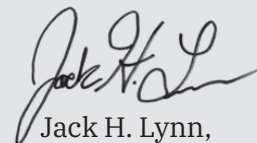
A Life Worthy of a Godly Legacy

God calls each of us to live a life worthy of a legacy that passes on Biblical truth to the next generation. Such a legacy begins in our hearts through our personal relationship with God. It is how we daily witness to each other as we fear and obey the Lord. Psalms 112:1-2 reads "Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed." In the end, the legacy we leave is how others will remember us for generations to come. It is us displaying to future generations God's roadmap to a life of peace and hope as His children. It accompanies our prayers that our children will learn to fear the Lord and delight in His commandments.

Leaving a legacy that displays to others the importance of our walk with God and living out the service He called us to is important for each of us as individuals, and is equally important for organizations as well. This has certainly been true for the City Rescue Mission as we reflect on our legacy over the past 113 years of ministry. As you read the feature article in this newsletter, you will see how God used many different individuals over these many years of ministry as we continue to serve Him by sheltering the homeless and feeding the hungry. Today we continue to place our faith in God for His continued provisions and protection and are following the example that Jesus set of loving all, providing grace, extending mercy, serving with compassion and showing the hope we all have in Christ. Trusting God, staying true to His Word and preaching the good news of the gospel must always be the Mission's foundation, its present purpose, and the legacy it leaves

behind for future generations.

I thank God for His calling of the Mission, the services we provide and the relationships that are made not only with those seeking our services, but also with individuals such as you who help the Mission by praying for us, volunteering, providing financial support and remembering us in your estate planning. Our hope is that our Legacy, together, will be glorifying to God in all we do. Please continue to pray for us as we start our planning and preparation for the upcoming holiday season, our busiest time of the year, which will be here before we know it. Personally, I thank each of you for being part of this legacy. It is an honor and a privilege to be in His service with you.


Jack H. Lynn,
President & CEO

Do You Have A Heart To Serve Those In Need? Become a Volunteer

Do you enjoy interacting with people in need and making a difference in their lives? Do you want to give your time to make an impact for your community while serving Christ? If so, you should become a City Rescue Mission Volunteer!

If you are interested in volunteering, feel free to email volunteer@cityrescuemission.org or visit our website: www.cityrescuemission.org/volunteer or scan the code for a direct link.

We are currently looking for individuals for the following volunteer positions:

- **Church Ambassadors** needed to share our monthly emails, updates and announcements with your congregation. We don't want to be the best kept secret in town!
- **Donor Ambassadors** needed to make appreciation telephone calls to donors (No soliciting). This can be done from the comfort of your home!
- **Class Facilitator** (Men's and Women's Ministries) Men of Faith needed to lead/facilitate classes on budgeting, building healthy relationships, anger management and/or conflict resolution; Women of Faith needed to lead Bible studies and devotions, and also needed to help provide cookouts, outdoor picnics and games for guests.



Our volunteers have a legacy of service to the Mission and the guests whose lives they have touched.

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No matter what form it may take, legacies can have a tremendous impact, encouraging and leaving pathways for those that follow. Leaving a legacy that shows others the importance of your walk with God and the service He called you to applies to each of us individually and is equally important for organizations as well. This has certainly been true for the City



Rescue Mission, as we reflect on our legacy over the past 113 years of ministry.

Billy Sunday's legacy came from the early 20th century, when he was one of the nation's most famous evangelists. He traveled across America preaching the Gospel to large crowds, including a visit to New Castle, Pennsylvania in 1910. That visit inspired a group of individuals and led to the formation of the City Rescue Mission as an outreach for local churches. What a legacy this group left, one that is still alive today through the daily operations of the Mission. The following decades saw great growth for the Mission as a place where God transformed lives and continues to do so today. While each decade had different challenges and brought different opportunities for ministry, two key things have been true since that first day of ministry in 1911.

First, our mission to model Jesus Christ through excellent, relevant

and personal services, which lead to changed lives for the needy in our community, has never and will never change. Our rich evangelical history of meeting the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual needs of hurting people in our community is also our future. Second, while God provides and leads the Mission, He uses many individuals to carry out His will.

When you think about those who have answered God's call to ministry over the years as members of our staff or volunteers, and those who support the Mission through prayer and financial assistance, it is a staggeringly large number. Each person the Mission serves witnesses the impact of those individuals as they feel the love of God in this place. In the end, though, it is not about us individually who serve, but about the glory it brought and continues to bring to God for all to see. Praise God for calling everyone who has contributed to the Mission's legacy.

Faith and Family

5 Questions for Making Your Will

According to Caring.com's 2024 Wills and Estate Planning Survey, only 32% of Americans have a will in place.

Creating a will is one of the most important things you can do to bless your loved ones. It's a meaningful way to communicate what's most important to you and cultivate a legacy of generosity in your family.

Your first step? Pray. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans" (Proverbs 16:3). Next, answer the following questions to guide your planning:

How do you want to be remembered? Pick three attributes and build from there.

What are the most important lessons you've learned? Your wisdom will inspire future generations.

What values do you want to pass on? Document the principles that guide your decisions.

What stories do you want to share? Share your personal faith, as well as family history.

What people and organizations embody the values you've now identified? Use this list to find your executor, guardian of your children, and beneficiaries of your estate, including ministries that matter to you, like the work of the City Rescue Mission.



Fall 2024 Wish List

Practical Ways You Can Help

We welcome your donations of the items listed below. Please call **724-652-4321** for drop off instructions and/or directions.

Our immediate needs include:

FAMILY CARE MINISTRY

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cereal
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Canned Fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Beans
- Tuna
- Pasta/Noodles (any kind)
- Egg Cartons

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Laundry Detergent
- Kitchen & Bathroom Cleaner
- Coffee
- Creamer
- Facial Tissues

MEN'S MINISTRY

- Blue Jeans (waist sizes 30-34)
- Backpacks or Bookbags
- Noodles (any type)
- Pasta & Sauce
- Ketchup
- Canned Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Bottled Water
- Underwear
- Shower Shoes/Flip-Flops
- Rice
- \$5 Gift Cards

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Bottled Water

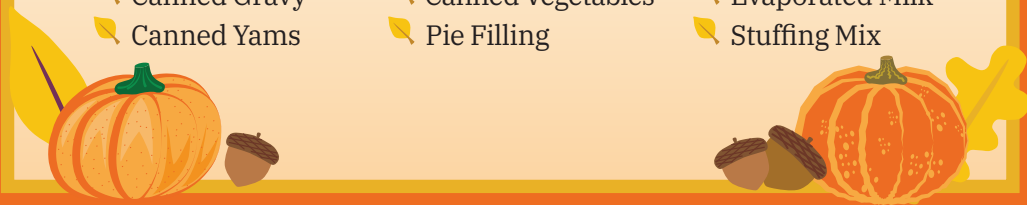
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Thanksgiving 2024

Let the Collecting Begin!

The Mission and our community have a legacy of providing food where needed and sharing the love of Christ with everyone we come in contact with. We've started preparing for the Mission's Thanksgiving Basket outreach and you can too! This year has been difficult for many. There are individuals and families struggling to make ends meet. With your help, our neighbors in need will be able to celebrate the holiday with all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal to enjoy in their own home. Check out this Thanksgiving Basket wish list for ideas of what you can start collecting now to donate:

- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Pie Crust Mix
- Canned Gravy
- Canned Vegetables
- Evaporated Milk
- Canned Yams
- Pie Filling
- Stuffing Mix



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 6, 2024

10AM - 2PM



Join us after church for our annual Sunday Brunch and see what God is doing through the Mission and what happens here on a daily basis.



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