

••• SPECIAL EVENTS •••

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BANQUET



The Great Thanksgiving Banquet is coming Saturday, November 29, 2008. This event is a time during the year when we try to show special care for the homeless and needy in our community. You can help us make the day a success by volunteering time and/or resources.

Where: First United Methodist Church
300 E. Main

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, rolls and dessert



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our Christmas Celebration will be held on December 27, 2008.

The Christmas Celebration is a family event that reaches out to men, women and children who may have no place else to go. We furnish a ham dinner with all the trimmings, Christmas carols, family portraits, gifts and lots of love and attention.

Where: First United Methodist Church
300 E. Main

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Reaching Prodigal Sons and Daughters Seminar



When: Friday, November 14, 2008
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Christian Assembly
Foursquare Church
1001 Cleveland; Missoula, MT

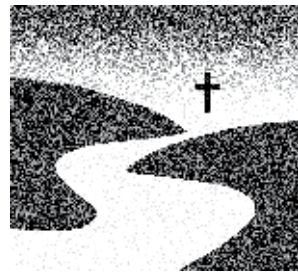
Who: Pastors, lay leaders, youth pastors, church employees or anyone personally dealing with prodigal sons or daughters

What: Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission would like to support the body of Christ in the greater Missoula valley by offering a **free seminar** on how to minister to a friend, relative or church member whose life is controlled by addiction. Our seminar speaker will be Eric Burger, the Director of the Great Falls Rescue Mission. He has had a lifetime of experience dealing with addictions having “grown up” in rescue missions across the country due to his parents being involved in the work of Rescue.

Topics include: “How to love the sinner, not the sin,” “When to let people hit the pig sty” and “What resources are available for help.”

RSVP: There is no cost for this seminar but we would like to know you are coming so we can adequately supply snacks at break time.

Please call the Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission office at 542-5240

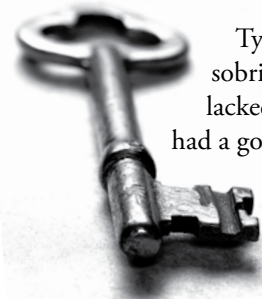


THE DAMASCUS ROAD

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FIND THE MISSING KEY



Ty Evenson tried other alcohol treatment programs and even had three years of sobriety after working through some life issues with a Christian counselor. Still he lacked the key to permanent freedom from the hold alcohol had on his life. He had a good job in law enforcement and a marriage of 24 years, but he had also seen the devastating results produced by alcohol and other personality issues that had controlled him. Even after accepting Christ as his Savior at a Weekend to Remember marriage seminar two years ago, Ty said, “I had not learned the basics for living the Christian life. I was attending church, but it just was not cutting it.”

Ty recently completed the first phase of the Missoula 3:16 School of Christ regeneration program. He says he has discovered the missing key he needed to overcome an addiction to alcohol, to re-make his marriage, and generally how to live the Christian life each day. As he explained, “It simply means realizing that Christ is really in me, providing the power to lead the life He has given.” Ty said he has often had to battle a sense of “not being good enough,” but now he has found a new sense of identity by identifying with Christ who demonstrated what it means to humbly serve others. “It’s not about me and what I need,” he said, “it’s about learning to serve others and trusting Christ to do His work in and through me.”

Over the past few months, Ty has developed some genuine friendships with Christian brothers and sisters. He and his wife now attend weekly life groups in their Lolo church community with other couples. Together they are learning more about living the Christian life, not as a set of rules to obey but as a completely new life with Christ empowering and leading them each day. Ty went on to say, “I am learning to ‘take every thought captive to Christ.’”



Memoriam

Gary Noble
June 12, 1966 -
October 13, 2008

You will be greatly missed!

I did not know Gary well, but I knew him as a brother who was always helping someone. For example, one day I needed to load some gravel at the School of Christ for another project off campus. Gary was there immediately helping me to shovel the stones! In the midst of the trials he battled, Christ's love shined through him brightly. (Matthew 5:16) –Bill

Gary was a good friend. We lived together, worked together, fished together, prayed together, laughed together and cried together. He would give the shirt off his back to help someone. I know I'll see him again, he just beat me home. See you on the other side, brother. –Glen

During this season of tears, we as a ministry have rallied and loved on each other more than I ever thought possible. Gary struggled as we all do, but chose not to be a victim of the blasted illusions of this world. No longer was he willing to walk through the arcade of darkness, plugging nickels into machines of deceit and destruction. He loved his family, he loved God and he loved us. We, in turn celebrate his memory, his spirit and his victory. We will always be your brothers in Christ. (Isaiah 56:12) –Anonymous

We are all witnesses to the transforming power of God's word and Spirit in Gary's life. Gary lives on

in our hearts through the many blessings manifested in and through him by God. We are truly blessed to have known Gary and to be able to call him our brother. –Cole

Gary was a servant. The last time I saw him he was serving me. He was a brother and a friend that I had come to love. I am going to miss him greatly! –Caleb

Gary was a good influence to the other men at the School of Christ. –Elisabeth

Gary lived out Galatians 6:9 which says, “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” No matter what was going on in his life, he was not giving up! He also taught me a lesson in servanthood. I will truly miss his smile that seemed to light up the whole room. –Pam

“It didn't take long after meeting Gary to realize that he was a man of many talents. He was smart and educated, an excellent handyman, cook, and woodworker, an attentive daddy to little Thatcher. Best of all was how, as the light of the Lord shone through the broken parts of his life, a real healing took place. Praise God that He allowed Gary to touch our lives in a profound way. –Chris



Heart to Heart

Pam Herbst, Executive Director

Here we are again on the cusp of winter. Many of you have been supporting the mission for years and know that the urgency of winter needs is critical. With men, women and children still spending nights in a tent or in a car there are so many lives that need a miracle.

Not only do the demands on the Mission increase during the winter, but also the demands on our hearts. It is emotionally draining to know that people do not have an adequate amount of food, a warm place to stay or a family to share the holidays with. There always seems to be much more need than we can accommodate.

However, since 1999, Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission has provided wonderful holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas for folks who have nowhere else to go. We have also done our best at providing day-time shelter, sleeping bags, blankets, long johns and other winter survival wear. The most important blessing we provide is the demonstration of God's love in a practical way.

This is the time of year where your love and support bring the staff and volunteers an overwhelming sense of thankfulness to our Lord for the provision that He supplies through kind hearted people like you.



Thank you all for the part you play in providing holiday "miracles" to people in desperate need. We wouldn't be here without your in-kind gifts, prayers and financial support.

On behalf of the homeless and needy,

Pam

P.S. Please take advantage of the "Reaching Prodigal Sons and Daughters" seminar (see page 4) if you or someone you know has a prodigal in their life.

Memorials That Live On

- For: Norm Johnson
Given By: Viola Overton
- For: Columbus Frank Cotton
Given By: Gene and Carol Vincent
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- For: Norm Johnson
Given By: Doug and Verle Johnson
- For: Columbus Frank Cotton
Given By: Walter and Pam Herbst
- For: Jeanne Wilson
Given By: Paul Wilson
- For: Virginia M. Lucero
Given By: Luther E. Lucero
- For: Stacey Allen Daigle
Given By: Walter and Pam Herbst
- For: Don Burns
Given By: J.W. and Ethel Stark
- For: Norm Johnson
Given By: Steve and Marie Ward
- For: Norm Johnson
Given By: Kay Norum
- For: Norm Johnson
Given by: Judith Dodgen

NOVEMBER 2008— BE A FRIEND IN DEED, HELPING THOSE IN NEED CAMPAIGN



The Town Pump Charitable Foundation has again invited us to join their matching funds campaign to help provide food for the many people in Montana who lack

the meals most of us take for granted. Last year the Foundation raised more than \$1,100,000 for food banks, shelters, and organizations like the Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission. This year, their goal is to raise \$1,250,000 to provide food for the hungry in Montana.

Town Pump has more than doubled the matching funds they have committed to Missoula 3:16 in 2008 and will match every dollar you give up to \$10,000!

According to the Center on Hunger and Poverty, 13% of Montana households are "food insecure" – defined as having limited availability to nutritionally adequate and safe food. At least 3.8% of the Montana households experience hunger in some way. Our Day Center provides an average of 2,400 meals and distributes over 100 food boxes every month. We will definitely put these matching food funds to good use in our community!

Your participation in our 2008 food campaign is easy – just indicate that you would like your donation to be counted toward the Town Pump Matching Grant on the enclosed reply form.

Remember, your gift is doubled through the matching opportunity we have from the Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

Thanking you on behalf of the hungry,

Pamela K. Herbst



Pamela Herbst, Executive Director-Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son... (John 3:16)



DAILY NEEDS:

- Paper plates
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- 2 oz portion cups (Costco)
- Dish soap
- Razors

DAY CENTER FOOD NEEDS:

- Coffee
- Ranch dressing
- Sugar
- Mayonnaise
- Canned chili
- Canned soups
- Pancake mix
- Quick-cook oats

WINTER SURVIVAL ITEMS:

- Heavy men's and women's coats
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets
- Socks
- Long john's
- Gloves
- Hats
- Tents
- Boots

(Every fall we ask the community to help us save the lives of people living on the streets. When the temperatures dip into the lower digits sleeping bags, blankets and coats are life saving donations. Thank you to all the kind hearted individuals, churches and community groups that have helped us with this outreach to the poor and homeless in our city.)

A special "Thank You" is due to the Veterans group that dropped off the large amount of cold weather survival gear to the School of Christ. What a blessing you are to the homeless and needy!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:

Would you like to participate in our next "Hope for the Homeless" Banquet? We are looking for people to provide items for the silent auction. Our very small silent auction brought in several thousand dollars last year to help support the ministries of Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission. We would like to expand our silent auction this year and would be thankful for any donations of new items or wood furniture that needs to be refinished. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl at 728-1184 or 396-1096. Thanks for your support!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A dedicated group of people volunteer hundreds of hours each month to meet the desperate needs of the homeless and others in need. Without the faithful service of volunteers like Larry Daigle (see story below), we could not accomplish the work we do.

"I'm Home"

by Larry Daigle (volunteer at the Day Center)

Being raised in a large family of nine and third to the oldest, I have always been in a place of being a helper. As I got older, I worked on ranches and have worked with people my whole life. I have always liked people and enjoyed helping.

Being at Missoula 3:16 Rescue Mission and helping with breakfast and lunch, as well as cleaning up, seems to fit me. I especially enjoy working with the people that love the Lord Jesus, which is a big part of my life. It's been a joy! We are becoming more and more of a family, and



the love of Jesus abounds. I know the Lord wants me involved with Missoula 3:16 and it has become something I look forward to several days a week. **Come visit us!**

Love, Larry

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
Holiday volunteers needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please call the office at 542-5240 to sign up.

Missoula 3:16 is still in need of a few men who will step up to the challenge of getting to know the homeless and needy by working a few hours at the Day Center. Please call the office or download a volunteer application at missoula316.org.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK – SEPTEMBER 2008

Benevolence Distributions

- Eyeglasses \$54.00
- Safe lodging for a homeless woman \$262.00
- Bus ticket \$123.00
- Deposit on an apartment \$42.00

Meals served: 2308

Food boxes distributed: 106

Men in the School of Christ 6

