



Crash Helmets or Easter Bonnets?

By Joy Sylvester-Johnson

"Why do people in churches seem like cheerful brainless tourists on a packaged tour of the Absolute? ... On the whole I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea of what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may awake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return".

Annie Dillard from Teaching A Stone To Talk

I read these words and thought to myself, "Annie is on to something here." Our behavior – what we do – indicates that we haven't a clue as to the power of the Resurrection we preach.

Most of the struggles we have as individuals and corporately as the church are the result of a huge disconnect between what we, as Christians, "say" ...and what we, as Christians, "do."

Easter is the best picture I know for the defining reality of the invisible, yet essential experience we call "grace" -- God's "doing."

The Crucified God must come before the Resurrected God.

We may be the only belief system in the history of the world to worship such an absolute "failure". Our Lord, who started out in a cow stall and ended up being executed by the state is not what the world expected or what the world would view as a successful life. No wonder Paul wrote: The crucifixion is a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles. (1 Corinthians 1:23).

Who can make sense of such a thing?

And that is the point. Easter is not something to be explained, but an event to be experienced. Our friend

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May 8, Honor Your Mom, and Help Homeless Moms in Crisis

Each day, the "Honor Thy Mother Wall" welcomes hurting mothers and children who enter the Women and Children's Center. They come desperate for safe shelter food and medical attention.

What we hope, is that they find this to be a place of grace.

Your gift of \$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund means that the Center will be open to welcome them in their time of crisis not only tonight, but for many years to come.

In recognition of your gift, (*payable over 12 months*), your Mother's name will be engraved on a specially made wooden block and permanently installed on the Honor Wall.

To honor your Mother or any other significant woman in your life on Mother's Day, contact Joy at: (540) 777-7655 or joy@rescuemission.net



April 2
2nd Helpings
Sat. 2 -4 p.m. Artist Reception
Dan Stone, Olivia Kershaw Smith

April 7
Thursday 5:30 p.m.
MENistry

April 16
Saturday, 8 a.m. -3 p.m.
White Kitchenware Sale
Rescue Mission Project Room

April 21
Thursday 5:30 p.m.
Bless My Soul

May 12
Thursday 5:30 p.m.
EVE Network Meeting

May 18
Wednesday, 12 Noon,
Auxiliary Luncheon
Secretary Appreciation Day!

May 19
Thursday 5:00
Bless My Soul

June 2
Thursday 5:30 p.m.
MENistry

June 4
2nd Helpings
Sat. 2 -4 p.m. Artist Reception

June 16
Thursday 5:30 p.m.
Bless My Soul

June 20-24
Summer Day Camp
Jubilee Acres

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BB&T Recipient of the Rescue Mission Angel Award!

Without the tremendous support of our Volunteers we would not be able to help all those in crisis who come to the Rescue Mission. BB&T recently made a gift of money and also of time and effort.

- In August 2010, school supplies were distributed by the BB&T team at the 5th Annual Back to School Blast where 1,500 low-income children received a school supply kit and a new book bag.

- 36 new powder-coated metal beds were purchased to replace broken wooden beds in the Women & Children's Center. The old wooden beds, rickety from wear and tear had to be cross-braced to stabilize them. The new beds, designed and manufactured locally, are not only safe, they look great and will last for decades

- * Paint was purchased to freshen up guest rooms at the Women & Children's Center.

- * New sheets and pillows were purchased to put on every each new bed.

BB&T employees donated 150 hours of service to paint family dorm rooms in October. In November BB&T employees donated 27 more hours of service in 2010 and in February an additional 38.50 hours to assemble beds.

That is why the Rescue Mission presented the BB&T Lighthouse Project teams with the Mission Angel Award this year.

David Hipes, Paula Brown, Jennifer Sorrels, and Doug Eggleston of BB&T accept the Mission Angel Award.



In Memory of

Taft Abbott, Sr.
Lucille Angle
Alan Armentrout
Kurt Biedenbender
Bruce E. Bohon, Sr.
J. Ottis Bowling
Bobby L. Camper
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Larry Hager
Mary "Peggy" Burnett Harell

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To Remember and Honor, To

Still Running the Race...

For many years Curt and Lee Rowland were faithful members of the Mission's Auxiliary. When Curt passed away, Lee wanted to honor his memory. She was inspired to start "Curt's Mile of Pennies".

She placed penny collection jars in various locations. In 3 months she had collected her first mile of pennies (\$844.80). Recently she announced the beginning of her third mile. *The first mile purchased a new bed for the shelter.*

If you would like to collect pennies in the name of a loved one, contact the Rescue Mission to get your penny jars and dedication labels. There is no telling how far we can go - one penny at a time. Call Kyle Edgell at 777-7667.



Lee Rowland stands by the bed inscribed with Curt Rowland's Name made possible with her "Curt's Mile of Pennies" fundraising idea.



In Memory of

Marvin & Effie Roark
Betty Sexton
Judy Riley Sink
Phyllis Garman Smith
Lee Spangler
Eva A. St. Clair
Peggy Leigh St. Clair
Raymond Swanson

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Making Mission Possible!

- Mary Fox brought two rescue greyhounds to visit the children in shelter. The kids enjoyed petting, feeding, and walking the dogs.
- St. James Episcopal Youth made bag lunches, scrubbed tables, worked in the Thrift Store, and sanitized and made 118 beds in the Men's shelter.
- 1st Baptist Church of Asheboro, NC sent 9 volunteers to paint the dining rooms & help clean & set up apartments in the Family Shelter.
- Carl & Lana Stewart hosted a "Green Fun Night" with the Shelter Ladies on March 11.

New Hope Christian Church painted the Women and Children's Center Sunshine Room.



What would your group like to do?

Call Leslie Littlefield at:
777- 7651

Susan and Benjamin take the "Meet me at the Mission Monday" tour at noon and celebrated his birthday by giving gifts to the Women and Children's Center.



In Memory of

Hugh Wiley
Annabelle Wingfield
Ron Wheeler
Ingeborg M.J. Wirt
Wendell Whorley
Michael "Mike" Wright
Waid & Levin Family
Dan Zuro

Given by

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Charles & Margaret Zuro

In Honor of

Mrs. Suzie Castern
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Harry & Nancy Fartune
June & Carl Lowe
Granger & Anne Macfarlane
Barbara Murray
John Sylvester-Johnson

John & Joy Sylvester-Johnson

Bill & Peggy Overstreet
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"The Power of One" FBC
The Recovery of Lee Gordon
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The Price Family

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Julie Owen
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Ralph H. Montgomery
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Remember and Honor

Plan B *continued from front page*

Eugene Peterson says it best in his new book, *Practice Resurrection* when he writes:

“Grace originates as an act of God that is absolutely without precedent, the generous, sacrificial self-giving of Jesus that makes it possible for us to participate in resurrection maturity. It is not what we do; it is what we participate in.”

Peterson goes on to remind us that there is no Plan B.

It is by grace that we are saved-- especially from our immature and selfish selves.

Getting back to Annie Dillard and her “crash helmets” instead of Easter bonnets -- is it not time to take the Resurrection more seriously? Is it not *past* time to be less schizophrenic about the living of our faith?

Recent events in my own life have hurled me to places I have never been, and places from which I cannot return unchanged. Isn't that what Resurrection means – that we who believe are “changed” and that as a result the entire world is transformed? *There is no Plan B.* Christ is counting on us.

May is Rescue Mission Month!

Pray

For God to continue to Bless this ministry.

Tour

Meet me at the Mission - Every Monday at Noon.

No appointment necessary. Learn who we are & what we do.

Volunteer

There are many opportunities from which to choose:

Men's Shelter, Women and Children's Center, Free Medical Clinic, Jubilee Acres, Food Service, Chapel, EVE Network, Ladies Auxiliary, MENistry, Thrift Store, 2nd Helpings Shop Gallery and Cafe, Learning Center, Recovery Arts Program, Drumstick Dash, Reception and Transport

Contact: Leslie.Littlefield@rescuemission.net or 777-7651

Donate

All gifts (cash, stocks, bequests, gifts in kind, vehicles, usable items in good condition, real estate,) are gratefully accepted.

Volunteer - The Smiles are Free!

Van drivers and attendants are needed to transport children to Jubilee Acres Summer Camp

Mon. - Fri. from 9-10:45 a.m. or 2:45-4:15 p.m. June 20 – August 19

- ◆ Camp Aids for Jubilee Acres Summer Camp
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. June 20 – August 19
- ◆ People to sew 2011 Children's Christmas Pageant costumes
- ◆ Toddler care during Family Chapel – Monday-Friday 6:20 -7:15 p.m.
- ◆ Greeters, runners, washers, musicians, trimmers for the Bless My Sole Ministry. (3rd Thursday of the month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.)
- ◆ Baggers, dock workers, driver assistants, bric-a-brac sorters for the Thrift Store Ministry: Tuesday - Saturday 9 am- 5 p.m.
- ◆ Greeters and Expeditors for 2nd Helpings Café - weekdays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Wish List

Deodorant

Men's and Women's Socks

Baby Wipes and Similac Formula

Disposable Razors

Dental Gift Bags (toothbrush, toothpaste and floss) in a zip lock bag - we need 200!

MISSION FACT

The Clinic pulled 45 teeth in one day at the last Dental Clinic!

Meals & More

These numbers represent lives changed through God's blessings and your generosity!

	Feb. 2011	YTD 2011
Dining Hospitality Ministry	24,963	53,403
Safe Shelter Ministry	9,668	20,373
Clothing & Household Items	1,558	3,224
Professions of Faith	120	232
Volunteer hours	9,237	18,069
Class hours of instruction	2,028	3,847
Clinic Ministry patient visits	1,118	2,392
Value of Healthcare provided	\$168,738	\$374,699
Case Management Ministry visits	348	877
Legal Clinic Ministry visits	6	9