



Sitting in the Smoking Section

By Joy Sylvester-Johnson

My new favorite author, Sara Miles reports that once when she was complaining about one of the visitors to the church pantry program who was particularly “filthy and hostile” her friend responded, “Sara, if you want to see God, sometimes you have to sit in the smoking section”.

A closer reading of the scriptures than most are willing to do, reminds us that Jesus (God Incarnate, the One who lived among us) spent a lot more time getting “cozy with crooks”, walking with friends, telling stories and eating with those who stretched the parameters of respectability than He ever did in church.

Adolescent Jesus got a pretty good reception in the temple as would any prodigy or wunderkid. But as an adult, Jesus was mobbed, threatened, run out of town and ultimately murdered by the religious establishment. When the precocious kid grew up, he started disrupting commerce (business as usual) in the temple and spreading all kinds of disturbing rhetoric calling for a shift in the balance of power. Church--then as now--simply did not know what to do with Jesus.

Which brings me back to “sitting in the smoking section.”

The church, when it is at it’s best, is fully engaged with human misery, suffering and injustice. If Christians want to “see God” they have to be where God is. And God always stands with the poor, the sick, the lonely, the broken and those who are afraid.

I see God in the aging alcoholic man who gives his last three dollars to one of the children in shelter. I see God in the face of the illiterate program guy who stands up to read the scripture in a halting voice in the Mission chapel as the woman who taught him to read sits in the back of the room smiling--and crying.

I see God in the toothless smile of a clinic patient who comes back to say “thank you” to those who helped free her from daily pain. I see God in the patience of the young mother who has to explain to the third person for the third time on the same day in the same agency “why” she does not have enough money to pay rent, buy groceries and get shoes for her children this month.

I see God in the face of a volunteer who helps an old fellow in the shelter wash away the feces and the vomit from his emaciated body. I see God in the faces of the teenagers who come to peel potatoes (some have never done this before) and require the first aid kit multiple times for cuts--but at the end of the experience--sign up to do it again next month.

I love the Church (the Body of Christ). John and I pray daily for the Church. We pray that the Church will not be afraid to see Jesus--and then to follow Him--even to the smoking section.

If you are a Christian, I want to encourage you to be on the lookout for Jesus. There’s no telling where He will turn up next.

Successful Designer Event highlights 2nd Helpings



Our Designer Event was “*the*” thing to do according to the Roanoke Times Showcase. Interior decorators, floral designers and faux painters all demonstrated beautifully what is possible with a little creativity inspired by accessories and furniture from the Shop and Gallery. The event also brought new faces to experience 2nd Helpings.

Chef Sam Newcomer, a recovery program graduate of the Rescue Mission, catered tasty and colorful platters of hors d’oeuvres.

See our Designer Event Photo Album on our 2nd Helpings facebook page or stop by 2nd Helpings to be inspired!

March 5
2nd Helpings
Sat. 2 -4 p.m. Artist Reception
Olivia Kershaw Smith
Betty Hancock Bright
Donna Hancock

March 10
5:30 p.m. EVE Network

March 16
Wednesday, Noon
Auxiliary Luncheon

March 17
5:30 p.m. Bless My Sole

March 28
Monday, Noon
Pastors Lunch & Learn
Diana Butler Bass

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

April 7
Thursday 5:30 p.m.
MENistry

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

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

May 18
12 Noon, Auxiliary Luncheon
Secretary Appreciation Day!

May 19
Bless My Sole

For More Information
Call (540) 343-7227
rescuemission.net

2nd Helpings
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(540) 491- 9409 Cafe
2ndhelpings.org

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Making Mission Possible!

Donations!

Worth Paisley, Jackson Getz, George Kakavrus and Christopher Scott. What do they have in common? They all attend Covenant Presbyterian Preschool and had birthdays in the same month. They had one big party together, and instead of having their guests bring presents, they asked them to bring donations for the Rescue Mission. Their entire class was invited to participate! The class collected diapers, wipes, bath soap, toothbrushes, flip-flops and gift cards.

The Episcopal Diocese St. Nicolas Day Grant for 2010 of \$18,000 was awarded to the Rescue Mission to establish a new Project WAIT dormitory.

Tinker Mountain /Civitan Club for lunch and to present the Mission with a \$100 check!

Shula 347 - Proceeds from the Silent Auction at the grand opening of Shulas 347 restaurant totaled \$2,860 for the Rescue Mission.

Cave Spring Middle School dropped a Valentine Basket of goodies to the Women and Children's Center!

Volunteers!

- Loudon Avenue Church helped steam clothes and wax all the floors at 2nd Helpings
- 21 people from Jackson Middle School, God of Our City Small Group, and New Hope Christian Church participated in a down and dirty kitchen detail project. Ceiling tiles, walls, floors and equipment were scrubbed and the walls were painted. The kitchen now sparkles!

Worth Paisley and Jackson Getz enjoy displaying their "birthday presents"



In Memory of

Harrison & Hilda Adkins
John Lee Aldridge
Evelyn Anderton

Lucille Angle
Gerald A. Austin
Luella Myers Banks

Donald R. Bower
Susan H. Bray
Emmett & Mildred Brown
Daniel O. Croy
Joan M. Cummings
Richard Cundiff
Dorothy Dent

Betty Jacqueline Goodwin Evans
Dalton Flowers
Cora & Richard Giles, Sr.
Vivien Glidden
Archie R. Goode
Vernice M. Graham
Vera, Hubert and Leonard Hancock
Leona Hancock
Rev. ... Hawes
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Henderson

Given by

Mr. & Mrs. William E. Adkins
Judy A. Sammer
Betty Preas
Van & Leigh M Lucas
Jack & Donna Woodson
Mrs. Shirley Dyer
Jeff & Beth Goldstein
Glenn Angle
Paul & Ann Garber
The Bunco Group &
The Southern Living Group
Ernest & Marie Hutchins
The Second Thursday Bridge Club
Women's Golf Association of
Hidden Valley Country Club

Ms. Judy A. Bower
Dottie & Lonnie Myers
Darlene B. Simpson
Genett H. Lewis
Mr. & Mrs. Jay V. Moorman
Mr. Frank H. Mater
George Dent
Julie Arthur
Colleen Spradlin
Richard Giles, Jr.
Olin V. Glidden
Diane S. Goode
Ms. Elsie G. Hatcher

Genett H. Lewis
Scott Hayes
Aileen L. Jendse

In Memory of

Liz Hodges
Woodrow Howard
Sarah Howell
Helen Huffman

Wes Igoe
Doris Ann King
Joyce Jones
Simon P. Landis
Carl W. Lewis
Essie Lingafelt
Ruth Longbrake
Louis Lopez
Mrs. William Mahone
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James L. Mundy
Hazel Naff
Herman C. Naff
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Albert Nugue
John Wesly Oberlin, Jr.

Gloria Perdue

Given by

Mr. & Mrs. Guy R. Kidd
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Bill & Flo Fahrback
The Esther-Ruth Sunday School Class of
Oakland Baptist Church
Mr. & Mrs. George Igoe
Donna L. Carson
Mr. Donald Jones
Ms. Virgie B. Seay
Genett H. Lewis
Glenn, Feldmann, Darby, and Goodlatte
Paula & Chip Vail
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Mrs. J. Robert Justice
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Rose Barger
John W. Naff
Mabel R. Naff
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Linda A. Perdue
David & Gail Price
Don & Kathy Phlegar
Jan & Bill Kobach
Rick & Shirley Calhoun
Marian Sweet
The Beach Cre
Russell Perdue

Do Remember and Honor, to Remember

Breads, Beds & Meds Club!

Did you ever imagine that you could make a real difference in a homeless person's life for only pennies a day? You can by making a monthly gift to the Rescue Mission using an automatic deduction from your checking, savings account or credit card.

- \$10** provides a night's shelter for a homeless child
- \$24** provides food for a mom and her three children for an entire week
- \$64** provides clothing vouchers for a family of four
- \$75** will send a homeless child to Camp Jubilee for a week
- \$98** will provide for a day in Recovery for an addict getting clean and sober for the first time
- \$126** provides one day of meals, 900 breakfasts, lunches, and dinners, for the hungry
- \$500** will keep the Medical, Dental, and Psychiatric clinic open for a day

Don't just imagine. Make it happen. Join those who are already using the convenient and safe way of supporting the *life-saving* ministries of the Rescue Mission.

Contact Lee Clark at (540) 777-7687 or lee@rescuemission.net

Rescue Mission Quilt

*We were little scraps that were to be thrown away
But someone saw what we could be one day.
We were cut into strips and then sewn together
With donated fabric and batting, not feathers.
Forty eight of us joined, to make us look better
When we keep people warm in bad weather.
I hope we bring a happy smile to the faces
Of those who sleep at these caring places.
Someday when I'm tattered and torn,
And back in pieces all used and worn,
I hope I'm remembered for the warmth I gave
Because loving hands had sewn the pieces they saved.*

by Brenda Beckner and Joyce Lambert



**St. Patricks Day
Thrift Store Special**
Wear Green on March 17 and get
10% OFF!

2nd
helpings
SHOP · GALLERY · CAFE
Let's Do Lunch!

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1502 Williamson Road

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Martha Ann Peterson
Dennis Price
Dr. Rev. Paul Pullen

Wiley Quesenberry

Mr. & Mrs. Alexis Radjou
Ms. Betty Giles Redlinger

Kathaleen Rickman
Rosalie Shaftman
Shirley Sharp
Charlotte S. Simmons
Judy Riley Sink
Ages E. Snider
Vic Thomas Jr.
Warren Tuck
Roger Wells
Margurite Wilkes
Ray L. Witt
Mary Wooster
Dan Zuro
Father & Mother
Loved Ones

Given by

Bonnie J. Perdue
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Bob & Hilda Cole
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Mr. & Mrs. Carson A. Mills

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Ann Brown
Lawrence Camper
Kay Clark
Barbara Clingenpeel
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Barbara Dickinson
Kyle Edgell
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Leslie Littlefield
Charles McCarty
James & Jennifer McCracken
Phoenix Robinson

Amy Roller
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John Sylvester-Johnson

Joy Sylvester-Johnson

Joy & John Sylvester-Johnson
Connie Treadway
Our Children
The Rescue Mission
Christopher, George, Jackson,
& Worth's Birthday
Jesus
Valentine's Day

Given by

Betty Preas
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Joseph B. Camper
Kathryn Raffloer
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Karen Croy
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Luann Ferguson
Edith Garst
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Henry & Sarah Brabham
Dorothy G. McCracken
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Mary Frances Donnelly
Drew Gibbons
Douglas & Wanda Powell
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Apgar
Mark & Terena Hale
Keen Mountain Correctional
Center Chaplains
Susan Richardson
Paula & Chip Vail
Selma Elswick
Aunt Babe
Donald & Barbara Grantham
Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. McCulley

Kristin Garland
Mr. Ralph H. Montgomery
Shelba & Buck Ferguson

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Volunteers of the Year!

Development: Monica Mannino
EVE Network: Tiffany Rawling
Women & Children's Center: Cindy Thompson
Dental Clinic: Dr. Ken Ison and Christie Roth
2nd Helpings: Jonna McGraw
Children's Ministry : Carol Ferguson
Children's Ministry: Gabriella Shelden Family
Hospitality Chapel: Ronnie Powers Ministry
Transportation: Jerry Cole
Learning Center: Nannette Gagliostro
Food Service: Harrel Thompson
Medical Clinic: Dr. Lucien Brailsford
Technical Support/IT: Joe Marshal
Men's Shelter: AJ Setzer
Recovery: Tammy Wiley
Thrift Store: Debi Nicholson

Patrick Henry Cheerleaders cheered for our volunteers!



Uneita and Jim Mathews thank volunteer Harrel Thompson for his administrative assistance at the Rescue Mission

Pastor Lunch & Learn

at the Rescue Mission with featured speaker

DIANA BUTLER BASS
March 28, 2010 at 12 noon.

For Reservations Call
(540) 343 - 7227

Dr. Diana Butler Bass will also be speaking at
 2nd Presbyterian Church
 Sunday March 27th at 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

For the Sake of a Child!

Van drivers and attendants 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

- ◆ Church to lead kid's summer camp. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday: week of August 15th
- ◆ Camp assistants for Jubilee Acres Summer Camp Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. June 20 – August 19
- ◆ Seamstresses to sew 2011 Children's Christmas Pageant costumes
- ◆ Toddler care during Family Chapel – Monday-Friday 6:20 -7:15 p.m.
- ◆ Volunteers for Bless My Sole greeters, runners, washers, musicians, trimmers. (3rd Thursday of the month from 5 - 7:30 pm.)

Call Leslie Littlefield at 777-7651 or leslie@rescuemission.net

Wish List

Disposable Razors
 Men's Deoderant
 Laundry Detergent
 Glass & All-purpose Cleaner
 Men's and Women's Socks
 Similac Formula for Babies

MISSION FACT

We currently have 19 Children in shelter under 4 years old.

Meals & More

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

Jan. 2011

Meals served	28,440
Shelter nights	10,705
Clothing & household items	1,666
Professions of faith	112
Volunteer hours	8,832
Class hours of instruction	1,819
Clinic patient visits	1,274
Value of healthcare provided	\$205,960
Case management visits	529
Legal Clinic Visits	1