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*We bid you greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ*

from our outpost in the city where every day the Good News is shared in love, compassion and concern for those who visit with us. A very special thanks to all who have supported us through our changing times. You have sustained us and we are able to keep the doors open ministering in His Name. Our desire is to help our guests grasp II Corinthians 5:17 **Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new.** This is a precious truth and promise of God which can be claimed by every soul in Christ.

Who would ever have imagined a year turned upside down for the whole world? All of the necessary adjustments have put so much on hold. For the Gospel Mission, our plans for 2020 were one day at a time; working to maximize the resources the Lord has given us. The Covid event has shown the world how quickly things can change and it has challenged the feeling of a secure life for many people. This time in history gives the golden opportunity to tell the story of the security, safety, and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ. The safest place to be is in the will of God. In times of trials and tribulation the Lord has provided Scriptures to strengthen and remind us of His promises. Psalm 91 is a wonderful psalm to remind us of God's special place for us under His wings.

As we come to the close of 2020 we will serve the Lord each day as He provides desiring to lift the hearts of all who attend to see Christ. We can say,

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*** Ephesians 1:3

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

I HAVE COME INTO  
THE WORLD AS A

*light,*

SO THAT NO ONE  
WHO *believes* IN ME  
SHOULD STAY IN DARKNESS.

JOHN 12:46



## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the rebuilding of our daily positions. Many volunteers have had to drop out due to health concerns; and that we understand. A number of them have been able to stay with us, usually the younger set, but their day-time is limited. As soon as you would feel so led by the Lord, consider coming on board at the Gospel Mission.



It runs much like a ship. Everyone is trained and has a station and swings into action as the need arises. It is nice to see volunteers come on board and go to their job and begin their task for the day. Such co-laborers keep the Gospel going out to the city.

*Please send an email to express your interest and any questions you may have or give us a call.*

## Flu Shots

We have offered flu shots and a host of other inoculations depending what our guest may need. This is done in conjunction with Cedarville School of Pharmacology and Rite Aid. We had very fine turn outs on both occasions. Many are thankful for this program and that we are concerned about their health as well as their spiritual well-being.



It should be noted that the mission has operated every day since the Covid-19 was announced. We have maintained our normal service schedule throughout the year. No one here nor any one in our congregation has come down with this virus...praise the Lord!

*Psalm 91:3 For he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence.*



*Bible  
Institute  
Still in  
Progress*

Just a short note to let you know that the Bible classes are still in session. Other than the daily chapel, we have four 1½ hour Bible classes a week. Good people wanting to learn more. Pray for more people to show interest in these well-taught classes. The students are well nourished and it shows in their lives. Our computer classes have started back up as well.

## Christmas Activities

As much as possible, we are getting ready for the Christmas and Thanksgiving activities. We are planning our big meals for both occasions, and possibly a larger crowd this year because the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the convention center has been cancelled due to C-19. We will be doing gifts as usual and we will try to plan for larger crowds there as well. The Christmas Need List on the website is current for gift items.



We want to have some special services to celebrate our Lord and His graciousness to us.

*He has blessed us through everything this year... Amen.*



## E-Source Recycling

As you can imagine, we receive a wide assortment of donations daily. Some are directly useable by us and some are not. We have had a recycling program for some time to convert the items to funds to apply to something useable. We may get new leftover store items, which are the best, or used computers or cars. We use EBay or Marketplace and word-of-mouth to let people know.



We are reminded of the gleaning process in the Bible. Leviticus 23:22 *And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them for the poor, and for the sojourner: I am Jehovah your God.*

*We endeavor to use all of the resources the Lord sends us for His honor and glory.*

## Air Conditioning Donation

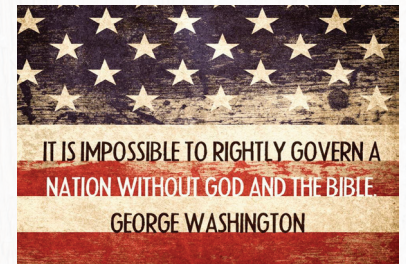
For many years it has only been a dream of volunteers and staff that the kitchen and dining hall could be air conditioned. That has finally come to pass. This year a beneficent donor wanted to do something to improve our infrastructure and the air conditioning was the choice. We



have many seniors that work the kitchen during the week and this is a great blessing. We thank the Lord for touching the hearts of people to come forward to meet our needs and wishes.

*Praise the Lord!*

## Voting Participation



The Gospel Mission's God's Gym is the voting precinct for our area and we very glad to host that for our community. We believe that the Christian voice needs to be well heard in Washington; perhaps there has been too much neglect over the years with people not voting, that has given us some of the problems we are having today. As time moves on, the Bible helps us to understand that our Christian freedoms will become more and more a target to be eliminated or severely compromised. We pray for America. I mentioned once before, the first Monday of each month is Flag Day. The whole congregation stands at the beginning of the service and sings the Star Spangled Banner as we watch the words and the waving flag on the big screen.



## Camp Jabez Equine Therapy

Camp Jabez operates year-around in the area of equine training. If you are looking for quality lessons of various levels we most likely will be able to accommodate you. In addition to that we also offer Equine Therapy, a faith based equine assisted learning program that facilitates emotional healing,



awareness and growth through exercises and connections with our equine counterparts and relationship with God to illuminate areas of weakness and encourage practical ways of positive change.



## Camp Jabez Open House 2020

We were really surprised at the turn out! The camp opened at 1 PM instead of 3 PM with the idea of spreading out everyone for distancing. We were busy from the start and it was busy until after 6 PM! Apparently we have set a precedent and people seemed to like the 1 PM opening. The main challenge course of the day was the zip line and it ran continuously for 5 hours. Some of our campers challenged their parents to go down the zip line...some parents reluctantly gave it a try.



The Lord gave us the most perfect day I think we ever had; it was beautiful. We showed prospective campers many of the things they would do at camp in the coming year. The horse shows were well received and gave a good idea of what our camp is all about. We are praying for another full camp in 2021. In and above all, we want the Lord to be seen in all we do.



## Horse Shelter for Camp Jabez

We are grateful to men from SouthBrook Community Church for their full day's work in putting up a new horse shelter for our camp horses. This will allow us to expand the use of our south pasture during the summer. While they were here their Disaster Relief Crew got in some training on taking down trees. They are called out on tornado damage and other emergencies. We are so very thankful to have such willing hearts come and join with us in the work of the Lord. We can offer so much more to our campers with what the volunteers are able to do for us. More projects await.

## Camp Jabez Summer 2021

It is hard to fathom 2021. So when we say 2021, we must always say "Lord willing" we will do this or that. In that context, the 2021 summer Camp Registration is now online and youth have already signed up. If your youth went to camp this year, future sign-ups are very quick.



We never quit working on the camp activities and projects; always something in the planning. Great pictures have been posted from last summer and you may find someone you know there. We are looking forward to another great camp, "Lord willing."

*Camp Jabez can be a great Christmas gift!*



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