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Every year with the Lord is good and a challenge as well.

He challenges the work to strengthen our faith! It was by faith, not arms, that the walls of Jericho came down. Daily we listen for the Lord's instructions and follow on by faith. No year is ever the same! We will march ahead trusting Him all the way. We have one simple business plan and that is to bring the Gospel to the needy in our corner of the mission field.

One of the physical challenges this year is the upgrading of our buildings; some in excess of 100 years old including our main chapel. Parts are no longer available for our refrigeration coolers (40 years old) and we are beginning to show a few leaks in the ceiling. God has wonderfully brought us through the many, many years with minimal break downs. ***"Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years." Deut. 8:4***. So, this year we hope, by the grace of God, to rebuild and refurbish a great deal of the mission's facilities. It will take more volunteers and funds than normal, but we will trust that the Lord will bring it about. Please consider where you might assist in this restoration.

The Lord has kept us going in all of this so that the Word can go forth every day. Pray for the many who visit us; hearts open to hearing the Word. Each day puts us one day closer to eternity. We ask for mercy and grace especially for those are who mentally impaired and those who are dealing with drug issues.

But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. Luke 14:13-14 Such are at our table daily.

We find great comfort in your prayers and are thankful for the many notes that are sent to us. The following stories are just a fraction of the Lord's activity at the Gospel Mission.

Thanks for your support!

By His grace in His service,

Dr. Kenneth P. Clarkston
Chaplain, Director

Avery Point Lighthouse, Connecticut USA



National Junior Honor Society Donations

At times, we are contacted "out of the blue" by those who feel the pull to take the time out of their own lives to enrich those of others. Earlier this year, Springboro 8th graders, Skyler and Camdyn chose the Gospel Mission as their 2026 National Junior Honor Society community service project to serve the homeless in Dayton.

They collected donations resulting in approximately 2,500 snacks in 390 snack bags (primarily from the generous congregation of Southwest Church, Springboro). On March 15th, Skyler and Camdyn passed out the first round of snack bags at the Gospel Mission. Our guests were pleasantly surprised by these bags, and we cannot thank the girls enough for bringing a bit of joy into the day of those unknown to them.

Inasmuch as ye have done to it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it to me.
Matthew 25:40



114 Birthday Celebration

Here we are again 114 years of continued service for the Lord. ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*** If you know your numbers, that is just a few years less than the life of Moses. He probably also wondered where the time went. As the Lord did with Moses, He has brought the Gospel Mission through many challenges because we believed He would do as He said. He has done some marvelous things in our little journey here in Dayton. Most important are the souls that have trusted in Christ along the way of their eternal journey. One day we will enter the promised land and have a wonderful reunion with those we once knew in the wilderness.



Lord willing, we will celebrate this birthday on
July 11th with a great cookout from 11am until 12:30 pm.
All are welcome to join us.



Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
Psalm 41:1



Cedarville Volunteers

We have many wonderful people that come and serve at the Gospel Mission, one of these being a group of students from Cedarville University. Not only do they help here at the Gospel Mission but also work with Inner City Impact. The group visited Chicago for a week, ministering to inner-city youth and completing work projects around ICI's main building. Prayers are asked for the children and their families, many who do not know the Lord as their Saviour, as well as for their future endeavors in His blessed name.

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord;
and great shall be the peace of the children.
Isaiah 54:13



A Look Back

Following is a little retro look of the mission. At one time we were called the City Rescue Mission. The name was changed to avoid any conflict with being involved with the city. Following are excerpts from the memory of an old timer looking back.

"*This was once the travel and commerce center for the Miami Valley area. The canal boats transported passengers and freight in and out of this area and it was the roughest and toughest part of town.*
In 1925, where my memories start, the canal was slowly being filled in, to become what is now Patterson Blvd. Here the City Mission was planted, and my recollection is being 5 or 6 years old, walking to Sunday services with my family. It was located near a vaudeville theater, and on warm days the dancing girls would stand near the open window in their heavy makeup and scanty costumes and listen to Pastor Quartell deliver His message… But they heard the gospel! Amen!
NOW GET THIS. A vibrant mural covered the back wall from floor to ceiling, depicting a lively ballroom party. The pictured couples danced drunkenly while tables brimmed with food and wine, and the room buzzed with energy and celebration. The roaring 20's was a time of excess, wastefulness, and the acceptance of Christ was at an all-time low.
We were involved with the Mission until 1929, the 'Great Depression', when we were forced to move. Many times, I have wondered, if I looked down Jefferson Street, would I see that very tall sign with the red letters: ***JESUS SAVES****. I wonder how many souls were drawn to the Mission by this sign and received their portion of the bread of life, both spiritual and physical.*
Back to the painting on the wall, I was telling this true story to our Sunday School Class a few years ago, and a couple ladies remarked that such a picture did not belong in a place of worship. I then explained, while one studies this scene, their eyes should be drawn to the very top corner where you would see the face of JESUS looking down, tears streaming down His cheeks. ***Rejected by those for whom He died.***"

From Harold D.

Camp Jabez Trails

www.CampJabez.org Sue Clarkston - Camp Director



Spring Clean Up



We work to keep our property simple and clean. It is a balance. The more flowers you have most likely the more weeds and work you generate. Volunteers assist us wonderfully in this endeavor but there just are not enough volunteers to go around. As usual, this spring and summer we have asked for laborers for the fields. We must be good stewards of what the Lord gives us to tend. People come as individuals or groups to assist in these projects from lawn and garden to outside painting. If you would like to undertake a project for the Lord, please send us an email. There are many tasks at the Gospel Mission and Camp Jabez.

Equine Affaire



World Champions, National Champions, Olympians, WEG and Pan Am competitors, popular equestrian TV personalities, professional equestrian performers, authors, judges, veterinarians, professors, and other top industry professionals came together at the 2026 Equine Affaire in Columbus to share their expertise on a wide range of equestrian disciplines and topics and offer unparalleled learning opportunities. Of course our Equine Director, Becca, attended to obtain the latest developments and insights from clinics, seminars and demonstrations. The educational opportunities are endless! Becca brings back the best for the advancement of the Camp Jabez equine programs.

Camp Jabez Summer 2026



Many adults have fond memories of summer camps during their younger days. We hear some great stories from our camper parents about how important a Christian camp was for them and how they want their children to experience the same. The day always starts with Bible study and prayer; as all of our lives should. The camp is in a beautiful setting, so the creation of God is beautifully displayed, which is one of our themes. To keep the quality of the camp as high as possible, we can only accept a limited number of campers. We also have individual horsemanship programs that run throughout the year.



We are looking forward to another fruitful year in ministry at Camp Jabez.

Training Staff

We certainly want the staff to be well trained and ready for a safe summer with the youth. The Director of the Outdoor Adventures, Caleb, has completed the SOLO Wilderness Medicine School training. The course focuses on response and assessment, musculoskeletal injuries, environmental emergencies, soft tissue injures and medical emergencies. Before camp starts, the entire staff will go through a week of detailed training pertaining to the activities that will be experienced by each camper.

P.S. Put Saturday, September 19th on your calendar for the annual Camp Jabez Open House!

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