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GATEWAY RESCUE MISSION



THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE LORD!!

OUR MISSION *To offer life changing hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men, women, and children through programs to deliver food, shelter, counseling and discipleship*

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

– C.T. Studd



REX BAKER

When I was a kid, my mother always made Mississippi Mud Cake at Thanksgiving. I've had other versions of this delicacy, but none like my mother made. It was part fudge, part brownie, with a marshmallow filling in between. Thanksgiving has changed a lot over the years. I remember eating Thanksgiving dinner at the Mississippi State union on an Egg Bowl Thanksgiving when one of my daughters was in the Ole Miss band.

At this time in my life, my mother has gone on to her eternal reward, and my daughters have moved away and started families of their own. Still, at Thanksgiving I like to contemplate my blessings. The Apostle Paul wrote long ago to "in all things give thanks." So, here goes.

This Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for five healthy, happy grandchildren. I'm embracing being a papaw, which means fine dining at their favorite restaurant, Chic-Fil-A and trips to Party Safari when they come to visit. I'm thankful for another year of life, which I realize more each year we should never take for granted.

I'm thankful that I got to witness Ole Miss beat Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. Can't say that I saw that one coming, but I'm glad I was there to witness it. I'm thankful that I got to visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan this past summer at a rescue mission conference. Some of the exhibits brought back memories of a bygone era of bipartisanship in politics and memories of being a teenager in the Bicentennial year of 1976.

I'm thankful for God's mercy shown to me, a sinner. I'm thankful for co-workers and board members at Gateway Rescue Mission who all roll up their sleeves to help us do this work of rescue. I'm thankful to be a Mississippian by the grace of God. I'm thankful for good health, following a little heart-hiccup in 2025.

Finally, I'm thankful to see construction crews working daily at Gateway Rescue Mission to renovate our warehouse building as part of our Restore Life to Jackson campaign. This renovation is a dream come true, as late next spring we should have brand-new living quarters for the residents of our New Life Program. Just as God ordained the rebuilding of the Temple and the Jerusalem city walls in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, He is breathing new spirit into Gateway Rescue Mission.

I want to thank each of you who has given of your finances, time, and prayers to support our work. We don't have the market cornered on this thing called ministry at Gateway Rescue Mission. God is at work everywhere; the suburbs, downtown, at the country club, out in the sticks, and among the homeless and addicted. He's the God of the house church and the megachurch. The same God is over all. So, this Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks to Yawheh Elohim, the Lord God who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Blessings,

Rex W. Baker

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Executive Director
Gateway Rescue Mission

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FEATURE



Some of these pictures show what we are doing. Rusty, our Volunteer Coordinator/I.T. Guru can be seen looking over architectural plans along with Madison, our interior design expert with Canizaro, Cawthon, and Davis. Mitch, our Development Director is also looking over plans in the building that will by next May house our New Life Program.





The other picture shows why we are doing this work. This person spent a recent night outside on Gallatin Street. When we complete Phase One of our ***Restore Life to Jackson*** campaign, it will not only create new dorm space to expand our recovery program, but it will also allow us to double the number of homeless people we can shelter each night.

Now in case y'all forgot, it's almost Thanksgiving. That means we are officially accepting donations of turkeys and hams at Gateway Rescue Mission. We will feed several thousand holiday meals during the upcoming Thanksgiving–Christmas season. So, we need turkeys, hams, and related foods to meet the need during the coming season. You can drop them by at 328 South Gallatin Street anytime during normal daylight hours.

Thank you all for supporting Gateway Rescue Mission and may you have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

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We'd like to give a Gateway Shout-Out to these fine students from Millsaps College, who came by recently to serve lunch at the Gateway Café. We also had a group of nursing students from UMMC who came by and provided health tips for our residents.

It's hard to believe we're already at Thanksgiving again. At Gateway Rescue Mission, we pray God's blessings and His divine Hand of grace upon you as we approach the end of 2026. You have given graciously to support our rescue work here at Gateway, and we thank you for it.



Current Needs

- **Turkeys and hams** to feed hungry and homeless people through the holiday season.
- **Socks, caps, toboggans, blankets, and gloves** for winter weather.
- **Coffee,** for high demand in the winter.
- **PERSONAL REQUEST:** God has blessed us with generous donors to fund Phase One of our capital campaign. However, we are in critical need of general donations to help pay the bills. We have a serious current need for general financial contributions to help keep the lights on. **Please consider a year-end financial gift.**



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