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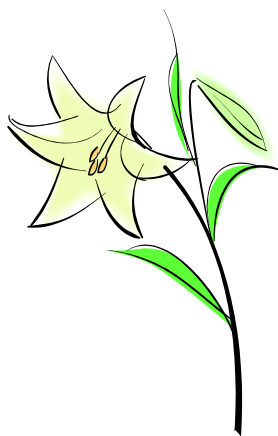
Easter Day usually occurs in March or April. This year we celebrated Easter on April 16th, and Good Friday was commemorated on April 14th. We thank Jesus for taking the wrath of God for our sins, and placing them on himself. At the same time, he placed His Righteousness on us. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead. . . “even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).

If you’re feeling down and out, look to the example of Jesus Christ, our savior. He made the most outstanding comeback ever! After being savagely crucified, he arose from death three days later, giving us eternal life.

Now is one of those special times when we, the residents, are especially grateful to the staff, volunteers, and donors at the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley. We don’t have the space here to mention all of these saints, but suffice to say, they continue to have a profound impact on our lives.

You gave us food when we were hungry, gave us drink when we were thirsty, clothed us when we were naked, and cared for us when we were sick. And our Savior will surely answer and say unto you, “inasmuch as ye have done it for the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me. And the righteous shall go into eternal life. . . (Refer to Matthew 25)

Jesus Christ died for our sins. He lives to keep us till our own day of redemption. We hope and pray that all of us will deny ourselves, turn to Christ daily, pick up our cross and follow Him.



Residents' Witnessing



Is the road you're traveling, leading you to God's house?



For this Easter issue, we asked residents to do some witnessing about their experiences at the Rescue Mission. The response was amazing with so many written comments that we had to paraphrase and shorten them. Here are some of the remarks we received.

"This place saved my life and I have hope now." (from Gigi)

"You're a true example of God's generosity and compassion." (from Angel)

"The staff are very nice and kind." (from David, a teenager);

"The Rescue Mission is a gift from the Lord above." (from Jennifer)

"We are now close as a family, and our children are more behaved." (from Donna and Steph)

"I love everyone here and know that you are my family." (from Phyllis)

"I thank God for this program." (from Christol)

"It's a blessing that this place exists." (from William)

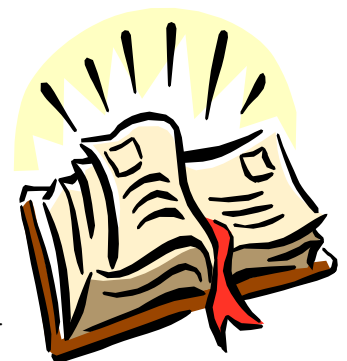
"You have a great office staff." (from Louise)

"I feel loved and humbled here." (from Jacob)

Bible Quiz:

1. Who fully satisfied the debt for our sins?
2. Who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life?"
3. Who prayed to God, the Father, asking for sanctification, glorification, and life eternal for us?
4. Who represents the church as our High Priest before the throne of God, the Father?
5. Who paid the price for our Redemption?
6. In the New Testament, who stated that repentance and remission of sins should be preached among all nations?
7. What event assures us that we have everlasting life as regenerated believers in heaven?
8. Who stated "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"
9. Who said "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God?"
10. Who said "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

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INTERVIEW

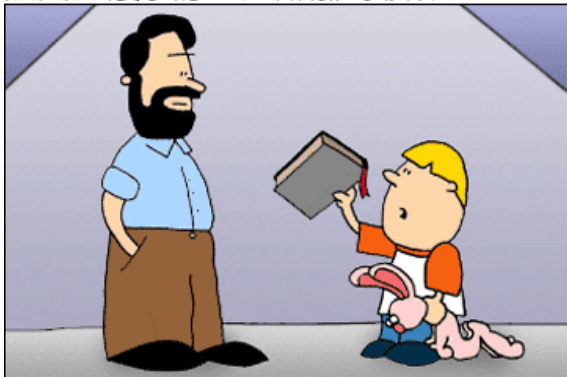
BRAD, AGE 34, FROM WHEELING, W.VA.:

Brad was living temporarily with his Pastor, Jeff Benedict, who called Doc. Finnigan, an old friend of his, to arrange for Brad’s stay here. Brad was a successful salesman throughout his adult life, until substance dependence took its toll and he lost his job, becoming homeless. Pastor Benedict brought Brad to the Mission on March 13, and the Pastor was kind enough to lead the devotion service that day. Brad appreciates being here; enjoys the daily opportunity to interact with other residents and help each other; and sees himself as growing in spiritual understanding and the service of God with the help of mentors, such as Doc Finnigan, Reverend Sherrard, and Pastor Ron Starcher. “I want to live in victory thru Christ; establish a relationship with my 17-month-old daughter; and make restitution to her mother,” as he put it. We welcome Brad and pray that he will receive the spiritual blessings he’ll need to overcome his addiction and become a “new man” in Christ.

CHURCH HUMOR

All church buildings should be air-conditioned; it is unhealthy to sleep in a stuffy room.
 The great task of the church is not only to get sinners into Heaven, but to get saints tout of bed.
 What the church needs is men who talk less and do more.
 Church membership is not an elevator to Heaven.
 The church needs workers, not a wrecking crew.
 If Heaven is going to be a place of rest, many lazy people will be all ready for it.
 Service is part of the rent we pay fro the space we occupy in this world.
 The U.S. Supreme Court has added a commandment which says “Thou shall not, in thy classroom, read the first ten.”

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DAD, I NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND OUT WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE EASTER BUNNY IN THE BIBLE

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Answers to Bible Quiz 1 thru 10: Jesus Christ. Christ died for our sins; was buried, and rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, Thank you, Lord for saving us and giving us everlasting life. We know that you're our only way to Heaven.

The Company of The Apostles

1. Who was the woman who first witnessed the resurrection?
2. Who succeeded Judas Iscariot as an Apostle?
3. Which Apostle was a tax collector?
4. Which Apostle was crucified upside down?
5. Who was the only Apostle present at Christ's crucifixion?
6. Who preached at Pentecost?
7. Who suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia?
8. Which Apostle was a missionary to India?
9. Who was not one of the original 12, though he probably labored harder for the Gospel than anyone else?
10. Who was called the "Beloved Apostle"?

- ANSWERS:
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| 1. MARY MAGDALENE | 1. JOHN |
| 2. MATTHIAS | 2. PETER |
| 3. MATTHEW | 3. PAUL |
| 4. MATTHIAS | 4. THOMAS |
| 5. PETER | 5. MATTHIAS |
| 6. PETER | 6. JOHN |
| 7. MATTHIAS | 7. PAUL |
| 8. THOMAS | 8. THOMAS |
| 9. PAUL | 9. JOHN |
| 10. JOHN | 10. JOHN |

Every person will spend eternity in one of two places, Heaven or hell.

If you should die today, where would YOU spend eternity?