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*Putting God's love
into action...
where the action
is at!*

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Pastor Rick Ready To Barbeque 2 Tons Of Meat!



Our annual barbeque is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 9-10. Pastor Rick is set to cook 2 tons of his secret recipe Boston Butts. At \$25 for an 8-10 lb pork roast (we call 'em "butts" around here) it's a bargain, a tasty bargain.

This year we're going to cook another 100 beef briskets again as well. Pastor Rick came up with a recipe that includes rubbing the briskets down with coffee grounds (and other 'secret spices'). Last year we couldn't get them off the grill before folks were eating them all up.

We will be selling pulled pork for \$10 a lb. and sliced

brisket at \$10 a lb.

You can purchase our meats ahead of time from any of our Harvest Evangelism Board of Directors (Laura Fuller, Mr. William Brown, Clay Cardone, Tim Crowley, Rick Freeman, Ricky Tant, Doug Pitts, Bobby Nix, Marrell McNeal, Mark Gatlin, Doug Dewberry) or our Harvest Evangelism staff (Rick or Kim Hagans, Mr. or Mrs. Sledge, Phillip or TR Amason, Cindy Miller, Davide Malinowski, John Jenkins, Glen Ward, "Big Steve" Diamond, Genera Walker, Greg Boyd). You can also pick up your tickets at His Place, Hope's Inn, or the Harvest Thrift Super Center. Any meats available can be purchased at our pick-up sites (behind the Elks Lodge, at our Harvest Thrift Super Center, at His Place all in Opelika or Hope's Inn in Lafayette).

Proceeds from this sale will be going this year to help purchase 4 ½ acres of land adjacent to our His Place Farm.

Buy a butt and help buy an acre.

Mexico Mission Report

Despite the continued reports of violence in Mexico, thirty of us, including a team from Times Square Church, just finished a Spring Break mission trip to Reynosa. We had a great time, no violence (unless you count the "gates of hell" that could not stand against us).

We built a house for a precious lady and her four children who were living in a shack. Calling their previous home a 'shack' is elevating it. They lived poorly. Now they live in the nicest house in their neighborhood. I wish you could've seen their faces everyday as they watched us build their new home. I don't know who was happier, momma or the kids. Come tho think of it, I think all of us who helped build their house were more blessed than they were. It's quite the joy and honor to do on earth what even now Jesus is doing in Heaven.

"I go now...to prepare a place for you..."

John 14:1-3

"What are you building with your life?"



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HIS PLACE REPORT

Hello, my name is Mark Radford. I am currently serving as the resident manager at His Place located at 1415 2nd Avenue in Opelika, Alabama. If you told me two years ago that I would be in this position, I probably would have laughed at you or worse!

You see two years ago I was in a very dark place – let me start from the beginning. Although I was not raised that way, I started drinking and drugging when I was 13 years old because of constant peer pressure.

The older I got the worse it got – drinking until I would pass out or drinking and taking drugs until I didn't have a clue what I did or where I did it. The days and nights ran together turning into months and years. It grieves my heart that I wasted so much time – just about 30 years of my life has been stolen away from me through these hellish vices. There were periods when I didn't use alcohol and drugs, but they were few and far between. Even during those brief times when I was clean, I knew that I was still a slave physically and psychologically.

Because of my family and upbringing I had been exposed to church and spiritual things. I knew “about God,” but I didn't “know God.” I had no relationship with Him. I finally came to the realization that I needed help. My way wasn't working. My best thinking had gotten me nowhere. I felt that if I didn't get help I was surely going to die.

Finally, I reluctantly entered the His Place program. I can tell you it was difficult as a grown man to comply with the rules and submit to the authority of the staff members. There were other personal and family issues that I struggled with during the first few months of the program. I actually walked away once – and to my surprise Brother Glen came after me appealing to my conscience and asking me to return. I believe this was when I made up my mind to come back and finish my program.

I heard the Word of God daily. I attended many church services. The plan of salvation started to become clear, and the life principles of the Bible began to light up my soul. I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. Today, I truly “know God” and He lives in me – there is no more darkness – the Light has expelled it!

God is good, and He can really restore your heart, soul, everything! I had a friend tell me today that he was proud of me. That was not something I have heard in a very long time. It blessed me. Friends, the road to destruction is wide and crowded. But, like me, you can choose to go down that glorious, narrow road that leaves to eternal life. Thank you Jesus!

Note from the Director: Mark is a trophy of God's wonderful grace and mercy. Perfect – no; forgiven – absolutely. He felt called to remain with His Place after graduation to prepare for a leadership role in the recovery ministry. Mark has proven himself to be dependable, diligent, and trustworthy. He works long hours as a resident manager. His precious family has become involved with His Place and other ministries of Harvest Evangelism. I am proud to call him my friend. Continue to pray for him because the best is yet to come.
Bro. Glen

Special Projects/ His Place

Among the several ministries of Harvest Evangelism there is one I am sure many of you are not aware of. This ministry exists at Hope's Inn and His Place. I am speaking of our outreach to the homeless. Because there is no homeless shelter in this area of East Alabama we provide emergency shelter to those in need. For local men faced with temporary situations, as well as men passing through, a warm bed and hot meals are available at our downtown Opelika facility. For ladies the same is provided at Hope's Inn in LaFayette. In fact during the weeks following the terrible hurricane, named Katrina, we were blessed to provide shelter for several ladies who were displaced from their homes in New Orleans. In addition to providing shelter for displaced men we also have the privilege of having many men, both local and itinerant stop by and join us for a meal on a daily basis. While providing food and shelter for those in a temporary need is not our primary mission it is certainly another way we are allowed to share God's love. The primary ministry God has called us to remains “the provision of long term care for men and women with devastating, life controlling problems.” I am always awed that He allows me to be a small part of this ministry.

Because He Lives,
Bro. Don

Harvest Thrift Super Center

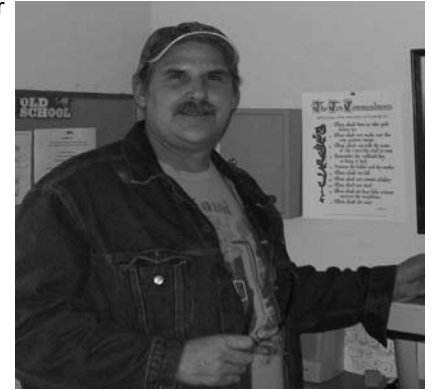
April is here, spring has sprung and so we rejoice at the pleasant weather. We also praise the Lord for the many donations He has sent our way by the obedience of His people.

Speaking of obedience, if the Lord has impressed on you to lend some of your time to Harvest Evangelism we at Harvest Thrift Super Center welcome you with open arms. There is always so much that needs to be done. We will gladly accept volunteers to lend a hand with sorting, organizing, and many the other tasks that always need to be addressed.

If you would like to “lay up” treasures in heaven all it takes is a call to Mrs. Charlotte Powell at 705-8858 and she will explain what it takes to be able to volunteer at our store. Youth groups, senior groups or individuals are welcome.

We are always trying to improve our store and with that being said some of our improvements are very labor intensive. While we try to keep our prices low volunteering is a very effective way to get these tasks accomplished. We would love for you or your group to be a part of God's kingdom work at Harvest Thrift Super Center. So give us a call and let's get started today!

Thank you,
Greg Boyd;
Harvest Thrift Super Center Director





HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

Hello from all of us at Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn we are doing well and continue to expand. We currently have twenty four ladies and seven children plus one on the way; so as you can imagine we are very busy and the children are keeping us on our toes.

As a point of reference we have two events coming up that bring in support for Hopes Inn and Hosanna Home and if any of you can participate in either one it would be a great help for our ladies and children.

****First Event – Golf Tournament**

It is "Tee time" and no, that is not a type-o, we are gearing up to swing into action at Robert Trent Jones Grand National Golf Course on June 2, 2010 at 1:00p.m. on The Lakes course as we have our 5th annual fund raiser, Hole in One for Hope for the ladies and children at Hope's Inn. We would love to have you join us and participate by signing up a foursome to play in our tournament, if for some reason you can not put together four players sign up anyway and we will plug you in to another team. All of the proceeds go to the support and care of the families we provide for at Hopes Inn. There will be 18 holes of golf with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams as well as door prizes and a chance to win \$10,000 for a hole in one. After a day of golf we will serve dinner and have our awards at approximately 5:00 p.m. We need to have you registered as quickly as possible in order to get your shirts ordered in an effort to have them there on the day of the tournament. Please join us by calling TR Amason or Jerri Wilkerson at 334-864-0890 for registration information.

****Second Event- Cut –A-Thon**

If any of you are in need of a hair cut well, keep watch on June's newsletter and come in and get your cut while supporting Hosanna Home. There will be a CUT-A-THON at The Works Salon in Auburn this summer. The Works Salon and Spa is located at 1445 South College. All of the monies from haircuts will be given directly to Hosanna Home in an effort to buy educational tools for G.E.D classes as well as other tutorial services being provided to our ladies by teachers in the community. So after the Golf Tournament, look for the date in June's newsletter when Mary Cornett and the stylist at The Works will cut for class. The contact number for the Works Salon is 334-821-7525.

Working at Hosanna Home with all of the women and children is not an easy job, however in order to be pleasing to the Lord in what we do it has to be a conscious decision to keep our focus on God and make that our priority while helping those who reside with us at Hopes Inn. 2 Cor. 5:9-10 says, that we should make it our aim to be pleasing to Him whether in His presence or absence and that we will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ..., we in no way would want to come before our Lord and Savior and not be pleasing to Him in the love and services we provide for these families. This is why we covet your prayers as we continue in the Lords service, and we so appreciate every prayer that is offered up on our behalf.

Please feel free to come visit us at Hope's Inn so you can personally see the facility and visit with our ladies and the children. I promise you will be blessed and likewise we will also with your visit. These little ones pictured here are more than enough reason to continue the call to spread the love of Christ.

Again, thank you for loving us through your prayers and support.

God bless,

Phillip & TR Amason

Items needed: 15 passenger van, small vehicle for appointments, computer desks, vacuum cleaners, Towels/wash cloths and good

"Jesus loves the little children.
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world."

I bet you love the little children too. You can't look at this photo of some of our Harvest Evangelism children and not smile. They're so lovable.

Well, I've got good news for you! You're His children too. He loves you! You're so lovable, Heaven looks upon you and smiles. (sometimes when we think about you, we smile too.)



Social Services

Ahhh! It is spring again. I read a quote today that said, "spring makes everything young again except man," but it does make me feel younger for a few moments...then reality. I would like to share a story with you. I do social work for Harvest Evangelism and it is my job to meet the needs of those who qualify to the guidelines we follow. Often I am not in the office and messages get left on my desk. On a certain day I saw a phone number and a female name with it. Sometimes if I am not in the office someone else will take the call and fill out the questionnaire to let the caller know if they qualify. I called the number and a young woman answered. I told her who I was and why I was calling. She told me someone had called and said she didn't qualify. Something in her voice and the Holy Spirit in me prompted me to say, "That's OK honey tell me your story." She said, "I work 20 hours a week and pay my rent but I have no food, I have nothing to eat." My heart melted and I said, "Sugar, I will give you food." She burst in tears sobbing and so did I. I knew I had answered her prayers that day. What an Awesome God we serve. You have answered my prayers many days by your giving so I can do what I do. I love what I do. I love you.

God bless you,
Yvonne Sledge

Pastor Rick's Schedule:

April 11, 6:30pm	Preaching @ First Baptist Church (All you local friends can come hear Pastor Rick)	Opelika, AL
April 17	Street Rally Sermon	Orlando, FL
April 24 (10am)	His Place/Hosanna Home Graduation First Baptist Chapel	Opeika, AL
April 25 (AM & PM)	Harvest Evangelism Day at Northside Baptist	Calera, AL
May 3-9 7pm nightly (8:30pm Sun)	Harvest Evangelism BIG TENT REVIVAL	Opeika, AL
May 15	First Baptist Homeschool Graduation (Rick will give the commencement address)	Opelika,AL
May 16 (3pm)	Rick Preach @ Times Square Church	New York, NY
May 17 (6pm)	North Alabama Harvest Evangelism Banquet	Geraldne, AL
May 22 (1pm)	Kim speak for Philadelphia Baptist Deacon Wives	Smiths Station, AL

New His Place Graduate Home Has A Carpenter's Shop

Our new His Place graduate house has a terrific added feature, a large (20x30 sq. ft.) workshop. We plan to equip the workshop with woodworking tools and use it to train our men in carpentry skills.

A sister ministry in Bastrop, Louisiana has a similar program already at work. They have trained their residents to make decorative wooden crosses. These crosses are then sold at local stores there in Louisiana. They make THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS every month to help support the ministry there. Every time they sell one of their crosses they're able to tell the story of our Lord's cross in their lives. It's a good set-up.

A local retired minister with a background in carpentry (Larry Presley) has asked if he can take on this project. Can he? He's a God-send in God's perfect timing. This entire project had God in every nook and cranny. It's going to be great.

All we need to get things going are the tools for our shop. Pastor Larry gave me the following list and said once he gets everything he needs we'll be in operation within weeks. If you have any of the following equipment you'd like to donate or if you'd like to talk with Pastor Larry in more detail about this project you can reach him at 334.444.5231. We'll be glad to come pick your donation up. You can also make a cash contribution towards this endeavor by mailing it to us at PO Box 2888, Opelika, Alabama 36803. Please designate your gift, "His Place Carpenter's Shop".

You've heard it said, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." This project is teaching our men to fish. "Cast your nets on the right side of the boat and you'll find a catch." John 21:6.

This project is the "right way" to cast that net.

ITEMS NEEDED to Equip The New His Place Carpenter's Shop:

- Table saws
- Small band saws
- Radial arm saw
- Sanders
- Drill press
- Any other tools needed to work with wood

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Please call Larry Presley at 334.444.5231



Our His Place Farm has a new sign thanks to 17 year old Peter Gatlin who made it for us. It looks great!!

If a 17 year old boy can do this for the Lord's work, what can you do?