



*Hope and a Future*

# HAVEN OF REST MINISTRIES THE VOICE

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## *HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY! Celebrating NEW LIFE in Christ!*

2 Corinthians 5:17: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

The Residential program at Haven of Rest Ministries gives men a chance to change their lives by addressing challenges that have caused them to be caught in the cycle of homelessness. Whether it is drug abuse, unemployment, or other issues, Haven of Rest offers them hope through Christ. They are able to transform their lives and begin again. This transformation is not only in the form of employment, sobriety, and permanent housing, but also includes spiritual transformation through Jesus Christ.

Three men - Randy, Brent, and Phil - experienced transformation when they made public confessions of their faith in Christ and were baptized in November of 2020 at a local church. We rejoice with them as they profess to have found forgiveness in the Lord as well as forgiving those who have hurt them and contributed to their suffering, addiction, and guilt in their lives. To them, baptism signifies a new life in Christ as they shed the old one. They expressed joy as they look forward to what the Lord has in store for them.

Two more men - Justin and Josh - were also baptized in late February. As many of us know from experience, Christ brings so many changes to our lives for the good. He renews, restores, and rejuvenates throughout periods in our lives. Baptism signifies one of those moments. Many guests who come to the Mission seek to find healing from past trauma and abuse. One of the ways is through baptism, where they have the opportunity to release everything and feel freedom from a difficult past. We celebrate with our guests who publicly profess new beginnings!



1943 **CELEBRATING** 2021  
78 YEARS

Haven of Rest Ministries commemorates its 78th year working with people who are homeless and struggling. This year's theme is **"Hope and a Future"** from the

Scripture in Jeremiah 29:11 where it reads *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

We are grateful for all the support during these unprecedented times with the pandemic and unrest. The Mission has not waived and continues strong in serving men, women and children. Enjoy reading the following of what the Mission has been doing to reach the community and beyond to help those in need find *'hope and a future'*.



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## FROM THE CEO

### Dear Friends:

In Isaiah 41:10 it says, *"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."* As Haven of Rest Ministries celebrates its 78th anniversary this month, I am thankful that we have a risen Savior named Jesus Christ who will uphold us, strengthen us, and encourage us.

Rev. C.C. Thomas along with his wife Marjorie Ruth Thomas started the Mission in 1943 and its foundation was and still is rooted in Christ Jesus, knowing and believing that sharing the Gospel did and continues to transform lives. Through years of plowing and planting, challenges and victories, growth and expansion, God has always been faithful. Last year was an unprecedented year as it seems like the world came to a standstill with the COVID-19 virus. A year later we are moving forward by God's grace to live one day at a time. As God's Word continues to go out every day at the Mission, lives are still being changed as five men on our program gave their lives to Christ and were baptized. Praise the Lord!

As we all move forward, we are praying for many of our friends who have experienced difficult times in this last year. In saying that, I want to thank all of you who have kept us in prayer and continue to show your generous support to the Mission family. You have been a blessing to us! †

God Bless,

*Jeff Kaiser*

Rev. Jeff Kaiser, CEO

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Jim and Connie Johnson, Food Prep Volunteers



Bruce and Beverly Miller, Women's and Men's Chapel Leaders

# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Haven of Rest Ministries really appreciates everyone who comes to help at the Mission, especially during the pandemic.

In recognition of the many volunteers who have helped throughout the years, we are highlighting several couples who have volunteered at the Mission. We cannot do it without the extra hands of wonderful people who help keep the Mission going in multiple areas such as serving food, weeding the grounds, sorting canned goods or clothing, cleaning rooms, arranging bed covers, washing dishes, collecting donations from partners, caring for children, assisting in the Men's and Women's Day Rooms, leading devotions, creating encouraging cards, assisting with office tasks, helping at various special events, and more.

**We cannot thank you enough!  
Haven of Rest Ministries  
wishes you a Happy Easter!**

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

## Akron Regional Dinner Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**Location:**  
**Guy's Party Center**  
**500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, OH 44319**

Due to limited seating, please register soon! Attendance is free. Guests must be 18 years of age or older. We look forward to seeing you there!

*We will be practicing CDC Guidelines.*

RSVP by contacting Lynne Taylor at 330-535-1563  
or email her at [ltaylor@havenofrest.org](mailto:ltaylor@havenofrest.org)

To register, and for more details,  
visit [www.havenofrest.org](http://www.havenofrest.org) under "Events"

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO HOLD A SHOPPING DAY!

The Women's Auxiliary of Haven of Rest will be holding a "Shopping Day" on Tuesday, May 4th, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the main Mission dining room. Circle the date...we'd love to see you! CDC guidelines will be followed. There will not be a luncheon or a program at this time. Further details will be announced soon.



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Have you had the desire to give monthly to support Haven of Rest Ministries? As a Faithful Friend, your ongoing support will help meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our hungry, homeless, and nearly homeless neighbors. You will provide gifts that offer:

- Complete meals
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- Clothing and personal needs
- Services
- Counseling
- And other care

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