

Jubilee 2017 and Other Highlights:

Each year, the Crossroads Rescue Mission Spring Jubilee seems to get better and better! This year’s Jubilee was certainly no exception! Guest speakers included Pastor Josh Byrd, Pastor John Keeter, Pastor Sam Vance, Pastor Steve Williamson, and Evangelists Dale Vance , Cody Zorn and David Epps, plus a variety of preachers during the Thursday and Friday morning services. We also want to thank the special singers, including the Lancaster Family, the Rochesters, Bethel Baptist Church Choir, Faith Baptist Church Choir, Bro. Daniel Waters, the Morrow Family, and the Tabb Family for contributing to the worship! The meals each night were spectacular, and we so greatly appreciate all the volunteers who contributed their time and efforts to make our Jubilee a success. Listed below are some of the donors who helped with their time, supplies, and finances to make the Jubilee happen. We couldn’t possibly list everyone who helped, but just remember that your contributions are not in vain! Special thanks goes out to Sister Flow Stoll, Brother Karl & Sister Toni Henry & family for their hard-work and contributions each and every year with this celebration!



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The Director’s Perspective

Dear Friends,

It’s great to be able to once again write and tell you of all of the wonderful things the LORD is doing here at Crossroads Rescue Mission. First, I just want to thank everyone for their hard work in making the Jubilee so special this year; what a great time in the Lord we had! The food, family, friends, and most of all: the Lord’s presence! The Sons of God program has produced 10 new graduates that are ready to start their new lives in Christ. This is the start of the best life on the planet!

Friends, all of this is possible because of your support. Our ability to continue to help men and women become free from addictions is because of your giving.

At this time, I would like to ask you to give in a different way: we need a man. Just like the Lord said that He was looking for a man in Ezekiel 22:30, we need a man to work our greenhouses. It can be an older man who is retired, or we have thought about finding someone to put on staff, but they have to have been trained and are knowledgeable in greenhouse operations. Walmart has awarded us grant money two years in a row for us to get this program up and running. So, if there is someone who would like to volunteer 20 or 30 hours a week then please call us. If you have worked in greenhouses and have the skills to be the head man and need to be paid, please call me at 704-473-7121. We have so much going on and preparing for as well. We are still working on building for our new store building. Please pray what the Lord would have you give. I want to thank Mike Smith and his family for giving monthly to this project. Thank you so much for all you have given to the mission over the years. It shows a heart of a servant and a love for God’s work. Praise the Lord! We are still at \$115,000 needed on the new building project. To some of you this is a small amount, and to some a great amount. All I ask is that you give as the Lord leads you. We have moved our store four times because of circumstances outside of our control. If we can build this, it would be our own. Well, to God be the glory, great things He has done and is still doing by the help of His good people! Thank you again for all of our friends and all you do for us!

In Christ,



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Testimony of Pastor Josh Byrd

My name is Josh Byrd. I am from Taylorsville, N.C. I was raised in a good Christian home. My parents were Christian school teachers, and if the doors of the church were open that meant we were going to be there. I knew the Bible stories and never remember doubting their validity. When I was 14 years old we went to a youth camp with the teens in the school to a place called “The Wilds.” It was a wonderful Christian camp where kids get away and focus on the Lord. I remember one night in particular, the Spirit of the Lord seemed to be moving in the service; and all my friends were going to the altar and making a move towards God. So, I too made my way down to the altar. One of the senior boys took me aside and went through the plan of salvation and prayed with me. As far as I knew I had gotten saved that night.

As life went on it began to be very apparent that my desires were far from that of a child of God. I began the very next school year to smoke marijuana on the way to school, and I learned how to hide it and not let any-one know I was using. That turned into using harder and harder drugs as the years the past. I would always pride myself in being able to take excessive amounts of drugs and still function and not let anyone know. I was still going to church, still claiming to be saved, and truly believed it! I was living a double life-style, I would lie to everyone that truly cared for me, and manipulate them to get what I wanted.

The drugs finally started taking their toll on my body, as I was beginning to lose weight and it became more anymore difficult to cover it up. One day by the grace of God, He allowed my world to come crashing down around me. My secret was out and in the little town of Taylorsville where I lived and everyone knew it.

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But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
- II Corinthians 9:6



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Recent Sons of God Graduates



Above, from left to right: Ricky Wallace, Richard Parker, Jamason Edwards, Zach Jay, Don Davis, & Scott Vinson

Graduates Jason Ashley, Jeff Abernethy, Richard Mercado, & Scott Price



"And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." -Jude vs. 22-23

Crossroads Rescue Mission is designed to help men progress through three separate phases. Each man who commits to the program agrees to complete the initial ninety-day phase one period. During this time, they are taught the basic foundational principles of the Bible through two chapel services each day and phase one classes for an hour each morning. These biblical principles of honesty, diligence, self-control, and discipline will help them overcome addiction and become men of integrity. After completing phase one, they are given the

option of enrolling in our Sons of God program. During this six-month intensive program, they are presented with the equivalent to a first-year Bible college curriculum in a fast-paced, challenging learning environment. Following graduation from this program, they can choose to remain at Crossroads in phase three and prepare for self-sufficiency by pursuing employment or continuing education. We believe all three phases of the program identify the plan of life that God intends for us to live, according to the instruction He has given us in His Word.

Highlights from our Easter Basket Extravaganza:

For this year's Easter Basket giveaway, Crossroads reached out to The Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain as the volunteers there helped to devote their day to filling over 3,000 eggs with candy and over 300 baskets with treats and toys for this fun-filled activity. Along with some additional help from our employees, residents, and many volunteers from other churches, their contributions made this year's Easter Basket Giveaway a huge success!



"Jesus made the difference in our lives!"

The Quiet Heart has been very busy on the road these last few months. Just to mention some of the highlights; we have been at McGhee's Mill Baptist Church in Semora, NC, with pastor Franky Reaves. We really enjoyed their great camp meeting! We also enjoyed being at Gateway Baptist Church in Boiling Springs for their Jubilee, and thoroughly enjoyed the preaching and fellowship. We all received much help from the Lord in Bakersville, NC, at the Calvary Baptist Church camp meeting. God showed up in a special way among His people. And of course the Crossroads Spring Jubilee was wonderful as it always is. We are thrilled to present to your our fourth graduate, Barbara Gaddis, from Jefferson, GA. Barbara completed our program on February 19. She is now working as a care giver in Gaffney, SC, and is eager to see what the Lord has in store for her in the future. Our fifth graduate is Eddeana Moffitt from Hendersonville, NC. She graduated on April 8. We are looking forward to what God will do in all of our graduates' lives! —Bro. David McKenzie



Ms. Barbara Gaddis



Ms. Eddeana Moffitt



Director David McKenzie and wife Meganne

Coming Events!

Each summer, prior to the beginning of the academic school year, Crossroads Rescue Mission hosts a back-to-school bookbag drive for the Cleveland County community. We're looking forward to another successful year of reaching out to local students on August 5 once again at Bethel Baptist Church.



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The Crossroads Impact:

Because of your giving:

- **21,900 nights of shelter will be provided in 2017**
- **65,700 meals will be served throughout 2017**
- **Countless lives and families will be impacted with the Gospel throughout 2017**

There are many ways that you can help! If you would like to volunteer, give us a call at 704-484-8772!

Dear Friends of Crossroads Rescue Mission,

As I was editing this edition of our newsletter, I was drawn to the testimony of Bro. Josh Byrd on the front page. By the time I had met Bro. Josh, he was already a pastor and had almost completed his education at West Lenoir Bible College. It is honestly hard to picture how that some were prior to their conversions when you see what all the Lord has done in their lives! I'm thankful that the Lord not only pardons, but He completely removes our transgressions and iniquities! How was such a radical transformation possible in my own life, and the life of Bro. Josh, and so many more? How can a man go from a life headed toward destruction and a spiraling catastrophe of drug and alcohol abuse, to pastoring a thriving church and reaching multitudes for the Kingdom of God? It is only by the blood of Jesus Christ that we are changed into "new creatures!" YOU have a part in helping this work to continue to add to the Kingdom of God! Although it's only the Lord who does the saving and the transforming, God uses us to help provide the means to take the Gospel to those who need it the most! The majority of us will never go to Africa, or South America, or Asia, or any other foreign region of the world, but God can use you to reach the lost right here in the United States simply through your giving. *Your investment works!* And it works far beyond just helping to provide the electricity, and food, and housing for our 50 men here at Crossroads. It reaches future generations as men's lives are transformed and the lives of their families. It's only God's Holy Spirit that convicts and regenerates believers; but all believers have a responsibility to help further the Kingdom of God through contributing whatever we may have to give; if that's a talent or skill, Crossroads can benefit through your contribution! If it's through your giving, it will be applied directly to the most needed area! Thank you from the countless family members represented by the hundreds of men we serve every year. We cannot exist without "you!"

In His Debt,

Aaron Bridges
Director of Development and Planning



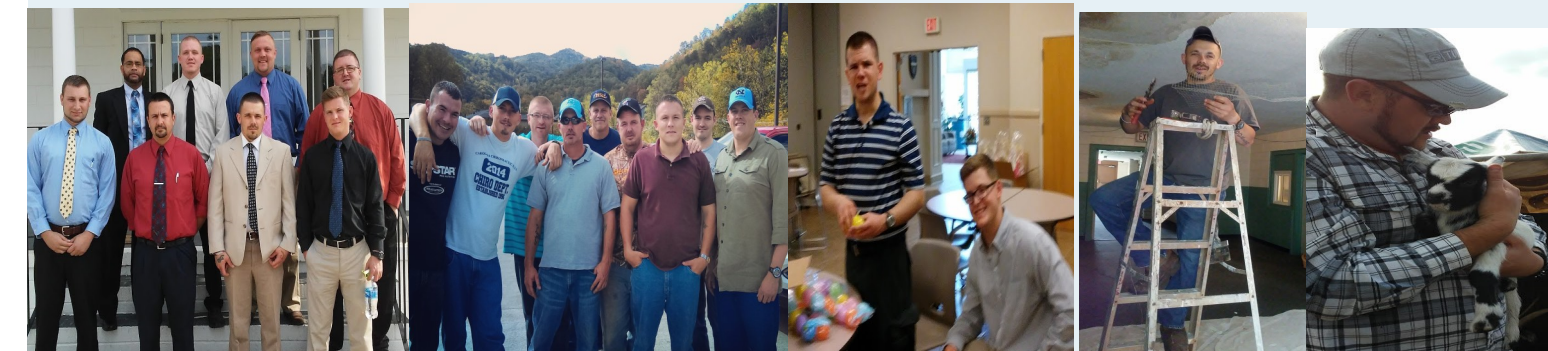
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Above: Pastor Josh Byrd

God used that to show me I needed help. My home church, Liledoun Baptist, had supported Crossroads Rescue Mission for years and many of them helped get me in. I had only been at Crossroads for a few weeks when one night, after the preaching ended, I began to feel the Holy Ghost dealing with my heart. I stepped out back by myself in a field behind the mission and began to cry out to God. I asked Him why I could not live right and why I lived such a sinful life. He showed me that night that I was truly lost, and was incapable of living right. I begged Him to save me and give me what I needed, because I was sick of the person I had become.

He saved me that night. He radically changed my life, and made me a new creature! Since then I have been married and called to preach. I currently have the privilege to pastor some of the most wonderful people at New Prospect Baptist Church in Statesville, NC. It has been amazing to witness God's grace and mercy in my life. This just proves my life verse, *Ephesians 3:20* "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worth in us..."



Crossroads Rescue Mission Greenhouse/Aquaponics Program

Crossroads is pleased to have been awarded a second grant from the Walmart Foundation's State Giving program to assist with our greenhouse and aquaponics development program. We are excited to see this program come together and the opportunities it is going to present for our men and the community! If you would like to help, or have a skill which would be an asset with this project, please call us and let us know!

