

THE JUNCTION

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Your Neighbors Need Your Help

This Spring we served

5,587 meals

We provided

**1,508 nights
of shelter**

It costs

**\$3.55 per
meal**

and

**\$61.78 per
night**

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PURE, PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

(James 1:27)

We play what seems to be a small part in the worldwide Christian mission of caring for our struggling neighbors - the orphans and widows. But what we do every single day **matters**. What we do directly affects the lives and souls of people who are made in the image of God.

All of our Mission guests are orphans, sometimes not in the usual sense of the word, but always in one of the ways that Merriam-Webster defines "orphan":

“One deprived of some protection or advantage”

They are orphans of the world. And we care called to care for them.

We are called to follow Jesus Christ, which means believing in Him, spending time with Him, and following His way of Life. James' direction to us regarding pure religion is a call to practically live out the way of Jesus.

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RECENT NEWS

Community Assistance

We've recently partnered with **Covington Independent Schools** so that students will receive vouchers to shop for **FREE** at our thrift store in Latonia, KY.

Donor Support

We raised over **\$50,000** at our 40th Anniversary Celebration & Benefit Dinner! Thank you to everyone who blessed our neighbors that night!

New Life Program

Our residents participated in a Wellness Recovery Action Plan training, which involved educational classes at Mental Health America. They put together resources to have at-the-ready to prepare them to navigate the challenges of life. Our residents now have 16 CEUs (hours of continuing education credit).

IN THEIR WORDS...



Before discovering Fairhaven Rescue Mission, John found himself homeless due to financial mistakes and a bad relationship. He got to a point where he finally said to himself, “I gotta change something.” He realized that he needed more than just a quick fix. “I felt that I needed more of a spiritual guidance. I needed to get it in gear.”

An only child, John did not grow up in church. “There's been a couple times where I was exposed to it and it kind of didn't take to me. But then when I got involved [at Fairhaven] with doing Chapel every night, it really awoke my spiritual side. The love and compassion and the word of God - you might not be in a good situation, but it makes the situation feel better.”

John heard one particular scripture that has stuck with him, something he keeps coming back to day after day: Matthew 7:24-27.

“A foolish man that built his house upon the sand - I kind of went with that and ran. I was thinking to myself, Well, you know, if I build my life on superficial things and you know, not really looking toward the future, not building a foundation, then there's something wrong. And that hit me good, and from that I kind of put myself in this place: Okay, this is my concrete foundation.”

Right now, John is making significant progress not only in his walk with Christ, but also toward his education, career, and independent living.

“Now, practically, the Mission's given me a whole other mindset. I'm doing classes at Life Learning Center. I'm working towards another career. I'm getting money saved and, you know, moving forward.

“I've got my second chance doing this.”

In speaking about the Fairhaven staff and especially Bryon, our New Life Program manager, John says, “It makes it easier to accomplish a goal knowing that somebody in a bad position can be put in a good position by good people. He's definitely got me on a more spiritual path. He's made me look back at the choices I've made and see that, okay, well, that wasn't necessarily the the best path.

“So now I'm looking at it and moving forward in a godly view.”

When John was asked about how his life is different now than it was a year ago, he had this to say: “I feel more upbeat. I feel more in-tune to things. And the biggest thing is having the spirit of Christ in me. I'm a person that likes to help people, and it gives me just that [push] to, you know, spread the word and say, ‘Hey, life's not all that bad, you know. Come on in. I'll help you with what I can.’ ”

JOHN'S STORY

A Word from the Development Department

My name is Ryan Johnson and I'm the Development Coordinator at Fairhaven. I would like to take a moment to share with you something integral to our Mission and how we serve God and our neighbors.

We weave the Gospel into everything we do.

We recognize that sharing the Gospel is done through the full example of Jesus. This is what Fairhaven strives to do every day. In everything we do – from serving a community dinner to overseeing life-skills classes for our homelessness recovery program residents – we spread the Gospel and share the Love of Jesus.

We believe that we are stewards of God's money and resources to minister to the hurting, hungry, and homeless – to the widows, the orphans, the fatherless, the outcasts, the lost – and to spread and share the Love, Hope, and Truth of Jesus and the Good News He brings to those people and everyone else we interact with. We do our best to embody Christ's love to our neighbors, in confidence through Him, to spark hope, give them momentum to change, look toward and surrender to Christ, and show them the love and message of Jesus.

We are grateful to you, our friend and supporter, for your support. We can't do this without you.

In Christ,



Ryan Johnson

SPREAD THE WORD!

One of the best ways to get others involved in giving back to the community & serving God through Fairhaven Rescue Mission is to be an ambassador for the Ministry!

God works through us to spread the Kingdom and love our neighbors, so we all need to work together to reach as many of our neighbors in need as possible!

Think about the impact we all can make if each of us invites **ONE** person to check out the Mission and become a supporter. Think of how God will **MULTIPLY** that little bit of work to **GREATLY BLESS** those in need. Not to mention how He will use it to bless us in ways we might not have known we needed.



Here's how you can have a *direct impact* right now:

- 1/ Pray for the Mission,** and ask the Lord to lead your giving to best serve Him and His people
- 2/ Give online at** fairhavenmission.org
- 3/ Give by mail** by sending your gift & reply form in the provided envelope
- 4/ Scan the QR code** with your phone to give



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