



Hope Haven Now

The Newsletter of Hope Haven Ministries, Kingsport, TN

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Homeless by Choice

People are homeless for any number of reasons. From time to time we hear the term “homeless by choice.” Have you ever considered where it was that Jesus made his home while he was here on earth? We know that he was born in the town of Bethlehem and was reared in a place called Nazareth. But it appears his adult years, at least those from the time he called his group of disciples and until his arrest and execution, were spent transient.

Jesus was born in a town some distance from his family’s home. His parents found themselves in a dire situation with his mother in labor and no place to go. Apparently there were no shelters, and no one was willing to make room for this family in need. After accepting the only hospitality extended to them, our Savior was born in a stable. It might surprise us to realize that God himself was in a homeless situation when he came to us from heaven.

The Bible tells us very little about Jesus’ early years other than he grew, became strong, and was filled with wisdom and God’s favor. And we have the other story of when he was lost for three days at the age of twelve when his parents had taken a trip to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. We do, however, get a pretty complete picture of his adulthood.

Many people dismissed Jesus as “that carpenter’s son,” and we also know that his appearance was not something that would make us desire him. In his song “The Outlaw”, Larry Norman describes him this way: “Some say he was an outlaw, that he roamed across the land, with

a band of unschooled ruffians and a few old fishermen, no one knew just where he’d come or exactly what he’d done, but it must be something bad that kept him on the run”.

One day a Scribe approached Jesus and said he wanted to follow him. Jesus told him that foxes have holes to live in and birds have nests to live in, but that he did not have any place to lie down and sleep. At times he would visit with Lazarus and his sisters when he found himself homeless. We also know that he sent his disciples to go from place to place and minister in different towns and villages with the instruction to find a family in each place they could stay with while there. I guess we could accuse Jesus and his disciples of being “homeless by choice.”

The fact is that although Christ made the choice, very few people choose to become homeless. We know that chronic homelessness can be the result of many factors: family breakdown, mental illness, trauma, learning difficulties, disability, health problems and addictions. Sometimes people who lose their jobs and homes in a tough economy suddenly find themselves homeless. Jesus Christ became homeless, suffered, was put to death by execution, and was resurrected. In this we find hope, hope that all mankind can find freedom and healing for any of these issues. This is the hope we offer to all who come to us for help.

In His Service,

Joel Trigg

Executive Director

Fall Review – President’s View

We have had another good quarter at Hope Haven. These are some of the highlights since the last Newsletter that I would like to share:

- Hope Haven has been serving a daily average of over 17 residents in the men’s and women’s shelters by providing food, a place to stay, job search support, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- All the adult residents currently have jobs.
- Three women and their children moved into apartments.
- Hope Haven had our second annual rummage sale which generated \$1,860. This would not have been possible without the support of volunteers, donors, the United Methodist Men, and First Broad Street United Methodist Church.
- Greg Wellman participated in the “Swim for Them” event at Sullivan South High School on October

23rd. Due to his efforts, Greg raised pledges of over \$2,700 for Hope Haven – thanks Greg!

- Hope Haven residents and staff look forward to some traditional holiday events and meals provided by various local churches and organizations.

Reflecting on these and all our annual accomplishments, much has been done. As we look to the future, we face the challenges of addressing the needs of the homeless which can only be met by our diligence in directing/applying our efforts and our resources. Hope Haven will continue to meet the needs of the homeless in our community with love and compassion.

We thank all our donors for your prayers and support and wish you and your families a blessed holiday season.

Steve Ankabrandt

Hope Haven Ministries Rummage Sale

This year’s sale was and will continue to be a HUGE success. We sold everything INCLUDING the kitchen sink!

- Christmas Decorations, Nativity Sets
- Best selling Books for adults and children
- Furniture – from “container store type” storage units to high quality tables, chairs, Rugs, Curtains
- Sheet sets – comforters, pillow
- Dishes – everyday to fine china
- Baby items
- Movies, DVDs

This event could not have happened without the help of many people. To First Broad Street United Methodist – thank you for hosting the Hope Haven Rummage Sale and letting us use your beautiful church.

To the Methodist Men’s group and their wives who helped set up, “sell”, and clean up — thank you for all of your hard work and helping to make the Hope Haven Rummage Sale a great community event.

To the staff and residents of Hope Haven – thank you for putting in some hard labor that included moving,

packing, and helping to set up and clear out the goods at the end of the sale. Thank you for your endless energy and strength with the Hope Haven Rummage Sale.

To the Hope Haven Board of Directors and Joel Trigg (Executive Director of Hope Haven Ministries) – thank you for putting in some extra time, energy and effort to run the Hope Haven Shop and make some great sales. It cannot be said enough how much your endless compassion, your inspiring dedication, and your donated time to our 2011 Hope Haven Rummage Sale has benefitted and encouraged this ministry.

Our final total of goods sold and donations collected on Saturday, October 15, 2011 was \$1,860.

Get your goods ready for next year’s Hope Haven Rummage Sale with a special preview sale and opportunity to buy the high demand items (electronics – antiques – fine china – and more).

And if you would like to volunteer or sit in with the planning of the Annual Hope Haven Ministries Rummage Sale – please contact Joel at Hope Haven or Susan Criddle (svcriddle@gmail.com).

Live On!!

In his book “Out Live Your Life”, Max Lucado gives multiple examples of how we as Christians need to live so that we will be able to continue to be remembered. He bases the teaching in this excellent book on the early Christian church as described in “Acts” in the New Testament. Certainly a few people made a world changing difference. We at Hope Haven have seen some financial support as a result of individuals “Out Living Their Lives” by continuing to support even though they have gone on to Heaven. This has been accomplished by family and friends memorializing them through gifts to the ministry. The board has decided to list all those memorialized in our newsletters.

In recent weeks those who have been memorialized have been:

- Mark Anthony Carty had several memorial gifts given by friends and family.
- Alice Frederick had several memorial gifts given by friends and family.
- Gene O’Neil had gifts given by friends.
- Mike Piazza had a gift given by friends.
- Manley Mitchell had a gift given by friends.
- Linda Barnes had a gift given by friends.
- Kenneth Cox had a gift given by family.

This is a very appropriate way to honor those whom we wish to memorialize.

Over the past several years the board of Hope Haven has been developing a dream. This dream is related to

a desire that our board has and has had over years. This is related to the need for a family shelter for homeless families. We are blessed with a men’s shelter and a women’s shelter but have known for a long time, there is a need for a family shelter for the homeless in Kingsport. This was recently discussed again by our board, stimulated by a guest from United Way of Kingsport. United Way has done some specific study in this area and their statistics show again the need. As much as we recognize the need for a family shelter, we simply cannot act upon this desire unless more funds are available. Honestly, through the generosity of our donors we are able to run our current shelters but really have no extra funds.

Our board is praying for a way to come up with the funds for a family shelter. One way this could be accomplished would be for enough friends and families to memorialize enough people with extra donations to allow us to afford a family shelter. Another way would be for a family with the means to make a very generous donation in memory of a loved one to allow us to build a family shelter. Obviously God works in millions of ways and we are praying for this to be accomplished.

Thank you in advance for the generosity of your support. We will continue to list memorials and we will continue to pray for a very special family that could make this dream a reality.

In Christ

Wendell

Financial Status—Third Quarter 2011

Everyone wants to know that their gifts are being used effectively by the organizations they support. Hope Haven staff and Board work hard throughout the year to be good stewards of the financial support we receive. You can see that our expenses have exceeded our income through September. This is mostly due to an unplanned roof replacement earlier this year. Please prayerfully consider making an extra donation during the holiday season.

	Actuals
	January—September
Income	\$93,331
Expenses	\$96,509
Net Operating Loss	(\$3,178)

Ongoing Needs

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| *Financial Support | Shaving Cream |
| *Deodorant | Shampoo |
| *Toilet Paper | Kleenex Tissues |
| *33-GALLON TRASH BAGS | Air Freshener |
| *Razors—Men's & Women's | Fabric Freshener |
| *New Bath Towels | Laundry Detergent |
| *Coffee | Paper Towels |
| Conditioner | Latex Gloves |
| Hand Soap | Aluminum Foil |
| | Pillow Cases |
| | Copy Paper |

* These items are needed on a regular basis as they are used in abundance (especially trash bags!). This would make a wonderful project for Bible study groups or children's organizations. If you need us to pick up the items, please call Hope Haven at 246-6012 or send an email to joel@hopehavenkpt.org

Hope Haven Needs You!

Volunteer opportunities:

- Financial support or in-kind contributions
- Facilities maintenance and repair
- Pray that we can continue serving the homeless during these difficult economic times

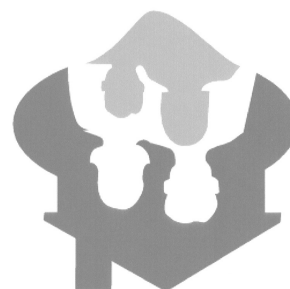
Call Hope Haven at 246-6012 or send an e-mail message to joel@hopehavenkpt.org

Hope Haven Ministries Inc. is a nonprofit 501 c-3 organization serving men, women, and children. The men's shelter is located at 674 Dale Street; women and children are served at 722 Maple Oak Lane, Kingsport, Tennessee. Visit us online at www.hopehavenkpt.org.

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