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Celebrating **50** Years 2016 BANQUET

This year we celebrate 50 years of service to God and people on the Virginia Peninsula and throughout the region! Plan to join us for an evening of pleasant fellowship, fine dining, good music, and as always, an excellent program of information about the Rescue Mission ministry. It has been a delight over these decades to gather annually and enjoy each other's company for a couple of hours on this special night! Many of us see folks at this get-together that we don't encounter at any other time of the year - making it even more special. Finally, near the end of our calendar and fiscal year, the banquet offering is always a nice boost to help us finish the year on a better note financially. As you come, thanks for being prepared to share a generous offering. This is a great opportunity for you to invite friends and introduce them to our ministry. We look forward to receiving your reservations by phone, including the names of your guests.

**The Board of Directors and Staff of
The Peninsula Rescue Mission
Invite you to join us for our annual banquet,
Celebrating 50 years of Ministry!**

**On Friday, October 28, 2016
6:45 - 9:00 P.M.**

**The location will be Liberty Baptist Church
1021 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, Virginia**

**Call 380-6909 for reservations
An offering will be taken**

**We are currently taking reservations through
October 14, or until all seats are taken**

A Note from Alan - Pressing On

Alan DeFriese, Superintendent

We often reminisce about those who have come through our doors whose lives and eternities have been changed! 50 years of God doing great things in the lives of our shelter residents, our Overcomers Program men, our summer campers, and the hundreds of families that have come to us!!

These are the stories that keep us going in this ministry. We get lots of encouragement from those who now know Jesus and walk with Him!! But we are constantly reminded of the continuing battle for the souls of those to whom we minister. Lately, there seem to have been abnormally high numbers of men who come to us for help, only to disregard the rules and grow angry with us when consequences follow. This is not a new phenomenon. The hearts of humankind have always been hard and stubborn. God spoke these words to Jeremiah regarding the entire nation of Israel... "Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds." But God knows what Israel's response to His plea will be. He continues speaking to Jeremiah, "But they will say, 'It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.'" (Jeremiah 18:11b-12)

We praise God for 50 years of ministry! We give Him glory for all of the changed lives!! And, we press on daily to proclaim the good news of redemption and hope. Thank you for your investment in eternity!!!



Mission Moment.



Beautiful weather, an impressive choir and orchestra, countless volunteers, and an excellent BBQ dinner! Thank you to everyone from Liberty Baptist, Hampton, who came to the Mission and blessed the men with powerful worship, amazing testimonies, and true servants' hearts! It was a night we will all remember!

MEMORIALS that live.

In Memory of...	Given by...
Aaron D. Brewer	Richard & Carol Johnson
Bill Brewer	Richard & Carol Johnson
Brian Day	Bethel Baptist Yorktown
Charles L. Bull, Sr.	Lee Bull
Charlie Moore	The Connelly Family
Doug Connell	Arlene Connell
Edna C. Brown.	John & Ute Borthwick
Elmer K. Keatts	Mary Keatts
Ernest A. Kincaid	Jerome & Brenda Robbins
Evelyn Webster	Constance Hoskinson
Faye D. Brewer	Richard & Carol Johnson
Gertrude P. Thomas	A Friend
Jean New	WMU Smith Memorial Church
Jeff Conover	Constance Hoskinson
Joy H. Garrett	Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Lenhard, Jr.
Juanita Littlefield.	Charles Littlefield
Judy Yow Combs	Jerome & Brenda Robbins
Linda Spiker.	Billy & Carol Layne
Lorraine Ingram	Harold Prince
Lucenia Hargrave, mother	Bettie Faris
Lucy Williams	Vee Baggett
Marion Bazemore	Constance Hoskinson
Mary Josephine Mesic.	Nancy Fenton
Mary Josephine Mesic	Stan & Janet Glasofer

Mission Needs.



It's that time of year again! CNU students supply us with wonderful meals on a daily basis; all they ask is that we provide these pans and lids! Help us make their gift possible!
Half Size Steam Table Pans, Deep & Matching Lids
12 3/4" x 10 3/8" x 2 9/16"

Worthy of HONOR.

In Honor of...	Given by...
Betty Moore, 70th birthday	Angela Moore, daughter
Donald Bryan	Calvin Mears
Nonie Hanson	William Leveille
Ramona Hanson	Mimi Leveille
Sharon & Bobby Martin.	Irene Myers
Susie & Dave Nelson, 50th Anniversary.	Jody & Art Patteson
Vince Snidow, Birthday	Nancy Snidow

In Memory of...	Given by...
Mary Josephine Mesic.	Glenn & Rose Lore
Mary Josephine Mesic	Neville & Betty Pearson
Mary Josephine Mesic.	Fred Satterwhite
May Chamberlain.	Billy & Carol Layne
Mildred Shelton.	Charles Shelton
Mr. & Mrs. Seborn Sechrist	Parlie McCrary
Myrtle Dawson	Christine Latham
Patricia Avon	Lelia Douglas
Paul L. Means	Judy Means & Family
Pauline Robbins Smith.	Jerome & Brenda Robbins
Richard Clarke	Mary Clarke
Rob Pullen	Mom & Teri
Robert Hespenshide.	Mary Kayaselcuk
Robert Hespenshide	Robert Wagle
Shirley Fowlkes	William Fowlkes

Blake's Block - Eternal Impact

Blake O'Brien, *Director of Thrift Store Ministries*

I was reminded the other day of the eternal impact each day at the Rescue Mission can have. I was driving our box truck with a program guy to make a delivery. A lot was on my mind: making the delivery on time, getting back to the store as soon as possible, what I was going to eat for lunch...etc. The program guy I was with started asking questions, which led to a very good spiritual discussion. I could feel the Holy Spirit nudging me to steer the conversation towards eternal things, even in the middle of the day, in the middle of a furniture delivery. The young man was struggling



with understanding how Jesus could forgive someone who had done so much wrong; a very real struggle for many people. As we talked about the grace of God, and how perfect it is, I was reminded in that moment how thankful I am for a place like the Rescue Mission where young men can encounter the Lord, even while delivering furniture. Thank you for your continued donations to the thrift store, and please continue to pray for the hearts of the men in our Overcomers Program.

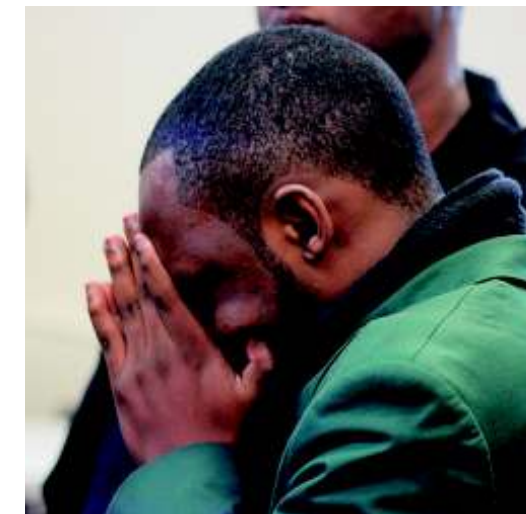


John's Journey - Forgiveness

John Twigg, *Assistant Superintendent*

Today in chapel I spoke to the men about an encounter between Jesus and Peter in Matthew 18:21-35; it's all about forgiveness. We find Jesus there with his disciples, explaining how to deal with the pain and frustration when a brother or sister in Christ has hurt you. When Peter asks just how many times he should be expected to forgive a brother, Jesus stuns the group, making it clear that there is no limit. I'll let you read the passage for yourself, but it is not easy, as the demand on Christ-followers is great in this area of forgiveness.

While the spiritual implications of harboring unforgiveness spoke loudly to me, I was also amazed as I read numerous studies, articles, and reports about the social, physical, and mental impact that unforgiveness can have,



particularly on a person who is homeless. To find work, a home, and social stability it is necessary to connect and interact well with the people around you. Unfortunately, being homeless only increases the chances that one who has already suffered much will be further injured, creating more opportunities for unforgiveness. The literature is pretty clear that this unforgiveness increases the likelihood of violence, hostility, sadness, anxiety, substance abuse, jealousy, and many other social problems that will only make it harder to achieve positive gains in life. Forgiveness is the only way forward, and it is only possible through Christ.

After chapel I prayed with a gentleman who came forward. I prayed that God would help him as he works to forgive those who have hurt him in life. Thank you for supporting PRM and please pray for the men with me.

