

From ROCK BOTTOM to NEW LIFE!

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From the Desk of...

Doug Nolte | Chief Executive Officer

Because He lives, we have NEW LIFE!

The Easter season reminds us why we do what we do.

“Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope”

1 Peter 1:3

Because Jesus Christ lives, those who walk through our doors every day have a living hope. They have the promise of eternal life. They also have the opportunity for a fresh start here on earth.

That is why Union Rescue Mission exists. You help put hands and feet to the story of Christ’s love and mercy. We come alongside the hurting to point out that the same power that raised our Lord and Savior from the dead can give them new life.

Celebrate that good news with us as you look through the pages of this newsletter.

Your continued prayers and support provide meals, safe nights of shelter, and vital programs to help the hungry and homeless turn their lives around.

He has risen!

Doug Nolte
Chief Executive Officer



How you can help this Easter

New life can begin with a meal



The Easter season is coming! This spring, we need your help to share the hope of Easter with our hungry and homeless neighbors.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we’re preparing to serve thousands of hot meals . . . and provide men with basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing, and Christ-centered care. Our hungry and homeless neighbors are counting on us . . . and we are counting on you!

Will you help us prepare for Easter by sharing a gift or providing much-needed food items by Friday, April 15th? Every \$2.15 you share can provide a nutritious meal and opens the door for loving care and support.

Please help us now to prepare for the thousands of meals we’ll serve to our homeless and struggling neighbors throughout the spring. Consider a generous gift today to help us feed the hungry and provide for basic needs.

Call (316)687-4673 or go to urmwichita.org for more information.

You can also drop off items at the Mission, 2800 N Hillside St, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

HELP WITH EASTER MEALS



- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Ham
- ☐ Potatoes

- ☐ Butter
- ☐ Flour
- ☐ Coffee

- ☐ Creamer
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Powdered Milk

- ☐ Canned Vegetables
- ☐ Desserts (homemade or store-bought)
- ☐ Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup



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Looking up from rock bottom

The redeeming power of Jesus Christ at work through your support!

Grady Phillips wondered how he had fallen so far. He grew up in a nice family and went to church his entire childhood. Later, he served in the military. Yet, he found himself living on the streets and addicted to drugs.

“It got to the point that I’d do anything to get drugs,” he recalls. “I did a lot of things that I’m ashamed of. I had developed a real street mentality and I didn’t like the man I was becoming.” Grady says he knew he needed to change but didn’t know how. Then he heard about the Mission.

“I thought it was more of a shelter and stayed there a few nights,” he says. “I learned about the year program, but didn’t know if I could do it . . . an entire year of learning Scripture and understanding the Word of God.” However, Grady says he had to do something to get a different perspective,

so he entered the program. “It was a game changer for me,” he shares. “I am so grateful for the Mission.”

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Grady says the staff at the Mission really cared about him. While they could be tough, he understood the rules were there to help him and the other men in the program. During that year, Grady says he learned a lot about himself and felt stronger every day and closer to God.

Upon graduating from the program, Grady got a job and moved up the ladder. He has been working the same job for years and is a supervisor. Grady also married and has a family. “I am blessed to have a beautiful wife,” he says. “She takes me for who I am now and loves me. I never thought in a million years that I would be leading the life I have. I have a daughter and two stepsons. I am a homebody now. I work, come home, and spend time with my family. That is what is important.”

Your generosity empowers people like Grady to look up from rock bottom and start a new life through the redeeming power of God!



Celebrating Easter! He has Risen indeed!

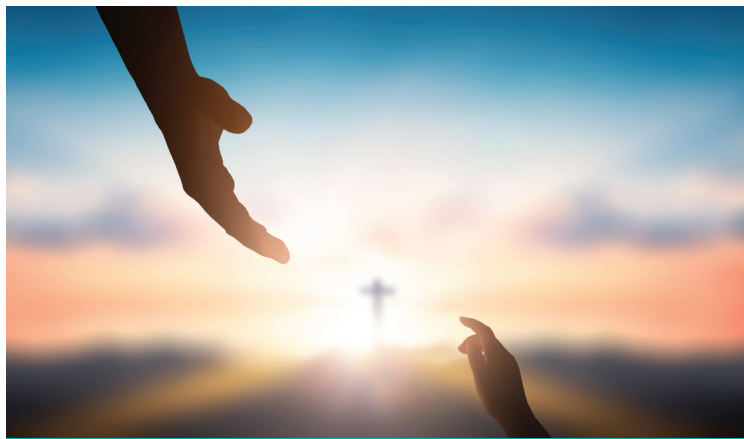
He is Risen!

Celebrating the new life made possible through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

This Easter, you’ll help share the powerful message of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ during the Mission’s Easter Celebration.

The Mission staff will serve a delicious Easter meal provided by friends like you. Please keep this important day and time in your prayers. Pray that God will reveal his grace and redeeming love to the hungry and homeless men in our community through all our efforts on Easter and throughout the year.

Your ongoing support plays a critical role in helping struggling men with daily essentials and the tools to rebuild their lives. Visit urmwichita.org to learn more about our Easter celebration and how you can help.



Leave a legacy of hope!

You can bless the Mission and join in God's ministry to the hungry and homeless for years to come through planned giving today.

Please prayerfully consider Union Rescue Mission in your estate plans, will, or through donor advised funds.

To make a gift to the Union Rescue Mission through a will, bequest or planned giving program, call Janet Slankard at (316) 687-4673, Ext. 138, or send an e-mail to janet@urmwichita.org.

By the Numbers

Thanks to you, we have provided:

January - December 2021



99,039

Meals Served



780

Food Boxes



48,102

Nights Of Shelter



5250

Volunteer Hours



Fuel the work of the Mission with every purchase!

You can use your Plus Shoppers Card at Dillons to support the life-transforming work we do here at the Mission. Just enroll your card in Dillons Community Rewards program and designate the Mission as your beneficiary organization. Then, every time you shop, Dillons will make a donation to the Mission!

It's easy to sign up.

If you don't yet have a Dillons online account, go to dillons.com and click on "Register" in the upper right corner of the page.

If you already have an online account, go to dillons.com/communityrewards and follow the steps to enroll your Plus Shoppers Card in Community Rewards. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that every time you shop at Dillons, you're helping to bring healing and hope to hurting people in our community.



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