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"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." II Cor. 4:5



PILLARS THAT SUSTAIN US

Mission of Hope Ministries has a solid foundation that has been laid over the years that consists of these great pillars of the Christian faith:

1. Prayer- "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16
2. The Gospel of Christ- "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the Power of God..." Rom. 1:16
3. The Word of God- "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable..." II Tim. 3:16

TRIBUTE TO GOD'S EVANGELIST

Rev. Billy Graham preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history—nearly 215,000,000 people in more than 185 countries and territories—through various meetings, including Mission World and Global Mission. Hundreds of millions more have been reached through television, video, film, and webcasts. Mr. Graham wrote 33 books, many of which became top sellers. Mr. Graham's counsel was sought by presidents, and his appeal in both the secular and religious arenas is evidenced by the wide range of groups that have honored him, including numerous honorary doctorates from many institutions in the U.S. and abroad.



William Franklin Graham Jr.

(November 7, 1918 – February 21, 2018)

"One of the Bible's greatest truths is that we were not meant for this world alone. We were meant for heaven, and heaven is our ultimate home."

Billy Graham



Steven's Testimony

For 36 years of my life, I have struggled to know who I was, or who I eventually wanted to be. At the age of three I lost my dad to a hunting accident. My mom wasn't ever there because of her addiction. I was moved around to different orphanages until I went to live with family at the age of six. When I was

about 16, I started smoking pot and selling drugs at school which led me to get in a lot of trouble there. When I was 20, I started using prescription pills because of a back injury. During the next 16 years my addiction went completely out of control. I ended up being a liar, a thief and a manipulator to get what I wanted. I was in and out of jail and had thrown away every relationship and opportunity that I had built for myself. Every time I tried to stop on my own I would relapse; adding to my list of shame, regrets and guilt. My family had completely given up on me, leaving me homeless.

On November 2, 2016, I came to the Mission of Hope. I was broken, full of resentment, shame and guilt for what I had done to my family and myself. Two weeks after being there I cried out to God for help, remembering His promise in Jeremiah: **"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not evil, to give you an expected end."** Jeremiah 29:11 Thus began my newness of life with a peace that surpasses all understanding. I know that I am blessed by God and highly favored.

I graduated the 90 day program on January 31, 2017. I went on to complete the one year step up program. I am now on staff here at the Mission of Hope as Kitchen Manager and also as one of the Dorm Supervisors. I have freely been given God's grace far beyond what I deserve and for that I am truly grateful. I now comprehend what it means to be reasonably happy in this life. I now have a sense of hope where before I was hopeless.

"Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." Psalm 25:5

WAYS TO GIVE

Consider a gift to this ministry in memory of a departed friend or loved one.

An honorarium is a wonderful way to celebrate a variety of occasions. You may honor a client or family member by making a donation in his/her name. These will be acknowledged in our newsletter.

Consider including the Mission of Hope in your will. You may also give a gift of property, stocks, bonds, boats or vehicles.

"But lay up yourselves for treasures in heaven..."
Matthew 6:20

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Pictured above and to the left: The Cottage Hill Bapt. WMU ladies brought lunch for the Taylor House. They also ministered and shared a devotion with the ladies. Thank You!!!



2018 RIDE FOR HOPE & BLESSING OF THE BIKES

2018 Ride for Hope & Blessing of the Bikes will be on May 19, 2018. The Ride will begin at the Mission of Hope Men's campus and end at our ladies' Fruitdale Campus. Registration starts at 8:00 AM, kickstands up at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$25 per bike and \$10 per additional rider. Ride includes fellowship lunch at the end of the ride. Join us for food, fun, testimonies, and song! For more information, call Susan Floyd 251-533-0246 or Sam Wooley 251-525-3263



Pictured above and to the above right: Courtney graduated our program at 8 months pregnant back in February and 3 weeks later, gave birth to her precious baby boy. On March 14, 2018, she welcomed 6 lb 8 oz Levi into this world.. What a huge miracle to be out of the bondage of addiction and living for our loving Lord and Savior. God rescued the soul of the mother and the life of the baby .



Junior League of Mobile is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Every year they hold an Annual Yard Sale in Mobile. Our ministry was one of the two chosen to benefit from this sale. Thank you so much to the Junior League and all they do for this community. Pictured to the right: Taylor House Manager Shelby takes 5 minutes to share with them about the Mission of Hope and what God has done through it. We praise God for this opportunity.

In Memory of

Greydon Brannan

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Bobby Harrison

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Mom

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Employees

by
Gloria & Lonnie Baskins

Taylor House
Employees

by
Melissa Fillingim

Maurice & Margaret
Powell

By
Paige Moore



Alumni services are always such a blessing as it's a time to give God glory for all the miracles that have graduated from this Ministry and given their life to the Lord. Families of the graduates are always welcome to come. At the men's March alumni, at least one client turned his life over to Jesus. Another victory for the Kingdom of Heaven! Pictured below are two alumni members testifying for God.



Brace Blackmon

Justin Stewart

SAVE THE DATE

We are celebrating our 47th year this fall. We will have an anniversary celebration on August 10, 2018 at Dauphin Way Baptist Church. There will be testimonies, song, fellowship and a silent auction. More details will be announced soon. We are collecting gifts for the silent auction now. If you would like to make a donation towards this event, please contact Susan Floyd 251-533-0246.

Please consider the Mission of Hope joining your church in worship. The joint choir can lead you in worship with several songs and testimonies. Bro. Jim Jordan can give your church updates about all of our campuses and also bring a good word from the Lord Jesus. Call the main office @ 251-649-0830 and ask for Jamie Kirkwood to schedule us on your church calendar.

Pictured left: Our Halfway House ladies were invited to Forrest Hill Church of God to enjoy a beautiful catered dinner and hear inspirational speaker Carmen Mclean. Carmen is author of the book "Worry Keep Out".



Pictured above: The ladies at Fruitdale work diligently to keep the facility and its property looking beautiful!



We are now selling tickets to the Belk Charity Day Sale. The sale will be on May 5, 2018 from 6:00-10:00 AM. This is a private ticketed event with great deals for the whole family! Tickets are \$5 each and you receive \$5 off your first purchase. 100% of ticket money goes to the selling charity. Visit any campus to purchase tickets or call Susan Floyd for more information. 251-533-0246