The MISSION AT THE CROSS

John Hyatt Graduates!

Congratulations to John Hyatt for completing the 12-month program here at the Mission! John has been a great example while here and was the head of our kitchen longer than anyone and did an outstanding job. John is staying on with us working in maintenance on our grounds here at the Mission and Hellfighters USA. Pray for John as he continues to follow God in his life and minister here with us.



Pictured from Left to Right: Mike Grubb, Sean Lubin, Eddie Parker, John Hyatt, Gina Headrick, Allan Langston, Mike Shirley



John Hyatt, MATC Graduate

A Letter from Mike Shirley

Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4:8

It is with much praise and thanksgiving that we have the opportunity to announce the graduation of John Hyatt.

When John checked into MATC over a year ago, we took notice very quickly that John needed the Mission, and the Mission needed John. When it works like that, we like to say it's a match made in heaven. John indicated to us that he was a cook, and, oh, what a cook he is! And wouldn't you know...the Mission needed a cook!

It has been, and still is, an honor to see what John is allowing the Lord to do in his life. John graduated and decided to come on staff here at MATC. We are not sure how long John will be with us, however, we know he is seeking the Lord's wisdom in all of his decisions and, Lord's will, MATC will continue to be here for him as long as he needs us!

John, we are very proud of you and we know Jesus has great plans for your future. You have helped make Mission At The Cross a much better place with your presence here. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you.

Now, Let's Go Gettum!

Mike Shirley

The Mission is a Place of Hope and You Can Help!

Since the opening of our doors in 2007, Mission At The Cross has reached out and helped over 1600 men who had nowhere else to go. Many had burned bridges and lost family and friends who either quit trying to help them or could no longer do so. Most churches are not equipped to reach out and provide what is needed for this type of ministry, but the Mission is equipped to do what they cannot do. It's not that these churches do not want to help men of addiction. They often do not know how or have all the resources. We have the facilities, vo-tech training program, qualified people to instruct and guide, and the burning desire to help men in the shackles of addiction. Many churches assist by supporting with finances, supplies and volunteers. If you or your church would like to get involved in this soul-transforming life-changing ministry, email joey@missionatthecross.com or text or call (601)498-8418. Also, consider having a Mission At The Cross Day at your church. We would love to come share testimonies of what the Lord is doing here! Contact us today!

Sharing the Story



Titus Ruiz, who graduated recently, was invited to speak at Union Baptist Church in Enterprise, MS on Sunday, Feb., 26. We're so thankful for what the Lord is doing in Titus' life! Keep going forward, Titus! Thank you to the fine folks at Union for your warm welcome and the wonderful meal!

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Prayer Profiles

Robert Curlee has been at the Mission for 10 months. He is originally from Rankin County here in Mississippi. Robert works in the HFUSA Service Department in Vo-tech training as a motorcycle mechanic. He was saved June 28, 2022 after coming to the Mission and has grown spiritually since and will graduate from our 12-month program in April 2023. Pray for Robert as he continues his walk in the Lord.



Zachary Cannette, from Biloxi, MS, has been a resident at Mission at the Cross for three months. Zach is working in our HFUSA Service Department, in Vo-tech training, learning how to buy and sell parts, do service write ups and help customers find parts. Zach likes sports, especially playing golf and disc golf. He has a great personality and will graduate from our 12-month program in October 2023. Please pray for Zach as he follows what the Lord has in store for his life.



Local artist Kevin Price Releases New Music



Kevin Price has wanted to inspire and give hope to people for decades. In 2018, he was inspired at an event, leading him to write a song. After shelving it for five years, he was finally convinced to produce the song which was released February 28.

"Hope Walked In" was inspired by watching those in need walking into Mission At The Cross.

"In 2018, I was working at Hellfighters USA and we were closely affiliated with Mission At The Cross. I spent a good deal of time at The Mission. I watched all of these guys that would come needing

help. Sometimes, they'd come from off the street, dealing with bad situations like alcoholism, just getting out of jail, or drug addiction. They would take these guys in to help them. Mike Shirley spoke a word and said, 'Every time one of these guys walks through here, hope is walking in the door.' I got the song idea from that, and I immediately went home and put it on pen and paper. I pulled out my guitar and put some chords to it, and put the song on the shelf," said Price about how the song came about.

"...I spent a great deal of my adult life leading worship. I guess I'd be most notably known for the band Centertree. We started in 2006 and we had the chance to open up for artists like Casting Crowns, Big Daddy Weave, and Newsboys. We ended up with a record label...," added Price when discussing his career in ministry and leading worship bands.

"A couple of months ago, a friend of mine heard the song and said let's put that song on a recording," stated Price

Blaine Minyard produced the song in his studio in Hattiesburg. Price stated that the song took around two months to produce. He also added that 10% of any profits the song makes will go back to Mission At The Cross where he drew inspiration from.

"It's not necessarily that it's the most well-written song, even though I do believe in it and that it's good, but just the message in it that hope walks in the door. That hope is Jesus. When He comes into your life He is opening that door to say here I am. It is the message of the song," said Price when discussing why they felt the need to produce, record, and distribute it.

"The song is available on Spotify, Apple Music, Itunes, Youtube, and all of the major music streaming services," continued Price.

You can find Price on all social media platforms to see updates on new music.

-Kevan Lindsay, "Price Hopes 'Hope Walked In' Inspires," IMPACT, February 28, 2023

Ladies from County Line Baptist Church



Thank you to these wonderful Ladies from County Line Baptist Church WMU for providing wonderful lunches at Mission At The Cross. You are such a blessing to us. These ladies can cook!!!

If you, or your church, would like to come cook or deliver dinner for the guys, they would absolutely love it! Frozen meals are appreciated, also.

Save the Dates!

Annual
Mission At The
Cross
Fundraisers:

June 24th

Restoration Run/Walk

October 14

Richard Headrick Memorial Ride

Please make plans to bring your whole crew!

Physical Needs

- Frozen Homemade Casseroles
- Styrofoam Drinking Cups
- Tea and Coffee
- Plastic Utensils
- To-Go-Boxes
- Paper Bowls
- Bleach

Motes

Please keep The Mission in prayer that God may provide for the following ongoing needs...

Van

Commercial Dryer
Commercial Washing Machine
Carpenters to replace one shower
stall on the first floor