

Thank You!

Haircuts For The Guys

Jay Bullock is a local barber who donates haircuts to the Mission. About every five weeks, Jay slips in quietly, spends a few hours with his equipment set up on the second floor of the Mission, and cuts hair for any of our men who need it. He has been doing this for two years. Thank you, Jay, for being a hidden hero!



Corner Market Donation



Thanks to Corner Market of Ellisville, MS for their recent donations. Drinks, pudding, pancake mix, tea, and other food are being put to good use by the hungry Mighty Men of the Mission. God bless you for thinking of us.

Ground Beef Donation



Thanks to Jay Fenton for a generous donation of 400 pounds of ground beef. Jay has been a supporter of the Mission for many years and blessed us greatly.

Car Show Benefits the Mission



Magnolia Cruisers held their annual fundraiser/car show in October in conjunction with the Richard Headrick "Rhino Man" Memorial Ride. They stopped by recently and presented the Mission with a check from this fundraiser. Thanks so much again for helping our men in this ministry.

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There is a HIDDEN HERO we can not identify because this individual prefers their name to not be mentioned. This person has a heart of gold when it comes to giving products, food supplies and special gifts throughout each year, totaling thousands of dollars. If a need is known, they rush to fill the need. Through special gifts to our men along with encouragement to the men that they are important and have value to God and man. Join us in celebrating these hidden heroes for Mission At The Cross. Thank you, mystery hidden hero!



Spring 2024

The MISSION AT THE CROSS

Mission At The Cross Graduations!

Raymon Vise



Eddie Parker, Allen Langston, Raymon Vise, Gina Headrick

"I came to Mission At The Cross on December 27, 2022. I showed up lost, no hope, no faith, no way out, and destined for hell. Then I found Jesus as I looked at a painting of Him on the wall in the room where I was being interviewed to be accepted into the Mission. I did not know how to talk to Jesus, but I looked up and silently spoke to Him saying, I'm lost, I surrender and I'll do whatever it takes to make my life different at this moment. All the guilt, shame, regret, pain, blame, and hate was taken over by the blood of Jesus and I was saved. "Since then, the Mission has transformed my life. I now have my self-worth back. I have learned to love, trust, and care for myself and others. I've gotten the respect of my family back. On the day of my 12-month graduation from the Mission, I married the woman of my dreams in Allison Chapel at Hellfighters USA and got my three daughters. I now also work full-time for Hellfighters USA and everything I could imagine and more has been made possible. "There are ups and downs, but my focus stays on the cross of Calvary and I know I have a place in heaven. Thank you, Mission At The Cross."

- Raymon Vise

Evan Golson



Allen Langston, Evan Golson, Sean Lubin

"On March 1, 2023, I checked into Mission At The Cross and it changed my life forever. Before coming to MATC I was lost, living for myself and I didn't care about anyone or anything. I fell into a bad depression and isolated myself from family and friends, which was exactly what the devil wanted. I filled my depression and loneliness with drugs and alcohol so it would numb the pain. "Jesus Christ saved my life on October 5, 2023, and brought me out of a bad place in life I thought I would never get out of. I had lost all hope for my life and had given up on everything, but God had a greater plan for me. All I had to do was accept Him in my life, and let Him take control and start living by His standards and not man's. With God, all things are possible and through His strength, I keep pushing forward day by day keeping Him first in my life. I want to thank God for saving me and thank MATC for leading me to Christ." "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14

- Evan Golson

Marquez Merrill



Allen Langston, Marquez Merrill, Mike Shirley

"My addiction started when I was about 15. I was introduced to beer! I stayed hooked from the first one and drank all through highschool. I made good grades and never got into any kind of trouble so I thought nothing of it. After high school, about 20 days out, I joined the USMC. That was a real change. "After my training, I landed my first duty station where I picked back up where I left off drinking, but it was a lot worse. There everyone else drank so it became a second nature. "I soon got into a little trouble and said the wrong thing to the wrong girl. This was about three months in. I got sent to night shifts. I spent my entire time in Beaufort in a patrol car as a MP responding mostly to domestics and drunks. I would get off my shift every morning around 7. That's when my fun started. I would drink until 12 PM. I would do this about 5 nights a week and club on the weekends. "After 2 years of this, I got my orders to go to Japan. This is where the true party started. When I got there, I fit right in while being a raging drunk. I climbed the rank and responded to some disturbing missions and drank my way through it all. I received my DD214 and after about two- and one-half years, I got out and was introduced to cocaine about a year later. I couldn't put it down and it cost me two cars, a girlfriend, and much more. "I knew the Lord the whole time having been saved on 11/12/2012, but I fell away like most ego enraged males in their 20's. I sat on a creek bank high and drunk and I needed help, so I reached out and found Mission At The Cross. Jesus led me here for a reason and I need all of Him to help me find it and weather this new storm of sober living."

- Marquez Merrill

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Celebrating The Lives of CA Mike Grubb & Eddie Parker

Eddie Parker

Eddie Parker was called home to Heaven on February 10, 2024 after a brief bout with cancer. He really did fight a good fight and win the race, serving God to the end. Eddie was a graduate of Mission At The Cross and was later promoted to House Leader of the Mission and General Manager of Hellfighters USA. Eddie was also a member of the Laurel Hellfighters Unit. On March 2, 2024, a special memorial service was held at the Mission followed by a ride to Angel Lake where another service was held in Whitney Chapel. Eddie will live on because of his tireless work with the men at the Mission, Hellfighters USA, and Hellfighters National.



CA Mike Grubb

It is with great sadness for us but joy for him that we have to say that Mike Grubb's work for God ended on this earth February 11, 2024. As most know, California Mike, as he was called by many in Hellfighters, was the real deal and worked tirelessly at his duties as the National President of Hellfighters Ministries. Mike was born again in November 2005 and spent the next 19 years of his life burning out for God after a life of burning out for Satan. Mike was authentic, what you saw was what you got. He was never pretentious and never tried to appear spiritual, but served God faithfully by serving others. Mike could get under your skin, but only with his honesty and especially if you needed a dose of truth to sharpen you and bring glory to God. Mike was a member of the Laurel Hellfighters Unit and did an outstanding job as Hellfighters National President in visiting each unit nationwide with instruction and encouragement. Pray for Lisa his wife, also a member of the Laurel unit, in the coming weeks and months. We will see you again Hellfighter California Mike. You made an excellent ride on your earthly journey to Heaven.



Mike Shirley's Comments On Our Graduates:

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" Psalm 126:3. We are always very glad, and thankful to the Lord when our next guest checks into our 12-month Bible-based program. Recently, we had graduations for three men who finished, and finished well-Raymon Vice, Evan Golson, and Marquez Merrill.

Checking into the Mission means having the opportunity to choose Jesus over drugs and alcohol. And choose Jesus is exactly what Raymon did on 12-27-22, as we watched Raymon repent and ask Jesus into his heart! For this reason, the Mission At The Cross exists today, so a man can understand the gospel, and have an opportunity to be saved, and to miss hell.

Raymon served as our cook in the kitchen over 11 months while in our program, and was also overseer of the front door of the Mission each day as donations came in, and as needs arose, he would help our house leader to meet those needs. After graduation, Raymon came on board and is now employed full time with us at Mission At The Cross and Hellfighters USA maintaining the grounds and landscaping. He is also now married! Raymon, we are very proud of you and how you are following the Lord to continue His good work in you. We love you, Raymon!

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; His mercy endureth forever" Psalm 136:1. Our leadership team was very happy when Evan made the decision to check in and give Jesus a chance to help him. Evan is still so young with much life to go, and it took courage to take the steps to join our 12-month program. We watched as Evan struggled to stay and when he was ready to give up and leave, we would love on him and pray for him, then he would stay another day. As the days turned into weeks and the weeks turned into months, Evan became stronger each day as he allowed Jesus to help him!

While at MATC, Evan served inside HFUSA Motorcycle Shop. He finished his last 5 months in our service department, smiling and telling customers about Jesus. After graduation, Evan moved back to North MS, where he now works in construction. Go, Evan, go! We are very proud of you! We can't wait to see what the Lord is going to do with you!

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" Ephesians 6:10-11. We are very proud of Marquez and the contribution he has made since being at Mission At The Cross. Upon arrival and checking in to our 12-month program, Marquez had no idea what to expect. However, after being with us for a while, he began to settle in and experience the brotherhood and love that Jesus has for each and every one of us!

We are very thankful for Marquez' service in the United States military! Upon completion of our program, Marquez graduated and is now a valuable part of our team at HFUSA, as we are very proud of you, Marquez press on, all the way to heaven!!

"I have written to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God abideth in you, and you have overcome the wicked one" 1 John 2:14.

-Hellfighter Mike Shirley



Mark Your Calendar June 29, 2024!

The 11th Annual Mission At The Cross **RESTORATION RUN**, 5K Run/2 Mile Walk will be held Saturday June 29 @ 7:30 am. To register or sponsor, scan the QR code, go to missionatthecross.com or email jennifer@missionatthecross.com. This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year. Come out and join the hundreds who show up every year!



Mike Shirley Receives Miracle Maker Award

Mike was recently one of three recipients of the Miracle Maker Award from Home of Grace Recovery Center in Vancleave, MS. Mike graduated from their program in the year 2000 and was given the award when he attended their recent alumni meeting. This award is for those who are making a difference for the Kingdom of God. Congratulations, Mike, we are so proud of you!



Raymon Vise Gets Married

The same day Raymon Vise graduated from our 12-month program at the Mission in December 2023, he got married to Shadonna in the Allison Chapel at Hellfighters USA. We are blessed to see many new beginnings like this at the Mission and thank God He allows us to be a part of these miracles. Raymon and Shadonna live here in Laurel with their three daughters and he is employed at Hellfighters USA as the head of maintenance and landscaping of building and grounds.

