MISSION MINUTE

June 2024

Honoring God: Valuing People



Our Streets Are Alive

As the weather has warmed up, the streets in our communities are coming back to life. People are enjoying the outdoors with their families and friends. We are quickly reconnecting with nature in our yards and fighting the war on weeds again.

Warmer weather also increases the number of folks that are sleeping un-sheltered in our city. In the summer time there are few services available to sleep out of the elements and while people will no longer freeze on our streets they still have many needs.

Our Street Reach team is very busy capitalizing on this time to connect with our un-sheltered population and help them get connected to life changing services. In the last month Street Reach has gone from serving 17 encampments to 35+ depending on the week.

With so many people to serve we are starting another program called Mobile Access Partnership (MAP). MAP is a program that capitalizes on the partnerships that Valley Mission already has with service providers in town. These service providers gather at one easily accessible location each week to be a one stop service center for our un-sheltered neighbors.

when neighbors arrive at the MAP site they will receive, fresh clothing, water, opportunity to charge their devices, connections with medical providers, mental health providers and so much more. Through these connections we are creating a path to permanent life change by meeting them right where they are.

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Save The Date!

“Let’s go out to the ball game” the Gate City Grays ballgame on July 15th at 7pm. We have partnered with Gate City Grays for our first Valley Mission Night at The Park! Mark your calendars for this exciting evening that is sure to be great summer fun for the whole family!

Then a week later July 22nd come in hungry to Texas Roadhouse where 10% of your meal will be donated back to Valley Mission. All you have to do is present an invitation to the event (we will give this to you) when you place your order.



So let’s not get tired of doing good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.

GALATIANS 6:9



Leadership Update

“Valley Mission, 442 N Arthur, is in full swing with the remodel of their new facility. Plumbing and electrical are in, concrete is poured, framing is going up and so much more. They continue to operate the Food Pantry every Thursday out of the First Baptist Church building, but knew that more needed to be done to prepare for the next steps in serving this community. In May of 2023, Valley Mission hired Jessica Croner to assist with the development of all things related to the new vision for their facility. Her role at the time was simply ‘director’, learning all about the mission, the goals and vision, and helping to begin to develop policies, programs and more with the current team. After some additional exposure to missions outside of the area, Jessica launched Street Reach in January, a ministry that goes to where the homeless are and meets their needs in real time. As more opportunities and connections have been made, it was clear that the choice to bring her on as the Executive Director in May of 2024 was the right choice.

Most recently, Jessica worked for the Boise Rescue Mission, serving in various roles and learning in depth how rescue missions function. The more involved she got, the more she understood that this work is where God can use her to make a difference in many lives. She began to get a better understanding of the need in that area and immersed herself in her work. In addition to her mission work, she has worked for years in the family marketing business and has developed many contacts over that time, contacts that will be put to use to aid the growth and work of Valley Mission.

Her experience, drive and passion to help the hurting was always a natural fit for Valley Mission and we couldn’t be more excited to have her on board. Her natural leadership skills, heart for the lost, hard work ethic and drive make her a more than suitable fit for Valley Mission.

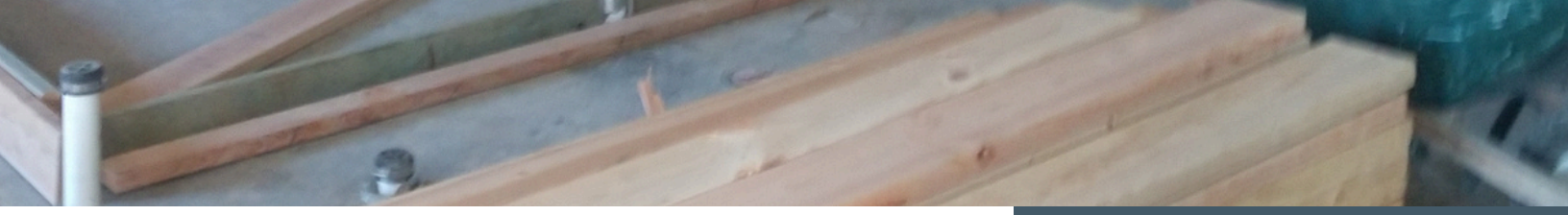
She will work into the role under the direction of the Board and outgoing director, Karl Pettit, through September.

Please join us in welcoming Jessica to the Mission Team!

You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what He said.

LUKE 1:45





Volunteer Highlight

Alan is our volunteer that we would like to highlight. Alan works both Wednesdays and Thursdays in the pantry. Alan is known by our guests for being the milk guy. As guests exit the pantry and head to their cars Alan is there to assist them with getting some milk and a laugh. We watch Alan encourage our guests with his light hearted attitude and willingness to connect with folks. we appreciate Alan's dedication to stand outside to help no matter the weather and stay committed to it week after week. Thank you Alan!

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Building Update

Construction is ramping up!

Now that plumbing and some electrical is in ground, concrete has been poured and framing for the emergency shelter and upstairs office spaces is well under way. While we wait on fire riser and connections, the team will continue to frame what they can until we can get into the food pantry area. The goal is to have the food pantry operational by this fall, and by all accounts we should hit that mark.

Financially we are still working on raising the final $1 million to complete the entire project, so stay tuned for opportunities to give, get involved and celebrate as we reach those milestones!

Keep on asking, and you will receive. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

MATTHEW 7:7-8

