Good Sam Newsletter

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DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

A Residential Program for Men Trapped in the Grip of Addiction, Homelessness, and Self-Destruction

FOOD MINISTRY

Our Ministry Serves Over 80,000 Hot Meals Per Year, Plus Distributes Tons of Additional Food to Local Agencies that Serve the Poor.

CLOTHING MINISTRY

We Distribute Tons of Free Clothing to the Men in Our Program.



Ground Broken for the Jan McClary Family Life Center

Good Samaritan Ministries has broken ground for an important new ministry in our community. The Jan McClary Family Life Center, named after Pastor Mike's deceased wife who co-founded Good Samaritan Ministries with him, will continue to extend her compassion to the people she loved through the ministries of the new center. It will be a shining light for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Center will be used for the following activities and events:

- Recreation for the men in the Discipleship Program
- Activities and Sports competition for Commonwealth Christian Academy
- Banquets and Events
- Community Outreach



Jan McClary

Read on page 3 the amazing story of the impactful life of Jan McClary.



Your Generosity Can Help Complete and Furnish the Interior of the Jan McClary Family Life Center. Once the gym's exterior is completed, we must install the floor and other items to make the building operational. Here's what we need:

- Flooring
- Two Basketball Hoops
- Volleyball Equipment
- Basketball Scoreboard
- Gym Bleachers
- Team Chairs
- Warming Kitchen
- Wall Padding

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Memorial Wall There will be a wall in the new family life center for memorial plaques you may dedicate to someone special in your life or to Jan McClary.



Gym Floor The gym floor for the new family life center will cost \$120,000.



Janet L. McClary

"Mrs. McClary was such a kind, lovely, beautiful lady to know. She always made you feel welcomed and never judged anyone."

A Friend

The Life and Legacy of Janet L. McClary

Without Jan's help, it is safe to say that there would not be a Good Samaritan Ministries or a Community Baptist Church.

Jan received her bachelor's degree from James Madison University and her master's from the University of Virginia. She served in the U.S. Army as a Captain from 1976 to 1984. Jan was described as "not a lady who was a Christian; she was a Christian Lady." She was a faithful wife to her husband, Michael D. McClary, for 25 years.

Jan and Pastor Mike's faith was the cornerstone of their ministry. They founded Good Samaritan Ministries in 1987, taking a tremendous leap of faith with \$20,000 from Jan's retirement savings. Their trust in God and firm conviction that He had called them to this ministry led to the transformation of thousands of lives through the power of Christ.

Together, they founded Community Bainbridge Baptist Church (Community Baptist Church) and Commonwealth Christian Academy. The ministries and lives they touched continue to impact many people in our community, ensuring that Jan's life and legacy live on.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21 (KJV)

Please Use the Form Below to Make Your Donation.

Place this form, along with your check, in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

I want to help you finish and equip the interior of the Jan McClary Family Life Center honoring the memory and legacy of Jan McClary. Enclosed is my donation of \$	ncovintion
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All Donations are Deductible to the Fullest Extent Allowed by Law

GOOD SAM GOSPEL MESSENGER





Transformed Lives at the Good Samaritan Mission

I still remember vividly what it was like so many years ago when I was homeless, eating out of dumpsters, sleeping under bridges, with no hope or purpose in my life. Everything changed when I went through the doors of a mission, looking for a hot meal and a place to sleep. At that mission, I first heard about Christ's love for me. That good news completely transformed my life. And then God called me to open the Good Samaritan in Richmond to reach broken men who had lost their way.

Read exciting testimonies of men whose lives were changed by the power of Christ!

When a man first walks through our door, I remember what it was like. I see a life filled with potential and hope. When God comes into the picture, there are no hopeless cases. The world begins to change once that man surrenders his life to Christ. God transforms his future, cures his addiction, and changes his family's destiny. He becomes a new person.

That is why I have spent the second half of my life at the Good Samaritan. I know that the same God who changed me can change anyone who walks through our door looking for help. Isn't that exciting?

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Your support drives the success of Good Samaritan Ministries!



Johnny had "Lost all Hope"

"I lost all hope. I accepted defeat. I knew I was going to die a drug addict and didn't see a way out. My pain was too much for me to handle."

"I had no hope and no purpose. I was only a few feet from the edge of death or a long prison sentence."

While in segregation in prison because of covid, Johnny asked God to spare his life, to forgive him, and to give him another chance at life. Johnny recovered from covid and began to live for Christ. He recognized his need for help with his relationship with Christ and his addiction, so he asked his attorney to help him get released from prison to become a resident at Good Samaritan Ministries.

Johnny has learned a lot since joining the ministry's program. He now has hope for his future. His primary goal is to serve God for the rest of his life. He is grateful for the second chance God has given him at the mission.

Johnny eventually graduated from the program and now works the night shift at the mission. He is filled with joy and happiness for all God has done in his life. His excitement is contagious. While unsure of what his future holds, he is confident that God's plan for his life will take him to a place of service and productivity. Please pray for Johnny.

Ministry Needs

<u>Bibles</u> King James Version (large or regular print)

> <u>OTC Medicines</u> Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Cold/Allergy, Antacids

<u>Clothing</u> Underwear (Shorts/T-Shirt) Socks/Belts <u>Cleaning Supplies</u> Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets Dish Detergent, Lysol Spray & Wipes

<u>Food Items</u> Coffee, Cream, Sugar, Canned Goods, Breakfast Cereals & Mixes

> <u>New or Clean Used:</u> Twin Sheets/Pillow Cases

Hope for All Who Enter

Martin was Homeless for Eighteen Years

"I came to the mission looking for a better life. I knew that everything I had done on my own didn't work. "



Shortly after arriving at the mission, Martin gave his life to Christ. When Martin surrendered to Christ, he surrendered living under bridges, living homeless on the streets, and panhandling for money to buy drugs,

Martin told us that Good Samaritan Ministries has given him a foundation, based on the Bible, to rebuild his life. He appreciates the mission's structure which helps him to be accountable for his actions.

His immediate plans are to stay at the mission to continue his growth in Christ. After so many years of living on the streets, he needs a safe place to develop his relationship with God and ensure he has the necessary skills to succeed beyond the mission. Please pray for Martin.

Tax Planning

GSM continues to be blessed as one of the nonprofit organizations qualified to participate in the state's Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program (NAP). The program provides donors an additional state income tax deduction over and beyond the standard deduction for charitable gifts.

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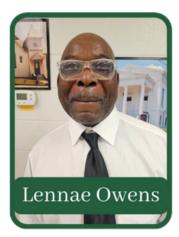
At Good Samaritan Ministries, we witness God's transformative power through our programs: a residential program for men overcoming addiction, a food ministry for the hungry, and our mission to proclaim the gospel. Today, I invite you to continue partnering with us in this vital work.

Our residential program is a beacon of hope for men struggling with addiction. In a supportive and faith-filled environment, participants receive the physical, emotional, and spiritual care necessary to break free from the chains of addiction. With daily discipleship and vocational training, these men find the strength and tools they need to rebuild their lives. Your support enables us to continue providing this life-changing program, allowing men to experience the freedom and hope found in Christ.

We are excited to share a unique opportunity with you: a special matching gift challenge. Our Board of Directors has pledged to match every gift we receive up to \$75,000. This means your donation will have twice the impact, allowing us to extend our reach even further. Your gift, no matter the size, will be doubled, enabling us to continue proclaiming the gospel message, feeding the hungry, and helping men overcome addiction.

Please prayerfully consider making a contribution today. Together, we can bring the light of Christ into the darkest corners of our community.

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Lennae Had Lost "All Hope" 66 I was walking through life without any hope.

On November 3rd, 2023, everything changed in Lennae's life. That was his first day at Good Samaritan Ministries. Until then, his life was filled with alcohol and drugs, spiraling downward and threatening his future.

It was a miraculous day for Lennae. He described it this way: "That day was the beginning of the change in my life. As I walked through the doors of Good Samaritan Ministries, I felt things being lifted off my shoulders. I felt relieved."

For Lennae, every day now feels like a new day. He says, "Life is now beautiful." God has set him on a new path that will impact the rest of his life, and he is excited about his future.

Thank you for investing in Lennae's life. Lennae's favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17:

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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Unlock Hope: Your Gift Can Change Lives Today!

Barry's Transformation When I first came to Good Samaritan Ministries, I was lost, addicted, about \$80,000 in debt, separated, and headed for divorce.



Like so many others, Barry's life completely changed after he gave his life to Christ at Good Samaritan Ministries. When he first walked through our doors over nineteen years ago, he was a broken man, without hope, and on the verge of complete self-destruction.

But Jesus changed everything. Today, Barry is "saved, sober, financially stable, and married to a godly, caring wife." Recently, he celebrated the beginning of his nineteenth year as a member of the staff at Good Samaritan Ministries.

Barry's life is a testament to the fact that God is still performing miracles and restoring people's lives. His transformation is truly a miracle.

Barry's new life is also possible because of the generosity of people like you who have invested in this ministry. Thank you so much. Barry's favorite verse is James 1:17:

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

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