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- * His Place
- * Hosanna Home
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Harvest Evangelism Annual Banquet October 7th

Our annual Harvest Evangelism Banquet is coming up soon, October 7th, beginning at 6 PM. This year's event will be held in the 3:16 Center at First Baptist Church Opelika. There is no charge for the evening's event which will include dinner, testimonies and a song by our His Place men and Hosanna Home ladies, and a special speaker near to all of our hearts. Actually, this year we will have TWO SPEAKERS, and they're both pretty special to Harvest Evangelism, and to a lot of us.



Our banquet speakers will be John Ed and George Mathison. The Mathison brothers are legends in our parts (and beyond). John Ed pastored Montgomery's historic Frazier Memorial Methodist Church. George pastored Auburn's United Methodist Church. Both are retired from actively pastoring a local church. These days, in their 80's, the Mathison men pastor a community, including very much so, our His Place men and Hosanna Home ladies. Our men and women LOVE THEM! Either you already do too, or you will when you come hear them at our Harvest Evangelism Banquet.



Our banquet will include a wonderful meal.

If you'd like to attend this year's Harvest Evangelism Banquet all you need to do is contact our office manager, Genera Walker at 334-444-2220. There is no charge to attend the banquet. An offering will be taken up. This is a fund-raising event, our biggest fund raiser for the year.

And for all of our out town friends, or if you just can't make it out to the event, don't worry. We've thought of you. The banquet will be LIVE ONLINE that Monday evening (October 7, beginning at 6PM). You can watch it online at HarvestEvangelismBanquet.boxcast.tv

. It will also be available for your viewing blessing for 30 days after the banquet on our HarvestEvangelism.org website.



Labor Day Was A Labor Of Love At Hosanna Home

What a phenomenal Labor Day Drop-In Open House it was! We were honored to host new and old friends who joined us in celebrating the joy of giving back to the community.

The bouncy house was bursting with little feet and resounding laughter throughout the day.

Our food truck served its purpose by nourishing our neighbors, police officers, and friends. We prepared over 300 hamburgers and hotdogs.

Hosanna Home is truly grateful for the people who came together to spread love and support our ministry. We are humbled by the outpouring of generosity and thankful for each and every person who came and for each contribution.

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When You Think About Hosanna Home

Most people tell us that when they think about Hosanna Home they don't think about Children. Well, they'd better think again.

We have 4 children living at Hosanna Home with their mothers right now. Some are the children of our graduates and staff. We have one momma there who is ready to deliver her baby any day. We have 3 more who come and visit on weekends and holidays. We have several more, who when their moms, Hosanna Home graduates, come back to Hosanna Home for a visit, these children come with their moms to visit what was their "Home" for a season as well.

Hosanna Home is just that, a "Home" for so many of our ladies. And Hosanna Home therefore becomes a "Home" for so many children. We love it! We love the patter of little feet running up and down our long Hosanna Home halls. They remind us that our "journey" too should include a hop, skip and a jump.



Sometimes Words Need a Tune

This is Nisha, one of our sweet Hosanna Home ladies. She's also one of the quietest ladies at Hosanna Home, ever. Nisha has been with us 3 months, and in that time I haven't heard her speak more than 5-6 times. She's powerfully, painfully shy. She can speak, just fine. We knew that. But she is so shy she doesn't speak. What we didn't know, until yesterday, is that Nisha can sing. She loves to sing. She does it quite well. Yesterday we were at a fellowship lunch/baptism/singing after church in Montgomery (Fairview Methodist, where Winchester pastors) when Nisha asked me if she could sing. I was dumbfounded (or perhaps I'm just dumb). I never imagined Nisha could sing. I had a hard time remembering she could talk. "Of course, you can sing", I told Nisha. As I told myself, "Can she?" Well, she can sing, and sing well. God continues to confound me with the majestic, mysterious ways He shows up and shares His grace. This lady was transformed, right before my eyes, and ears. I want to do something special for Nisha, and all our ladies. I want to get a karaoke machine for Hosanna Home. I'm thinking some of our ladies may be able to express more in song than in speech. And they all love to sing praise and worship songs. If you have an old karaoke machine you'd be willing to donate we'd sure appreciate it. Nisha would appreciate it. Let me know if you'd like to help. If you'd like to give fallen angels a voice. #hosannahome #harvestevangelism.

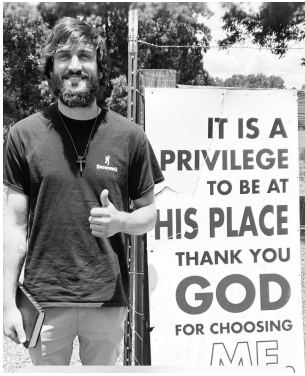


It's Pilgrimage of a Promise Time Again... South Dakota Here I Come...

Ten years ago on this day I was walking across Washington. It was cold and rainy that day. I actually like walking in the rain. The raindrops falling on my jacket sounds like it used to sound on the tin roof of my grandpa's house. I like the soft spray of a foggy day wrapping me up in its mystery. Yep, this was a good day to walk. They all are. I'll be walking across South Dakota in September. I'd appreciate your prayers. I'm older, my knees are older, the walk goes slower, but, by God's grace it's gonna go.



His Place Testimony- Tyler Glenn



I was born into an amazing family. My parents and grandparents all loved the Lord. They taught us the importance of trusting and following Jesus. I was raised in the church surrounded by good godly people. I believed in God. I knew he was real. But I didn't really know Him.

After graduating high school, I became addicted to opiates.

You don't realize it's happened until it's too late and then it completely consumes you. You forget who you are, who you were, who God created you to be. Your parents have told you your whole life that God has a plan for you, but how could this be a part of the plan? Something that I asked myself so many times.

The drugs took everything that was good in my life and replaced it with chaotic hopelessness. Separated from my family, I found myself living on the streets in Sacramento. I wasn't alone. I had friends. We had campy community under and around the freeway. It wasn't all bad but it wasn't living. My entire existence was built around feeding my flesh and I hated it. I knew there had to be more, but I didn't know how to change. I couldn't do it on my own. I tried. Rehabs, meetings, programs they never stuck.

Even though I had all but truly given up on myself. God said, "No, I'm not done with you yet, and yes this is part of my plan."

Through a series of the most incredible circumstances, which I won't try to get into because I could literally write a book about it. I came to the end of myself, truly cried out to God and he delivered me.

He delivered from an impossible situation, He delivered me from my addiction, and he brought me back home to my family after 5 years, just in time for Christmas! I have experienced miracles of healing and deliverance.

I have surrendered my life completely into God's hands and I'm never going back. I know who God is now. His Spirit lives inside of me. And I'm so grateful.

Tyler is a His Place graduate. He lives in one of our transitional homes now and has a full-time job. Praise God, He's doing great!

Sometimes God Sends You Something To Help You "Measure" His Love For You



Sometimes God sends you a tape measure to measure His love. He sent me one today.

A friend from Louisiana sent me a cardboard box filled with items they thought we might have need of, little did they know.

They wrote in their card that after reading a post I'd put up about George Mueller weeks ago the Lord laid it on their hearts to send a gift, a box of gifts. When I opened it up, there on the top of everything was a tape measure. I wept when I saw it. Then I shouted. I'm still smiling. You'd have to know to understand. So here's my feeble attempt to describe the unique, unfathomable love of God, that He sometimes sends with a wink to remind us He knows our every need. Two weeks ago when we were redoing Prudence's room Kim asked me for a tape measure. I laughed. I've never had a tape measure in my life. I've never measured anything. But she needed a tape measure; Pru was coming home in two days, and Kim wanted her room to be perfect. So I went to our thrift store and borrowed Don Thrash's tape measure. I came home and tried to help Kim measure the floor. I broke the tape measure.

My ineptitude was so obvious we laughed. Kim said, "I wish we had a good tape measure." I told her I wouldn't know what to measure with it, or how. But in my mind I planned on buying her a tape measure. I forgot. Then today I opened this box that came in the mail, and right on the top lay a tape measure. A good one too, with a note that said my rambling words on Mueller had prompted their gift. It's only a coincidence when you miss God's wink. The Apostle Paul once wrote, "And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, and how deep His love is".(Ephesians 3:18) God gave me the power to glance a token of His love for me today...and a tape measure to start ciphering It. Now, if I can only figure out how to use this thing.

You can keep up with His Place, Hosanna Home, Harvest Evangelism and Rick's Ramblings each week on Facebook Live (Pastor Rick Hagans) every Friday afternoon at 2pm (CST) **"Rambling With Rick: Hitching, Hiking and Hoboing; Life Lessons From Life's Highways."**

All our previous "Rambles" can be found on Facebook at Pastor Rick Hagans or Rick Hagans' Facebook page.

ITEMS NEEDED

1. **WAREHOUSE SPACE:** Sometimes we get a lot of things we need, but we don't have a space for it right now. If we had some local warehouse space (within 30-40 miles), we could save now and plan for the future.

2. **VEHICLES:** We had two vehicles donated this past month. We had 5 graduate. And we always seem to need a dependable vehicle at His Place and Hosanna Home to get a resident to a doctor's appointment, home visit, to work, GED classes, to see the dentist, to go to court or even to go to a funeral...to do life! It takes a dependable vehicle to get ministry done with 51 men and 17 ladies (w/ 4 children).

3. **CLEANING SUPPLIES, LAUNDRY SOAP and TOILETRIES** (men's and women's). You can drop your items off at our office at Harvest Thrift Store or order them off of our *His Place* and *Hosanna Home Amazon Gift Registry* and have them sent directly to our homes. (Go to your Amazon and on "Gift Registry" look for His Place or Hosanna Home Gift Registry and click on the list. You'll see our most recent and 'always needed' needs lists)

4. This need is not an item, but rather a person(s). We need people who will donate of their time and talent to help serve our His Place men and Hosanna Home ladies. We could use a barber (and hairdresser for the ladies); a chiropractor, sometimes a doctor, always a dentist, drivers, an optometrist, counselor... most anyone willing to donate a little time and talent. For Hosanna Home you can call Ms Kim (334-740-1645) or Christine (334-750-5267). For His Place you can call Kenny (256-868-0281).

Remember that your financial donation is what makes it possible to continue to run the ministries of Harvest Evangelism.

It is not easy for any of us to ask for the finances necessary to maintain the upkeep of our buildings, for utilities, meals, vehicles, insurance, staff, resident care, emergencies, etc... but we have to raise all the monies needed to keep this ministry going.

This is not an "emergency" plea, just an acknowledgment that all we do takes financial help. None of us work outside of Harvest Evangelism. We give our daily lives for the work that goes on here. Therefore we don't have any other resources than to pray (and we each do), to ask, and to trust.

Use one of the many ways we have to make any donation you feel led to give:

Online: Harvestevangelism.org or our QR code

Mail: PO Box 2888, OPELIKA, AL 36803

In Person: Our offices are located at 1750 Opelika Road, Suite C, Auburn, AL 36830

Call In: Our bookkeeper, Genera Walker can take your donation over the phone 334-444-2220



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