



News from

SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION

Your Prayerful Support Will Help Others

Dead or Alive

“Why do you seek the living among the dead?” the angels asked the women at the tomb (Luke 24:5). They had come expecting to honor the dead, carrying spices and heavy hearts, but instead they were met with a staggering truth: death had been defeated and life had won. The stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty. Grief gave way to wonder. They left their spices behind—along with their sorrow—and departed rejoicing in the victory Jesus had secured. Jesus did not merely return to life; He inaugurated an entirely new kind of life.

That question still confronts us today. We often search for life in places that ultimately lead only to disappointment. Even good gifts—a fulfilling career, a loving spouse, and meaningful spiritual experiences—can

never fully satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. They are not meant to bear that weight. Only the presence of the risen Jesus gives lasting meaning, joy, and peace. Though we experience broken dreams and wounded hearts, there is a life and love found in Christ that sustains us now and carries us beyond the grave. Like those women at Jesus’ tomb,

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Cold Days, Warm Hearts



A cold and wet winter brings unique challenges for the homeless community of Wilmington. Many have no place to take shelter from the cold or receive a warm meal. Though some have tents to escape the precipitation, the cold and hunger remain a challenge for survival. When a more severe weather event happens, like strong winds and rain or a heavy snow, a tent isn't the best solution. Sunday Breakfast Mission is here to serve people by meeting both their physical and spiritual needs.

Sunday Breakfast Mission serves two types of guests who utilize the facilities for overnight shelter. Overnight guests can come in, clean up and have a warm place to spend the night. In the morning, they are served a nutritious breakfast before they leave for the day. They are encouraged to return that evening for dinner and spend the night once again.

Additionally, everyone is encouraged to enroll as residents in the New Life Discipleship Program. As part of the program, they remain onsite the entire day taking classes and serving in the Mission. Residents receive 3 meals a day,

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REV. TOM LAYMON

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ON WINGS OF THE MORNING

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Turkey Challenge

In October, Sunday Breakfast Mission issued a special challenge to the community for groups to donate at least 25 turkeys. Each group that completed the challenge was given 25 "Blessed Turkey" shirts. These donated turkeys played a vital role in helping Sunday Breakfast Mission serve the community during the holiday season. They were used for both the Thanksgiving Food Box distribution and the Great Thanksgiving Day Banquet.

We are deeply thankful for the compassion and support shown by everyone who participated. Your generosity helped make Thanksgiving brighter and more meaningful for so many.



Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution



Food Box Distribution

Your generous support through food donations and volunteering made it possible to provide close to **1,400 Thanksgiving food boxes** to families in need this year. On **Monday, November 3**, volunteers answered phones at **Sunday Breakfast Mission** during the annual call-in days, helping families reserve their Thanksgiving food boxes.

These call-in days ensure families receive both food and a turkey for Thanksgiving. Then, on **Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25**, the Mission was filled with caring volunteers who generously gave their time and energy. They welcomed guests, assisted with check-in, and shared the hope found in Jesus.

Volunteers worked together to pack and deliver food boxes directly to the cars of families in need. Through teamwork and love, physical needs were met and hearts were touched.



Van Full of Food Donations



Food Bin



Volunteers at the Food Box Distribution



Turkeys for Distribution

Program to Success

Though the Sunday Breakfast Mission is known for helping those without shelter due to addiction, some are without shelter due to mental illness and relational trauma. People come seeking help and a second chance and by God's grace we are here to help.

Daisy had a home, a job, and a future. But her world began to erode as mental illness took its toll. She found herself unable to hold onto her job. As a result, she had to abandon her apartment to live in her car. She was unable to make her car payments and that was taken from her as well. Alone and homeless, she remembered the good work of the Sunday Breakfast Mission and turned to us for help. At first, the rules felt suffocating, but Daisy soon came to the realization that the structure was exactly what she needed to begin to get life going again. In her own words, Daisy said, "I started seeing the Lord's hand in my being here." This was not just good luck; this was God's work. She trusted God was leading her and stuck with it. Through the classes, the proper medications and counseling, Daisy has now reached level 2 and can begin to envision her life beyond SBM. Her first step is to find a church she can call home. Then she will

return to the workforce. Daisy is praying to be able to buy a donated car through SBM. Using the financial and budgeting training that she has received, Daisy is looking forward to getting an apartment she can afford. With her strong faith in Jesus and the help of the counselors and staff of Sunday Breakfast Mission, Daisy sees a bright future ahead.

Another young lady came to Sunday Breakfast Mission to escape from an unhealthy living environment. She had not heard of Sunday Breakfast Mission, but a quick internet search showed several shelters and SBM had an opening. Her initial reaction to the structure was negative. She wanted to leave but residents and staff encouraged her to trust the process and stick with it. After 18 months she is ready to take the next big step towards her future. Not only did SBM help her heal, but also helped her open up and communicate better. It has given her the tools to develop a strong work ethic. She is excited about studying cyber security at college and becoming an independent, strong young lady.

Both ladies could not have come this far without YOUR help. Your donations support everyone that takes a step to turn their life around.



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Unique Giving Opportunity!

Sackcloth & Ashes is a mission-driven company that donates a blanket to someone in need for every blanket purchased. If you live in New Castle County, Delaware and purchase a blanket from Sackcloth & Ashes, they will donate a blanket to one of four shelters that serve the region. Consider supporting those in recovery and the homeless at Sunday Breakfast Mission in this unique way.

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Thank You!

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Trying to keep Warm!

Each Christmas Sunday Breakfast Mission likes to provide a Christmas gift to each overnight guest that spends the night on Christmas Eve. **Through YOUR generosity**, these gifts have included a hygiene kit, a hat, a pair of gloves, a scarf, a hand warmer, a set of thermal underwear, and a hooded sweatshirt.

Collecting these items is quite a challenge, but there are always generous people that come to the rescue. As a result of your efforts about 200 gift bags were assembled and distributed. There were even some leftover items that have been given away to others in need.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated both by the staff who have the privilege of distributing them and by the guests that receive them.



A Legacy That

Blooms

Every spring, millions of people attend the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. There's a rich history behind this event and the trees at its center, marked by values that span generations.

As you read, consider your story and the legacy you'd like to leave behind. We've included reflection questions to inspire your thoughts.

What causes are important to you?

This story begins with Generosity. In 1912, Tokyo donated 3,020 trees to Washington, D.C., as a gesture of goodwill to honor the growing relationship between the United States and Japan. That generosity had its roots in a small group of people who worked to generate interest in Japanese cherry trees by raising money, giving away saplings, and advocating with government officials.

What relationships have shaped who you are?

Relationships are central to this history. Friendship between Japan and the U.S. motivated the original donation, as well as our government's thank-you gift of flowering dogwood trees to the people of Japan in 1915. Over the years, the cherry trees have continued to be symbols of goodwill, including Japan's gift of 250 new trees in honor of America's 250th birthday.

How has the reconciliation you have through Christ changed your life?

With relationships often comes the need for Reconciliation. After World War II, the National Park Service sent budwood from the original trees to restore trees in Tokyo that had fallen into decline during the war. In turn, Japan gave the U.S. a stone lantern as a rededication of friendship. The National Cherry Blossom Festival opens each year with the lighting of that lantern.

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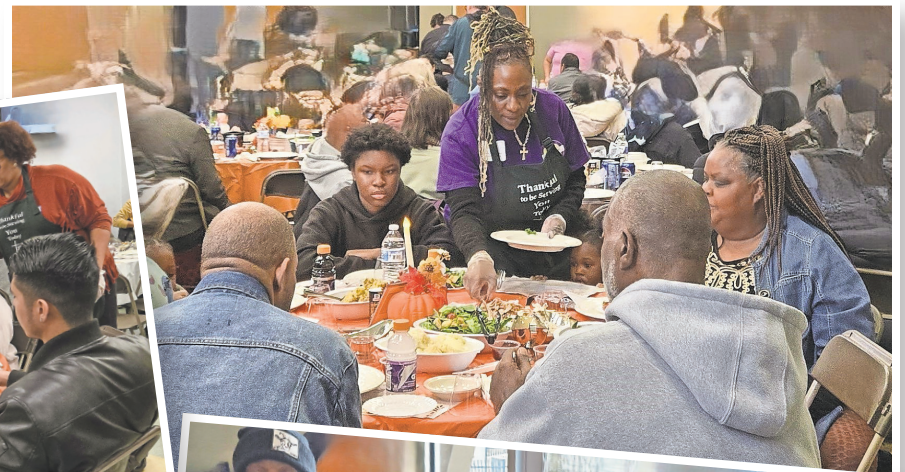
When the feast was all over, empty plates were scattered, gravy smeared more than a few napkins. Faces were content, bellies were full, people were served and honored.

For there to be a happy ending, there had to be a busy beginning. Several months prior, in September, the staff of Sunday Breakfast Mission began planning and organizing the biggest event of the year. The Great Thanksgiving Banquet was underway. Calls went out, schedules were made... and remade. Volunteers graciously accepted assignments - preparing, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. More than 280 volunteers came from many churches, organizations and just good, loving people to serve and honor those less fortunate than themselves. Many people gave not just their time and energy but also donated turkeys, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, pies - everything to make Thanksgiving special.

The Big Day dawned. Dedicated volunteers gathered full of coffee and covering a few yawns. Teams were formed and all that planning was put into action. Before the sun began to peek over the horizon, compassion went into action. Tables were brought out into every room available. Then they were set with fresh table clothes and shiny silverware. Greeters were prepped and smiling. The kitchen staff was bustling between 2 kitchens and many serving stations. Ovens were filled with turkey, pots simmered, pies warmed while people were escorted in, seated and readied for the great feast. It was hectic. It was a scramble. But what joy was served on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, 2025!

More than 500 people flowed into the dining hall at Sunday Breakfast Mission with the first serving beginning at noon. Everyone was welcome - the lonely, the hungry, and those who wanted to share a meal. The task is simple - love others, share what we have, meet real physical needs, and demonstrate the love of Jesus. There was also a presentation of the Samaritan woman at the well - an outcast who lived with shame and separation. But Jesus came to Samaria just to meet her. His compassion extended beyond "the acceptable." What He has to offer is for everyone regardless of race, gender or social status. Rev. Laymon said grace and the feast began! Food was served, laughter and conversation

was abundant. Everyone was welcomed and invited to share a meal. It was to gather souls whom Jesus loved. In just a few minutes the scurrying and serving and eating was over and people began to filter away. The dining halls were cleaned... and the volunteers gathered their strength to do it all again at 2! More people! More turkey! More mashed potatoes and gravy! More pumpkin pie! And of course, more joy. The abundance of the Father was on display to those being served and those serving.



Christmas Blessings

What a difference you made at Christmas.

Giving and receiving at Christmas can be fun. The people involved in the New Life Program like to receive gifts too! This year there were 44 men and women enrolled in the program that were adopted for the Christmas season. These 44 people completed a wish list, and big-hearted families made their wishes come true.

Items like shirts, belts, and books were requested and each request was fulfilled. What a joy to be able to present these gifts and let the men and women know that someone cares about them and that they are loved.

Many of the men and women in the New Life Program have lost contact with their families.

Resident Label	Gift Description #1	Gift Description #2	Gift Description #3	EXTRA Gift Description #4	Note
Women's Program	Women's Program	Women's Program	Women's Program	Women's Program	
W1	Long-sleeved shirt (size 26-28)	Sneakers (size 10 1/2)	Purse - Black	0	0
W2	Thermal Underwear (size Medium)	Pajamas (size medium)	Wallet-simple black fold-up style	0	0
W3	Jeans (size 14-15)	Slacks (size 14-15)	Purse	0	0
W4	Jeans (size 16)	Pajamas (size XL)	Purse	0	0
W5	Hoodie (size XL)	Pajamas (size XL)	Wallet-Black	0	0
W6	Pajamas (size M)	Wallet	Purse	0	0
W7	Jeans (size 4-5)	Pajamas (size small)	Purse	0	0

This makes the holidays very difficult. Those families and businesses who took on this project

brought great joy into the New Life residents' lives.

Thank you so much for making Christmas a joyful time.

Sharing the Story of Sunday Breakfast Mission

Do you need a speaker for your next event or community project? Are you interested in learning how **Sunday Breakfast Mission** is transforming lives in Wilmington by serving the homeless, hurting, and hungry?

We would love the opportunity to share what God is doing at SBM to help men, women, and women with children. They are having their needs met and experiencing restoration in their relationships with God, family, and society.



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Sunday Breakfast Mission Prayer Requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **More overnight guests to take the next step and become residents**
- **Increased financial donations to help meet rising costs**
- **Strength, unity, and encouragement for SBM staff and volunteers as they serve faithfully.**



Thank You

“Thank you” just does not seem to cover how grateful we are for the generous support you have given to Sunday Breakfast Mission. As you see from other portions of this newsletter, your gifts have supplied Thanksgiving meals, Christmas gifts for children, Christmas gifts for men & women in the New Life Program, Christmas gifts for the overnight guests, plus the financial gifts that provide for everyday operations.

Like you, the Mission has expenses for electricity, water, sewer, insurance, and more. You know what it takes to run your household—now imagine multiplying that to support about 200 people each night. That’s hundreds of showers, daily meals to prepare, and mounds of sheets and towels to wash every day. While some of these expenses are easy to see, many others are less obvious but just as necessary.

Your generosity makes all this possible. There are men and women coming in the doors that have no place to go. Through a multitude of circumstances these men and women find themselves in difficult situations. Sunday Breakfast Mission has been here to help for the past 132 years. We are trusting God for another 100 plus years.

**Again, THANK YOU
for your continued support.**

Ongoing Needs

**New Twin XL Sheets and
new towels needed for
Sunday Breakfast Mission**
<https://a.co/O2YSht3J>

**Supplies for medical clinic at
Sunday Breakfast Mission**
<https://a.co/O6TMNEFu>

Bringing Christmas Joy to Families in Need

Shopping for Christmas can be stressful, especially for those who don’t have enough to buy gifts. During the Great Thanksgiving Banquet, parents and guardians were invited to sign up for a special Christmas shopping experience at Sunday Breakfast Mission, giving them the opportunity to provide gifts for their children. In preparation, toy drives were held across the community, generous donors contributed gifts, and dedicated volunteers worked together to sort, organize, and prepare the **Christmas shop** for families in need.

Through these efforts, children who might otherwise go without a gift were able to experience the joy and excitement of Christmas.

This meaningful outreach was made possible by the compassion and generosity of local businesses, radio stations, churches, and countless individuals who gave

their time, resources, and support. Together, the community worked to ensure that every child felt special during the holiday season.



Donations from the Toy Drive



Christmas Shop



Bike and Gift Donations



Toy Drive Donations



Christmas Shop Setup

Dead or Alive

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that life can fill us with wonder and joy today.

We live in a world marked by loss, brokenness, and fear. Many carry disappointments that feel final, regrets that seem permanent, and wounds that appear beyond healing. Yet the empty tomb declares a greater reality: there is a power stronger than death, a love that heals the broken, and a grace that washes away guilt and shame. Resurrection is God's answer to everything that seems beyond repair.

This hope is not wishful thinking or shallow optimism. Scripture tells us that the same Spirit—the same power—that raised Jesus from the dead now dwells in us. Christ reigns victorious at the right hand of the Father, and His Holy Spirit

is present to strengthen the weary, give courage to the fearful, comfort the hurting, and bring peace to the anxious. Resurrection life meets us in ordinary Mondays, unanswered prayers, and long nights of waiting. It reminds us that the story is not over—that Jesus is alive, attentive, and at work in us even when we cannot yet see it. He is good and we can trust him.

Hope is alive. Grace is available. Our struggles and pain do not have the final word. God is still restoring, still renewing, still making all things new. He is ready to lift us out of the shadows of death and lead us into new life.

Easter tells us there is a new way to live—life empowered by Christ, marked by inexpressible joy even amid heartache, and peace beyond understanding. Eternal life does not begin someday; it begins now. Because He lives, we can live also.

Warm Hearts

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counseling and a warm place to stay until they complete the program. The program is catered to the individual and can last a year or more depending on the dedication of the individual.

This winter has been extremely cold and, on several days, overnight guests have been permitted to remain at the facility during the day. The Mission is dedicated to doing all it can to provide for and support struggling people. Winter can be life threatening, and compassion demands that we do all we can to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters. The simple offerings of shelter and a warm meal are just the beginning of redemption. We strive in all things to share the love of Jesus with everyone we serve. In the Bible James tells us, "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in



daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?" (James 2:15 and 16 ESV)

Because of the severe weather, the overnight guests who normally leave were permitted to stay in the building during the day. A special video was sent out to inform the Mission community about this urgency.

To stay connected and be part to the Mission community **Text "SUNDAY" to (302) 566-8292** or visit **"Join Our Community"** at the bottom <https://sundaybreakfastmission.org/>



Sunday Breakfast Mission serves the homeless, addicted, and impoverished through Christ-centered programs to meet their spiritual, social, and physical needs. Our primary goal is to restore people to right relationships with God, their families, and society.

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