



News from

SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION

Your Prayerful Support Will Help Others

Preparing for Thanksgiving

The **Great Thanksgiving Banquet** at Sunday Breakfast Mission is now part of tradition. Families have made it part of their Thanksgiving Day activities to come year after year to help serve. The past few years we have welcomed 700 people that come to enjoy the wonderful meal that is prepared.

You can be part of this exciting event. Help is needed the week prior to Thanksgiving to prepare all the food and equipment needed to make the day run smoothly.

On Thanksgiving Day help is needed in various shifts from early morning to late afternoon to set, serve, and clean. Many have already committed to serving this day but many more are still needed. We would be delighted to have you join us.

Come be part of this beautiful opportunity to serve people who have no family or other place to be on an occasion that should be filled with laughter and celebration.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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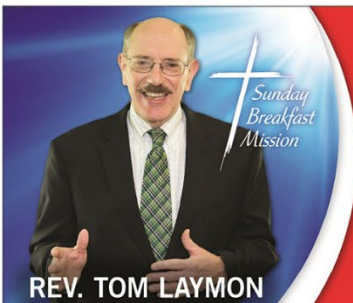
The Greatest Gift

Christmas is my favorite holiday. As a child I wanted to hear *Away in a Manger* all the time. That classic Christmas song brought me comfort during a difficult time. My childhood wasn't easy. However, even with a troubled childhood, I found peace knowing Jesus said:

*"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."
(Matthew 19:14 KJV)*

That verse reminded me that Jesus welcomed me as a child. I believed that Jesus was always with me. Christmas was especially meaningful to me, because of the celebration of HIS birth.

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REV. TOM LAYMON

FIND HOPE

ON WINGS OF THE MORNING

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@7:45 AM

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WSFS Champion

We Stand for Service Day

October 1, 2025 was WSFS - We Stand for Service Day
Volunteers from WSFS came to Urban Vintage to sort and display clothing. It was a day filled with service, teamwork and fun. The Sunday Breakfast Mission is very grateful for volunteers! Our impact on the community wouldn't be possible without YOUR help.



Postage Helps

A simple way to donate is to place a **STAMP** on the "NO POSTAGE NECESSARY" envelopes.

With the rising price of postage, this will save us a **minimum of \$2.01 per envelope!**

NOTE: In the Fall edition of the newsletter, it showed \$1.23. This was just the **handling charge!**

Volunteer Opportunities

MON, NOV. 24
SBM FOODBOX DISTRIBUTION DAY

TUE, NOV. 25
SBM FOODBOX DISTRIBUTION DAY

THU, NOV. 27
GREAT THANKSGIVING DAY BANQUET AT 12 PM

WED-FRI, DEC 17-19
CHRISTMAS SHOP

TO VOLUNTEER FOR THANKSGIVING PLEASE CONTACT:

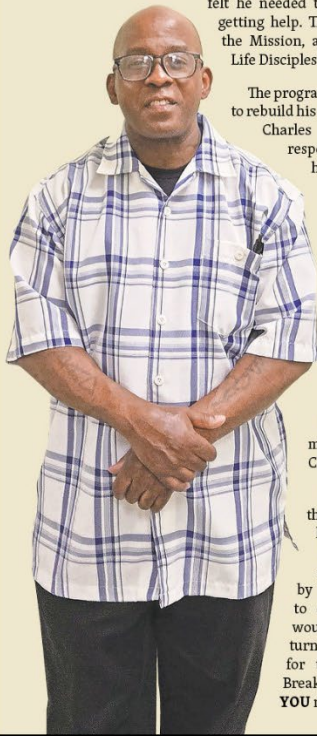
BRUCE: bdavison@sundaybreakfastmission.org
— or —

KIM: kboswell@sundaybreakfastmission.org
Or call **302-652-8314** and ask for Bruce or Kim.

Celebrating Another Graduate

Before arriving at Sunday Breakfast Mission in August 2024, Charles' life was chaotic and in turmoil. He had been drinking alcohol since he was 16 years old. This had led him on a destructive path. It damaged his health, ruined relationships and left him in the hospital on multiple occasions. Despite this, he would be released from the hospital and continue to drink. During this time, he didn't see any of the destruction as his fault. He blamed everyone else for the disaster in his life.

Eventually, he realized he needed to break from the downhill cycle of alcohol. Then he remembered his girlfriend's son had received help from the Sunday Breakfast Mission. He finally felt he needed to take the first step by getting help. That step brought him to the Mission, and he entered the New Life Discipleship Program.



The program guided him in the steps to rebuild his life and his relationships.

Charles began to take responsibility for the choices he had made. It was hard work; however, he started to turn his life around. While he was in the program, he worked in the kitchen as a chef and greeted people at the front desk. This gave his life purpose. He was greeting people that were like him when he first arrived.

"The mission has opened my eyes to the ways of Christ," Charles declared.

Charles graduated from the program and is now looking to the future. He is now pursuing management careers by applying his knowledge to online courses. Charles would not have been able to turn his life around if it wasn't for the support of Sunday Breakfast Mission. Donors like YOU make it possible.

Giving and Living a Legacy of Generosity

As she gathered items for a seasonal centerpiece, Anne came across a few mementos of holidays past, and an idea was sparked. What if these small treasures became the table's focal point?

This would be the first gathering since losing several family members, and these pieces showcased memories of their generosity: a craft project represented time shared with a grandchild, a special vase spoke to a mother's thoughtfulness, a bundle of sticks collected on a family hike highlighted an uncle's love for the outdoors. The centerpiece became a beautiful tribute to a legacy of love.

Author and evangelist Corrie ten Boom once said, "The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration but its donation." You've been on the receiving end of your loved ones' care and kindness. In this season of thanksgiving and gift giving, you can honor the generosity of those who have gone before and live out the legacy they've left for you.

Get something growing. A tree or garden is a living reminder of a family member or friend that also invites others to enjoy the beauty.

Foster new traditions. What activities would have made your loved one smile? One family goes to a local grocery store on their sister's birthday and, in her memory, pays for all the birthday cakes purchased that day.

Serve others. Volunteering with a cause that was important to your loved one honors what was meaningful to them and meets a need.

Give in their memory. A gift in your will to Sunday Breakfast Mission is a lasting tribute to their legacy of love, impacting the people we serve for generations to come.

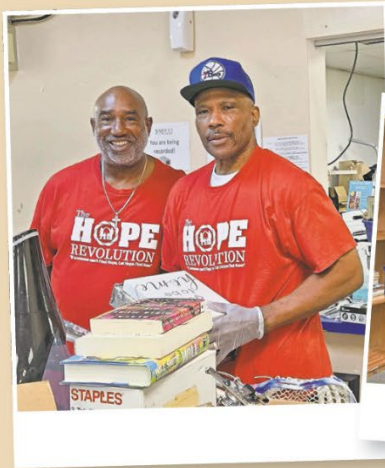
For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "4 Ways to Pass on a Legacy of Love" by contacting Rev. Tom Laymon at (302) 656-8542, ext. 103 or tlaymon@sundaybreakfastmission.org. Visit sundaybreakfastmission.legacywill.org to bless your family with an up-to-date will.



Volunteers Help at Urban Vintage

Urban Vintage is the Sunday Breakfast Mission thrift store. It is located at 500 W. 2nd St. in Wilmington, DE. Clothing, jewelry, knickknacks and furniture are available for a small cost. The proceeds go to support Sunday Breakfast Mission. Overnight guests, residents, and graduates of the Sunday Breakfast Mission can ask for vouchers to receive items for FREE. If you haven't been to Urban Vintage, it is definitely worth the visit. Enticing displays of items and furniture welcome shoppers. Once you are in the store, it is hard to leave without something. A good buy can be found for any budget.

Recently members of the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church came to volunteer in the store. The church provided a community service day, and Sunday Breakfast Mission was blessed to have them. They diligently worked to sort, organize and display items. Not only were they helping, but they were also having fun. Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church is based in Philadelphia. What a surprise to have them travel such a distance to volunteer in Wilmington! Volunteers are always needed at the Mission. You can serve the struggling community by giving your time.



TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT: Bruce or Kim at 302-652-8314

Christmas is not too far away!

There are a number of opportunities to get involved during the Christmas season. Remember, this is not just about gift giving but should be a reminder to all of us of THE GIFT of salvation. It is because of the gift we received that we use the opportunity to give material gifts to others in order to share the gospel.



OVERNIGHT CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

On Christmas Day gift bags are given to all the overnight guests. The bags include a hoodie, hat, gloves, scarf, thermal underwear set, and a Hope Tote hygiene kit.

How can you be involved?

You can supply these items. Here is a wish list link to guide you in the process. <https://a.co/2q3qFul>

Volunteers will be needed to assemble the gift bags in early December

CHRISTMAS SHOP

Families that attend the Great Thanksgiving Banquet have the opportunity to register themselves and their **children** for the Sunday Breakfast Mission Christmas Shop. The parents or guardians are then given an appointment time to come and shop for their children. What a great event to provide gifts for children who may not otherwise have gifts at Christmas.

How can you be involved?

HERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN USE:

- Baby & Barbie Dolls (all skin tones)
- Pretend Sets & Playdough
- Action Figures
- Sports Team Items
- Hair Styling Sets
- Board Games
- Learning & STEM Toys
- Skateboards, Scooters, & Bikes
- Bluetooth accessories
- Cars and Trucks (all sizes)
- Footballs, Basketballs, Soccer Balls
- Legos & Building Sets
- Manicure Sets, Nail Polish
- Watches & Costume Jewelry
- Puzzles & Books
- Charging hubs and Cables
- Child Pajamas

(New unwrapped items are needed by December 12)

Volunteers are needed for the days of the event to help people shop.

Come and bring Christmas joy to a family.

DECEMBER 17, 18, & 19

ADOPT-A-RESIDENT

You can Adopt-a-Resident for Christmas! You can provide gifts for the men & women participating in the New Life program. Early in December the wish list from the residents will be available. You can fulfill their wishes and make their Christmas time a little happier.

How can you be involved?

Contact us and ask for the list of available residents and we will let you know when the list is available.

CHRISTMAS DAY

How can you be involved?

Come help serve breakfast and distribute gifts on Christmas Day

Thank You!

The annual Szczerba Family Golf Outing continues the legacy of Lt. Joseph Szczerba, honoring his support for the Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Lt. Szczerba served in the New Castle County Police Department. Tragically, he was killed in the line of duty. During his life, he encouraged the homeless and helpless individuals to get help through Sunday Breakfast Mission's New Life Program. He also supported the Mission with donations of hats, scarves, coats and other needed items.

The Szczerba family wanted to continue the support in memory of Lt. Szczerba.



Gerald Szczerba, (right) Joseph's brother, presents a generous donation to Reverend Thomas Laymon.

Pillows, Sheets, and Towels



We always need NEW pillows, Twin XL sheets, and bath towels for the overnight guests and residents.



If you are looking for a different way to provide for those in need, please bring or send NEW pillows, Twin XL sheets, and bath towels to Sunday Breakfast Mission at:
110 N. Poplar St., Wilmington, DE 19801



Thank You!

What an amazing gift!

MOT Rotary Club gave a truckload of canned tuna fish.

The Sunday Breakfast Mission was blessed to receive this donation for Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING
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FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION
Monday & Tuesday
November, 24-25

Another meaningful Thanksgiving tradition at the Sunday Breakfast Mission is our food box distribution which takes place the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The food boxes are given to families that may otherwise go without a holiday meal.

Here are three ways you can help:

1) **Donate Food**

A complete list of needed items can be found at: <https://sundaybreakfastmission.org/what-we-do/great-thanksgiving>

2) **Share the Gospel**

Every family that receives a food box hears the good news of Jesus Christ. Training for this will be **Thursday, November 20, 5:30 pm**, dinner will be provided

3) **Help Carry Food Boxes**

Assist families by carrying the food boxes to their car, wagon, basket, or whatever they bring to transport the food.



Thank you so much for caring for the community.

GREATEST GIFT

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When you hear the word Christmas, what comes to mind?

Many people think of gifts and the busyness of the holiday. While that isn't wrong, it is easy to forget the heart of the season. Let's not forget the greatest gift of all: **Jesus Christ**. He was the greatest gift the world has ever received. Because of Him, God gave us freedom and forgiveness. This gift is available to all who want it.

At the **Sunday Breakfast Mission**, we keep the values that Jesus taught us. We show the same love and hope Christ first gave us to anyone who wants shelter. For the hurting, the forgotten, the ones who feel left out and overlooked, we invite them in for meals, shelter, and love.

Thank you for your generous donations. Together we can transform one life at a time.



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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Sunday Breakfast Mission Donation Form

Here's my tax-deductible gift to help Sunday Breakfast Mission bring shelter, nutritious meals and life-changing recovery programs to the homeless and impoverished of greater Wilmington and lower Delaware Valley.

\$25 \$50 \$150 \$200 \$ Other Amount

Check Is Enclosed Please Charge My Credit Card

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YOUR GIFT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. YOU WILL BE SENT A RECEIPT FOR YOUR RECORDS. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION

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