

A Typical Day

Mission activity may seem somewhat confusing when you first arrive but that feeling won't last long. You will soon see a daily flow of events, which looks something like this:

Morning

Wake-up Wk/Days...6:30 Wk/Ends..7:30
Breakfast..Wk/Day..7:00 Wk/Ends..8:00
Roll Call & Devotions...7:45 Wk/Eds.8:30
Morning Classes(non-program).....10:00
Lunch.....Mon-Sat..12:00 Sunday...1:00

Medication Times

6:30 am...8:30 am...12pm
5pm..8:30pm..9:45pm

Afternoon/Evening

Chapel.(non-program guest)..... 1:00
Dinner.....5:30
Early Laundry Pickup..... 6:15
Evening Meeting..... 7:00
Clean up time..... 8:15
Roll Call & Devotions..... 9:20
Late Laundry Pickup..... 9:45
Last smoke break over at10:00
Lights Out10:30...Quiet Time.....11:00

Discipleship Recovery

Bethesda Mission offers a Life Skills recovery program for all guests of Bethesda Mission. The program focuses on life recovery through commitment to Jesus Christ and His Lordship. It also includes clinical instructions to assist in recovery. If interested please see the house supervisors and they will instruct as to the steps needed to apply; acceptance is not guaranteed.

Services

All services provided by the Mission are free of charge.

Sleeping Arrangements. Your first night here will be spent sleeping in the Chapel. After that first night, you will be assigned a bed in our Main Dorm as beds become available. Please be courteous of others who want to sleep.

Meals. Meals are served three times a day in the "Kingdom Kafe".

Laundry. Your laundry will be done for you twice a week. See House Supervisors for details... Mondays through Fridays.

Clothing. We operate a clothing room for the benefit of guests who are in need of clothing. If you need clothing, you can see the Senior House Supervisor for a voucher.

Medical Care. There are Registered Nurses on staff to assist you with health care issues. We also have dental care available for registered guest. See Social Services Director for applications.

Safekeeping of Cash and valuables. Any cash or other valuables you have in your possession may be turned into the House Supervisor on duty who will make sure that it is placed in a safe. Make sure that you get a written receipt for everything you have turned over to him. The Mission will not be responsible for any valuables you decide not to turn in for safekeeping.

Welcome Aboard

Welcome to Bethesda Mission, a Christian ministry that has been serving down and out men for over 85 years.

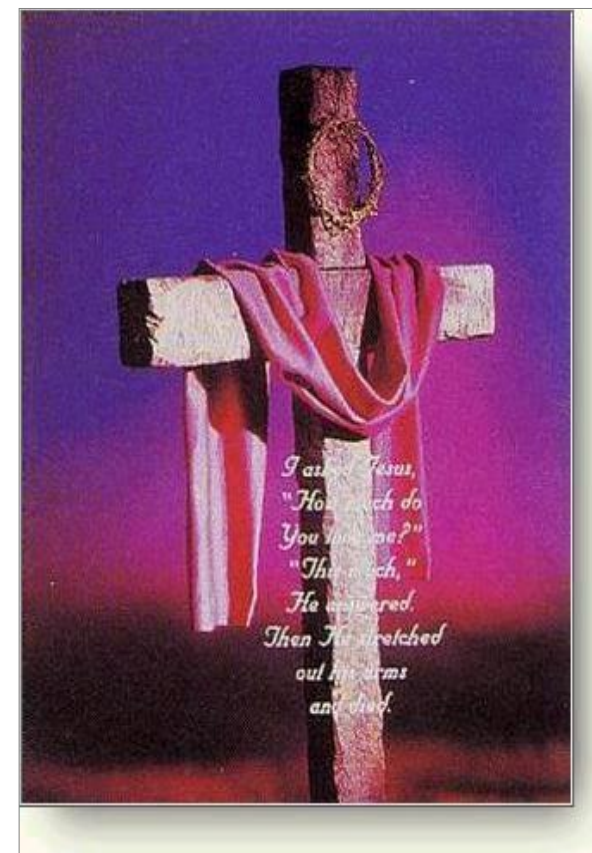
We believe that God has brought you here for a purpose. When you came through the front door you were seeking food and shelter. When you leave however, it is our earnest desire that you take something much more important with you – HOPE. We are talking about the sort of hope that can change your life. We are talking about a powerful new force that is yours through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

While you are here, you will be expected to obey Mission rules and behave like a gentleman. Keep in mind that you will probably be living with at least 80 other men.

We will try to provide all the information you will need but please don't hesitate to ask questions if you need to. The Mission staff wants to make you stay as pleasant and productive as possible.

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BETHESDA MISSION



Services (Continued)

Storage of Personal Belongings. Upon your arrival you will be assigned a locker to store your belongings, if one is available. If you are assigned a locker you will need to be able to store all of your belongings in your locker as there is very little other storage available. **BETHESDA MISSION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS. Items will be kept for only 3 days after a guest leaves and then recycled.**

Social Services Program. This program assists men in getting into the county mental health program, qualifying for veterans' and Social Security benefits and obtaining housing.

Sunday Worship Service. Worship services are held from 10 – 11am on Sundays. Transient guests (who are here for 29 days only) are encouraged to attend services; it is mandatory for guests in program. If you do not attend Chapel services, you must stay quietly in the Library, the porch or off Mission property.

Guidelines For Conduct

Any group of men living under one roof must have some guidelines for getting along with each other. Guidelines are essential to safe and orderly living. At the Mission they include:

The “Ten Commandments” of Mission Living

- I You will avoid all violence or threatened violence toward others.
- II You will not carry or possess any weapons.
- III You will refrain from use, sale or possession of alcohol and drugs.
- IV You will be respectful of others at all times.
- V You will not steal.
- VI You will not smoke in the building.
- VII You will refrain from profanity and foul language.
- VIII You will not be absent from the building without authorization.
- IX You will maintain an acceptable level of personal cleanliness.
- X You will try to comply with all “other rules”.

Other Rules

- ❑ Attendance is required at all morning and evening roll calls unless you are officially excused because of work or appointments outside the Mission.
- ❑ No one is allowed to leave the Mission after 9:20PM unless he is working night shift or has a pass
- ❑ You must get a pass from the House Supervisor on duty if you would like to leave the Mission for the weekend. You must sign back in at the Registration Office when you return.

- ❑ Quiet time at the mission begins at 10:30PM and ends at 6:30AM, except for weekends and holidays, Friday night is movie night with a snack. You must not disturb others who want to sleep.
- ❑ Your bed must be made every day. Blanket edges should be tucked neatly under the mattress and nothing is to be left on or under your bed and locker.
- ❑ Workers arriving after midnight may request to be placed on the late sleeper list which will extend their wake-up time to 11:00AM.
- ❑ Food is permitted only in the Dining Room and Porch area only.
- ❑ All guest must enter their name on the sign out sheet that is located in the lobby across from the registration office whenever they leave the building (except for going to the store beside us).
- ❑ The Mission will not act as a broker between guests and prospective employers. In addition, we will not guarantee any pay or other terms of employment promised by employers you may choose to work for. In other words, you enter into employment relationships at your own risk.
- ❑ If you have a full-time job and meet other conditions, you may be able to get an extension beyond 20 days. The Senior House Supervisor is the person to see. A word of caution: don't wait until the last day to do so.

- ❑ Boom boxes are not allowed to be used in the Mission. No vulgar, violent or indecent music or programming is allowed.
- ❑ Only program guests are allowed on the third floor unless you are there to see a counselor.
- ❑ Messages will be taken at the registration office and posted on the bulletin board.
- ❑ **Cell phones are to be kept on silent and only use for texting purposes on mission property. No phones are to be used during any chapel or class rooms function.**

The Mission's staff wants to make your stay pleasant and productive. We will be happy to answer any questions not covered by this pamphlet.

Cornerstone Value:

Jesus Christ is our Foundation

Core Values:

Relentless Pursuit of Excellence in all Things

Integrity Without Compromise

Faithfulness in Transforming Lives

