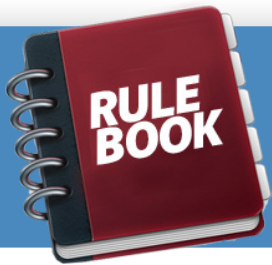


LOVING WITHOUT A RULEBOOK



The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake is a member of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, who recently challenged its member Missions and their supporters to follow Colossians 4:5: “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”

The verse focuses on “outsiders.” In many ways, our homeless friends are the outsiders of our society. They make camps along riverbanks, take shelter in vacant lots, or find refuge in a corner of a city park.

The homeless live outside normal societal circles but sooner or later, they make their way to the door of the Rescue Mission to seek help. And as these outsiders come to our door, we need to be wise.

Christian author John Piper wrote that “wisdom is knowing what to do for the glory of God when the rulebook runs out . . . having an eye for what people need and want.”

Oftentimes when the homeless and addicted come to our door “the rulebook” has run out. When people are high on drugs, or living with an untreated mental illness, it’s hard to know what to do. Society’s rulebook has run out when someone is so broken and


depressed that they cannot see any path forward. That’s when we need God’s wisdom to show us what to do.

As Piper notes, sometimes wisdom is as simple as having an eye for what people need and want. In the hot summer, we see that people need refuge in our swamp-cooled chapel where they can drink refreshing water. In the winter, we know people need shelter and warm clothes. And most of all, our eyes show us that our homeless friends need love.

As you interact with your colleagues, friends, neighbors and any homeless people you might meet on the streets, ask God to give you an eye for what people need and want. If you would like copies of our panhandler Help Card to give to homeless and hurting people you see around town, please visit our website and submit an order. We send them out for free.

Because of your support, we have been able to help many people receive the life-saving services they need, such as cold water and cool shelter from the afternoon sun. Your support is truly helping us “make the most of every opportunity” and is bringing glory to God.

AUGUST 2018 - CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chapel: SMCC Kitchen: SMCC	2 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	3 Chapel: Mt Oly Presbyterian Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	4 Chapel: Bible Baptist Kitchen: So. Valley Comm. Church
8 Chapel: Gospel Grace Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	9 Chapel: First Baptist West Valley Kitchen: First Baptist West Valley	10 Chapel: Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake Kitchen: Intermt. Baptist Youth	8 Chapel: Northern Utah Mennonite Kitchen: Southeast Youth Group	9 Chapel: Millcreek Baptist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	10 Chapel: Hilltop United Methodist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	11 Chapel: Berean Bible Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!
15 Chapel: Abundant Life Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	16 Chapel: Intermt. Baptist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	17 Chapel: Unity Baptist Kitchen: Alpha Tau Omega - U of U	15 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	16 Chapel: New Begins. Christian Fellowship Kitchen: Capital Church	17 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	18 Chapel: Southside Church of Christ Kitchen: Southside Church of Christ
22 Chapel: Abundant Life Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	23 Chapel: Bennion Christian Center Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	24 Chapel: K2 - The Church Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	22 Chapel: First Methodist Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	23 Chapel: Tooele Christ. Fellowship Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	24 Chapel: Midvalley Bible Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	25 Chapel: EV Free Church of Salt Lake Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!
26 Chapel: Grace Community Bible Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	27 Chapel: Living Waters Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome!	28 Chapel: Canyons Church Kitchen: First Baptist Tooele	29 Chapel: Fresh Life Church Kitchen: Fresh Life Church	30 Chapel: RMSL Kitchen: Volunteers Welcome	31 Chapel: Utah Partner. for Christ Kitchen: Utah Partner. for Christ	Support Operation Hydration!

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JAMES TERRY: Finding hope, employment, and a new life

My life has changed since my only daughter dropped me off at the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake last summer. I had recently been released from a five-year prison term for drug-related issues. After five years of forced sobriety, I spent the week after my release at a local hostel, getting drunk and high.

I felt defeated. After five years in prison, I had instantly returned to the addictions that led me to be locked up in the first place. Desperate, I reached out to my daughter, who I felt was the only person in the world who still cared about me. She picked me up and took me to the Rescue Mission.

When we arrived at the Rescue Mission, my daughter and I sat down with John Mayo, who was a member of the Mission’s New Life Program. He could tell I had been drinking and using drugs. He spoke to me with compassion. John said that if I joined the New Life Program, like he had done, the Rescue Mission would make sure I had everything I needed to get sober. My food, clothing and housing would all be taken care of. With those needs met, John said the Mission would put me in Bible studies, recovery meetings, and give me an individual counselor. They would help me get sober, find a job, and transition into stable housing.

I am thankful to report that everything John Mayo told me that day has come true in my life. I have been sober for over one year. I have a good job at a mattress recycling business and will be entering a training program to become an HVAC technician. And I have moved into the Terri Timmerman Freedom House where I will pay rent while working on living sober outside of the Rescue Mission.

I really do have a changed life, thanks to God, the



James Terry is sober and helping to keep mattresses out of our landfills through recycling.

Please see “James” on page 3.

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WE ALL NEED HELP SOMETIMES

This past week I was spending some time on the streets talking with our homeless friends. Meeting people where they are at, on the streets, can be very meaningful to them instead of just walking on by. A meaningful relationship is important so our friends know they are loved and respected as we encourage them to accept the help they need to change their life.



When I was talking with our homeless friends, Taj Goodman, one of our program members came bounding up to me ecstatically saying, “I did it, I found an apartment.” Taj, who we featured in the March Rescuer has been struggling to find an apartment. With the specific needs and challenges Taj faced, finding an affordable apartment has taken several months.

As we walked inside the Rescue Mission together, Taj reported that he feels more accomplished now, than at any other point in his life. He excitedly told me how giving back to other hurting people has helped him overcome his addiction. This is the longest he has ever been in recovery and he has been released from probation—something he didn’t envision being possible. Taj shared his graduation plans, which include moving into his apartment this month.

The best part of our conversation was when Taj told me that no one has ever helped him the way the Rescue Mission did. He said, “all I needed was some help. I can’t believe what this place does for people.”

As Taj was sharing, my mind flashed back to my

recent assembly of the daughters’ bunk bed. Eventually, I called for my wife’s help to hold the end panels up while I bolted the rails in place. As Taj was talking I thought back to this moment when I needed help in my life.

The truth is everyone needs help at some point. Taj needed the New Life Program and the physical, emotional, spiritual and social help that comes along with it. It’s hard truth to realize that in the 22 years that Taj has been an adult, no one helped him. Without help he bounced from jail to the streets then back to jail. Now, with help, he has a changed life.

It’s a privilege to work at and support a place like the Rescue Mission—the hands and feet that help people off Utah’s streets. Like Taj, so many people just need a helping hand up to reach their potential and leave their life of drugs, alcohol and homelessness behind them. Thank you for supporting the Rescue Mission and providing a helping hand up to all the people who walk through our doors.

Serving Christ together,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

The Rescue Mission is looking for an Executive Assistant with responsibilities in grant writing, accounting and media coordination. Applicants must be Bible believing Christians who are actively involved in a local Christian church. Ideal candidates will have a bachelor’s degree and strong writing, verbal and computer skills. Email Eileen Crist at: Eileen@RescueSaltLake.org.

Our Stats
how your gift helps

These are not just numbers, they are lives impacted!

	June 2018	YTD 2018
Professions of Faith	24	168
Meals	13,258	79,871
Family Food Boxes	115	727
Nights of Shelter	4,152	27,535
Clothing	6,561	27,414
Day Service/Hygiene	1,171	8,015
Jobs Obtained	10	27
Housing Obtained	5	28

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Rescue Mission of Salt Lake and its supporters.

Not that I don’t still have struggles. My biggest struggle remains overcoming depression. I was born to drug addicted parents. My father introduced me to drugs when I was six years old and when I was seven, while in a drug-induced rage, he bashed my head against the ground. After that, I was sent to live with my aunt. My mother started being committed to care facilities for mental illness reasons when I was just two years old. When I was 15 she took her own life.

All these things, I believe, have contributed to my diagnosis of depression and my use of drugs and alcohol. But I am here to share that God can heal and change even the most broken people. I know this, because after spending the last year at the Rescue Mission, I can deal with the negative thoughts that come into my head. Instead of dwelling on those negative thoughts—thinking I am not good enough and feeling sorry for myself— I can change my thinking. By praying and talking to other people, I can have joy in sobriety. I strive to think about God’s truth, instead of the lies that were pounded into my head when I was younger.

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One thing that has helped me find joy is focusing on others, instead of being so self-centered. I care about people now, before it was just “me, me, me.” I have been able to give money that goes to people in other countries, where many people are in poverty and struggling to survive. I would have never thought about giving money to other people before God changed me.

I rely on God and His guidance. I see that I need God’s people in my life to help me. People like John Mayo and Greg Sheffield, the Mission’s job placement coordinator, who helped me get the job I have now. It’s hard work but it feels good to support myself. My company takes old mattresses that would end up

in a landfill and pulls them apart to recycle the raw materials like metal springs and cotton stuffing. True, I aspire to move up in the employment world, but for where I am at right now, I am thankful for the work. My boss even buys us lunch most Fridays.

One joy I have found in my new life is eating good food. After spending so much time in jail or in prison it’s fun to eat out or enjoy the great spaghetti here at the Rescue Mission. When you struggle with depression, it is important to find things to take joy in, like good food.

My new relationship with God helps me with my depression too. I have learned through teaching and experience that He is an all-knowing God who answers prayers, forgives and wants what’s best for

my life. Having this peace from God has helped me to create better relationships with the family I have left. I have two sisters who I still have contact with. They have not entirely disowned me but are still skeptical because of the many past mistakes I have made. I am thankful that they still talk with me and text me and I hope to continue to develop my relationships with them.

Then there is my daughter who has stuck by my side and been good to me. She too is used to me disappointing her, but she continues to give me chances and I am thankful she still cares about me.

As I transition into the Rescue Mission’s Freedom House I would appreciate your prayers. I need to continue to depend on the friends I have made here at the Rescue Mission. I need to be able to talk openly about my depression and ask people for help when I need it. Please pray that God would put more good friends in my life and help me when I need it. Also, I want God’s help to find a new hobby that I can enjoy with my free time. A good hobby, I believe, will help me resist the temptation to use drugs.

Remember to support Operation Hydration

Operation Hydration is our mission to supply cool, clean water to the homeless this hot summer. We are purchasing water bottles and have water coolers in our kitchen. Additionally, we’re opening our chapel (chilled by our swamp coolers) as a respite and are providing hats, sunscreen and other basic summer needs.

You can help the homeless in Salt Lake survive the heat and stay hydrated this summer by donating to the Rescue Mission today. You can use the enclosed envelope, donate online at RescueSaltLake.org or call 801-746-1006 to make a secure credit card donation over the phone.

Help make Operation Hydration a success and save a life from being lost to extreme heat.