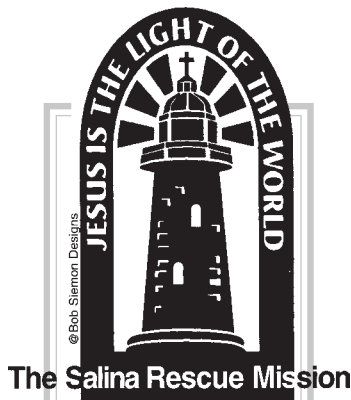


# GREAT -- OUTSTANDING -- BEST EVER!



# The Beacon

Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission

November 2009

"Offering the Promise of a bright future."



"This was a great event!" "The music was outstanding!" "This was the best ever banquet!" These sentiments describing the "2009 Rescuing the Lost Banquet" were expressed over and over again to SRM Director, Rev. Steve Kmetz, following the event.

This year's banquet set records both in attendance (274) and offering (\$26,900). **Thanks to each of you that attended and contributed to the Salina Rescue Mission!**

Mr. Fred Porter's personal testimony of God bringing him to Salina to begin the personal journey of putting his life together was superb. SRM Operations Director, Chad Young created and presented, "The Year in Review", a PowerPoint visual. Photos of the activities, projects and Christian fellowship that occur at the Salina Rescue Mission throughout the year were included in the presentation.



A special "thank you" to the Solomon Corporation and Tom Hemmer for underwriting this event. Our great banquet committee went beyond the call of duty. Thanks to Donald Fechter, Ms. Jane Kramer, Ms. Sandy Shields, Ms. Shelia Reed and Chad Young. And, to our Master of Ceremonies, Rev. David Scott. Ms. Barb Miller played beautiful dinner music on the keyboard. The Good News Quartet's performance was enjoyed by all. And, the evening meal prepared and served by the Ramada staff was delicious. In addition, Mr. Dale Leech produced the NLP graduate interview and Ms. Bonnie Kmetz took great pictures.

## CELEBRATING OKTOBERFEST AT STUTZMANS

The Lord blessed us with beautiful autumn weather, Oct. 3 at the Salina Rescue Mission's first *Oktoberfest* held at Stutzmans Nursery, 9th & Cloud, Salina. Patrons were able to select beautiful, high-quality fall decorations and flowers amid a musical and lively atmosphere. The children had



lots of fun decorating pumpkins.



Everyone enjoyed the live entertainment of Van's German Band

and also Rojean Loucks and the Prairie Wind Harp Ensemble.

The meal of brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, chips, apple kuchen and pop served by the members of the Christian Motorcycle Association was delicious. The mission thanks Stutzmans for supplying the pop and to Schlotzsky's for supplying the potato chips.

Thanks to everyone that made our *Oktoberfest* a success!

# EVANGELIST ANSWERS, “WHAT IS A RESCUE MISSION?”

Evangelist Earl Nance has been traveling over 230 miles (one way) each month and has preached here at the SRM over a year. His sermons are very timely and the men respond at the close of his service to receive/accept Christ. Below is an article that he wrote in response to “What is a Rescue Mission?” Please pray for Earl as he drives his van through many states each month and preaches at several rescue missions throughout the mid-west. And, pray for all the men that hear the “Word” of God and make decisions to follow HIM.



A “rescue mission” is a “homeless shelter” and more. It is a place where people who are homeless or hurting, some because of circumstances beyond their control, and others because of poor choices, can go for material help (food, clothing and temporary shelter). They both have these things in common, but what sets a “Rescue Mission” apart is that they also minister to peoples spiritual needs. The matter of rescue is in reference to the temporary physical needs, and the permanent spiritual needs of people. All people, whether rich or poor, will spend eternity either in Heaven with Jesus, or in hell with the devil. True “Rescue Missions” care as much about one’s eternal condition as they do one’s temporary one.

This is why it is so important to have people who will come tell their guest about the saving grace of Jesus. When people get this straight in their lives, it makes it much easier for them to get victories over the things that are troubling them. Most of those things fall under the category of sin. Most “rescue missions” have some sort of Christian Life program where people can stay and learn how putting Jesus first in their lives will help them to have victories in all areas of living. Some “homeless shelters” have some resident rehabilitation programs, fixing man’s problems man’s way. - Earl Nance



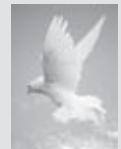
The Meditation Garden



Master Gardeners, Jane Kramer & Sandy Shields planted many beautiful annuals & perennials in our garden.



## Prayer & Praise



### Prayer Requests

Shelter guests desiring to seek the Lord.

Men of the mission that suffer from depression, especially during the holiday season.

Good health for the residents & staff of the mission.

Coming events: Dr. Temple Food Drive, Thanksgiving Celebration, Christmas Celebration

For “Our” country.

Our many volunteers & supporters of the mission.

### Praise for Answered Prayers

Six men have accepted Christ as their Savior during a recent chapel service.

NLP Program graduates two men.

Successful “Rescuing the Lost Banquet”: 274 in attendance & over \$26,000 raised.

He continues to provide the needs of the mission through volunteers & support.

## MISSION NEEDS

Shaving Cream	Laundry Detergent
Disposable Razors	Tums-Type Antacids
Liquid Hand Soap	Toilet Paper
Ibuprofen	Napkins/Paper Towels
Triple Antibiotic Cream	13 Gallon Trash Bags
Cough Syrup	55 Gallon Trash Bags
Asprin/Tylenol	Denture Cream Adhesive
Shower Shoes	Work Boots, Sizes 8.5-14
Men's Clothing, 3X & Lgr.	Men's Blue Jeans W-30 to 44, L-30 to 34



***Thank you for  
your support!***

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Dr. Temple's 10th Annual Food Drive for the Mission**  
Fri., Nov. 20 (2 - 7 p.m.) &  
Sat., Nov. 21 (11 a.m - 4 p.m.)  
Held at all Salina Dillons Stores.

**"Thanksgiving Celebration"**  
Sat., Nov. 21-- We will begin serving our traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the mission, 5 p.m.

**"Christmas Celebration with the Country Store"**  
Sat., Dec. 19 -- This annual celebration will be at St. John's Military. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Program begins at 6 p.m.

**"NFL Super Bowl Party"**  
Sun., Feb. 7, 2010 -- The party will be at the mission and begins at 4 p.m. Complete with chili dogs and brownies.

***Come Join Us For These Events!***



**WE HAVE MOVED THE DATE OF OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION TO THE SATURDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS, DEC. 19. THIS WILL ENABLE OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MANY OF THE STAFF TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS EVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES.**

**We will have all the trimmings as before, including our Country Store. The location will be St. John's Military School and the doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6 p.m. If you are interested in helping us organize this special event or wish to donate items for the Country Store, please contact Becky Covert, Country Store Coordinator, 785-819-1523 or 785-452-9204.**

### ***ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COUNTRY STORE INCLUDE:***

**Men:** T-Shirts, Underwear, Tube Socks, Gloves, Stocking Caps, Toiletries, Coats, Sweaters, Sweat Shirts, Sport Shirts, Blue Jeans, Cologne, Combs, Manicure Sets, Word Puzzle books, Small Fun Items.

**Women:** Coats, Sweaters, Socks, Stocking Caps, Scarves, Cologne, Toiletries, Combs, Fun Hair Stuff, Jewelry, Make-Up, Manicure Sets, Word Puzzle Books, Small Fun Items.

**Children:** Coats, T-Shirts, Socks, Gloves, Stocking Caps, Toys, Puzzles, Games, Color Books, Homemade & Wrapped Candy, Peanuts, Apples, Oranges, Small Fun Items.

**NEW DATE FOR MISSION  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION -- DEC. 19**

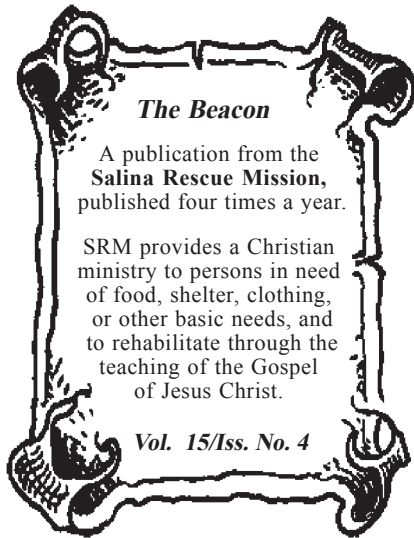
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## A FINAL THOUGHT . . .

What are you “THANKFUL FOR” this year? Have you had some unexpected surprises? Are you experiencing all there is in Christ? This is a great time to ponder these questions as we prepare for the celebration of the Christ Event. However, let us first consider “Thanksgiving”.

December 1620, the founding pilgrims landed in the new world on the Mayflower that included 102 persons. During the first winter over half of them died. However, these brave survivors, together with a few Indians gathered after the harvest of 1621 and prepared and served the first “Thanksgiving”.

It is evident that these pilgrims had a lot to be thankful for. WOW! My year has not been like that of the first pilgrims, but I too have much to be thankful for. In two different Psalms we have the following words:

***“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.”- Psalm 95:2***

***“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. - Psalm 100:4***

You can take either Psalm and obtain a deep understanding for thanksgiving. I encourage you to read both of these Psalms and ask our Lord to open your hearts and praise him from within. Thank YOU, for giving us one of the very best years at the Salina Rescue Mission. We serve an AWESOME GOD! May you and your family enjoy a great day and experience a wonderful Holiday Season. God Bless!

*Steve*



**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

