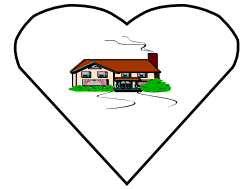




THE SHEPHERD'S WAY MINISTRIES, INC.

♥ - A MINISTRY OF LOVE - ♥
Restoring Broken Lives
The Shepherd's Way



Jesus came to bind up the broken hearted, to set the captives free and to open the prison to them that are bound. Isa 61:1

January 2014 Newsletter

Encouraging Word

Give Thanks to the Creator of All Things

by Shirley McNeall

God created all things for us to enjoy. I am thankful that God sent His Son Jesus to show us how to live. Jesus lived a sinless life. He died for us so we can receive forgiveness for our sins. I am grateful that Jesus took our place on the cross. He took our punishment so we can have everlasting life in heaven, if we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior by faith. Because of Jesus we can be forgiven of all our sins when we repent. We can begin again as if we had never sinned. So Let's give thanks to the only true God. Let's give thanks that Jesus ask his Father to send the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into all truth.

I give thanks that we have the Bible to read and study so we can know how to live a life that is pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

This time of year we can think upon these things and be glad and rejoice for all the goodness of God.

We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus and all that He has done for us. May God bless you abundantly in 2014 and increase you more and more.



Tenth Annual Pancake Breakfast November 9, 2013

It was a success. Everyone enjoyed visiting, eating and listening to the speakers share as you can see by the pictures on this page.

37 Adults and 1 child attended breakfast they donated	\$1,579.00
6 People that could not attend mailed in	<u>675.00</u>
Total amount of donations received	\$2,254.00

We had 16 adults attend for the first time this year.
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The Shepherd's Way Tenth Annual Pancake Breakfast
November 9, 2013



Guest Speaker
Christine McDonald



Cathy Linzie
Sharing Testimony



10 year Certificate of Participation
given to Vic and Carolyn Curtis



Pictures of
guests that
attended



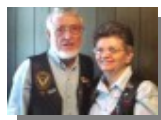
One of the Door Prizes →



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Dale & Shirley McNeall, Founders

NO ADDRESS by Sondra Rouse

I guess many of us have experienced some inconvenient, even primitive, living conditions.

But I can't imagine never having a place to stay, never having an address to come home to, a porch light, or a candle in the window, so to speak.

But that is what this cheerful, enthusiastic lady speaker at The Shepherd's Way Ministries Pancake Breakfast was telling us about herself. Not only that--she had spent time in jail and prison.

Without a place to stay, she had done things that are difficult to think about in order to survive. Those things landed her in jail.

When she was released from jail she tried to find work. On the first line of the job application she wrote her name, Christine McDonald. On the second line she had to put "none." She had no address.

Jobless and homeless, like many women released from jail, she fell back into her old lifestyle.

Later Christine made a very tough decision to save the life of her unborn child. By refusing to have an abortion she became blind from a rare eye disease.

Christine is very passionate for the cause that The Shepherd's Way Ministries is working for: a home, an address, a place for incarcerated women to go when they are released from jail. It could break this hopeless, impossible cycle they face.

To learn more about Christine, her website is www.crypurple.com

Also see The Shepherd's Way Ministries website www.theshepherdswayministries.org to see how you can help be a light in the window for these women.

**Women and Reentry
from The Justice Center Reentry Facts**

• When individuals are released from prison or jail, the ability to access safe and secure housing within the community is crucial to their successful reentry. Studies have shown that the first month after release is a vulnerable period "during which the risk of becoming homeless and/or returning to criminal justice involvement is high." Yet, in most jurisdictions to which individuals return after incarceration, accessible and affordable housing is in exceedingly short supply.

• Additional challenges unique to people with a criminal history make it even more difficult for them to obtain suitable housing.

Other Facts about prisons.

- It cost \$16,400 per year for an individual.
- Building Prisons cost \$100 Million.
- It cheaper to help them stay out of prison.



Praise God for answered prayers!! Thank you for praying. We now have two new board members Shelley Day and Curt Roberts. We will have pictures and information about them in our next newsletter. We will also update website with their information.



Have you visited our website and watched video about The Shepherd's Way Ministries activities?

PRAYER CONCERNS

- †Our Greatest Need is for more people to be involved
- †For at least 1 more Board Member
- †Opportunities to share about The Shepherd's Way
- †A farm for the Home for women inmates when released
- †More prayer team members
- †Someone who can write grants
- †More Supporters

Anyone that is interested in being part of the prayer team or filling any of these other positions listed in prayer concerns should contact Shirley by phone 816-525-2932 or email her at theshepherdsway@att.net

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS
WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO FOR US.**

Shirley McNeill, President /Executive Director, Ben Sharda, Vice-President
Iris Schooley, Secretary, Cathy Linzie, Shelley Day and Curt Roberts, Board Members