



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ~ Hebrews 11:1 ESV

To Those Who Hold a Promise in Their Heart

In *Run with the Horses*, Eugene Peterson says, "...much of our hoping is little more than wishing but genuine biblical hope acts on the conviction that God will complete the work He has begun even when appearance, especially when appearance opposes it...that **hope-determined actions** participate in the future God is bringing into being..."

Peterson could easily have titled his book, "Run with Some Mothers." If ever there was a group of people who hope against hope, who keep a candle lighted in the highest of winds, who have carved the names of their children on Heaven's door with their fingernails, it would be mothers.

Mothers amaze and astonish me. Their tenacity, their ingenuity, their generosity take my breath away. Real mothers will never surrender that title to a society that seems determined to diminish them and undervalue their role. Mothers, not "birthing people," are warriors. W-A-R-R-I-O-R-S! Hell fears prayer in the mouths of mothers and no mistake. Many a mother has robbed the Devil of his prey because that prey was a beloved child. Mothers live in the kind of hope that changes the world and changes their families. Hope with conviction. Hope with determination. Hope like Peterson says, **that participates in the future God is bringing into being.**

We have clients who share with us that they have praying mothers and grandmothers. Sometimes I get to speak with those women. Their hearts may be broken over some of the choices their adult children have made but their prayer lives are undeterred. I like to think we have an effective program, but I know those praying moms are often the ones who own our touchdowns.

To those of you who are reading these words and still praying for your own touchdown where a child is concerned, keep praying, keep lighting that candle, keep knocking on Heaven's door. The Holy Spirit welcomes and honors your partnership. You are calling to a future that Heaven is in agreement with and Heaven will not let you down. I have seen the miracles love and faith driven hope can produce.

May we offer Christ our hope-determined actions, those of us who hold some promise in our hearts. He will not let us down.

To Him who is able to bring your dearest hope to fruition, be all glory and honor now and forever.

Blessings,

Pastor John LaMantia

Honoring Those Who Serve Us

Thursday, May 9 through Saturday, May 18, 2024 is National Police Week. We honor our neighbors in law enforcement who serve our community. Praying for favor and protection over them, strength and blessings for their families.

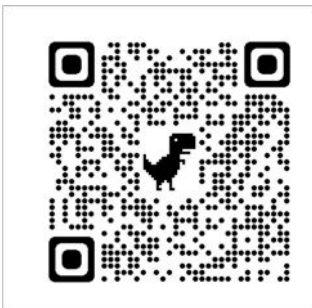


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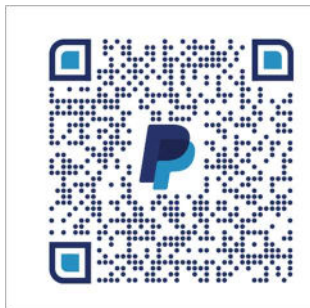


We are always blessed when children are involved in helping meet needs at the Mission. This lovely group brought us pantry items and took a special picture so we would remember them. We absolutely will!

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An Inspiring Lesson



Showing a Magnetic North movie produced by the Alaska Humanities Forum in partnership with the Rasmuson Foundation. This features the renowned Alaskan carver and fellow believer, Nathan Jackson, whose works and mentoring have enriched his culture as well as many lives. He is inspiring for his talent and his generosity of spirit.

Mission Cleaning Needs

We work hard to keep the Mission clean and pleasant for all who come here. Our Housekeeping Manager tells me that we are very low on glass cleaner, paper towels, 50-gallon trash bags and Scott toilet paper. If you can help, it would be appreciated.

Amazon deliveries to us at:

Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission
Attn: Housekeeping
2823 E Tudor Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99507

In Remembrance

We shared a staff communion service as we remembered the sacrifice Christ made for us all. How great is the love He has for each one. It is always special when the staff comes around the table of the Lord to celebrate Jesus and to receive strength for the ministry He has entrusted to us.



May Memorials



Memorial for: Janet Flickinger
by: Birgitt Robar

Memorial for: Diane Mohwinkel
by: Mary Doppelfeld

Memorial for: Leona Cavanaugh
by: Kathy LaMantia

*"Underneath me,
all around me,
is the current of
Thy love..."*



The Faithfulness of the Saints



Jenny Remillard has been in charge of our women's weekly bible study for years. Such faithfulness! Jenny and her friend, Marvel, have made a welcome difference in the lives of the women in our program. Those lovely smiles just light up the place. They are excellent role models and wise teachers. Truth spoken with kindness. The Mission is a better place because of such generosity. Many thanks! (Jenny in the middle. Marvel to her left.)



Helping, fixing, and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. when you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, but service is the work of the soul. ~Rachel Naomi Remen, MD

Mission Needs

The Mission is in need of coffee. We make sure it is available every morning. We also need Ensure Complete as we have several folks whose lack of teeth require a special effort to make sure they are receiving the nutrition they need. Greek yogurt and instant mashed potatoes also help with this. Thank you.



"In the midst of the storm, your life boat appears. A psalm, a hymn, a word... calming the fiercest winds of the soul." ~ Roderick L. Evans



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Thank You, Steven McGuire!



What a beautiful spread our kitchen crew created for one of our meetings. We so appreciate the skills Steven McGuire brings as our Kitchen Manager, even beyond making delicious food and beautiful presentations, it is his ability to instruct and inspire those in our program. Thank you for sharing your skills, Steve.