

February 2023 Newsletter



Happy Valentine's Day

We love and are grateful for you! Thank you for loving and supporting our men and our ministry!

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins," – 1 Peter 4:8.

We Love TP, Too!

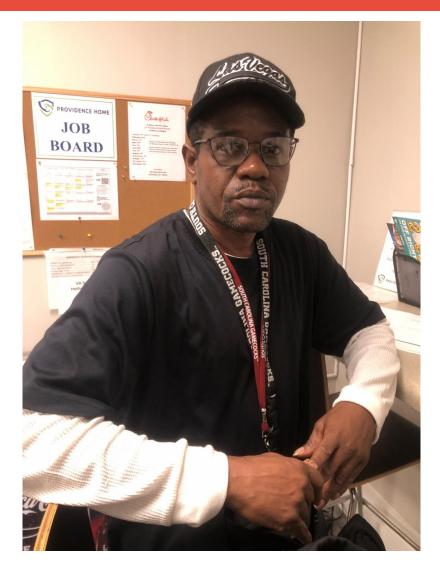


Toilet paper! We really need some!

If you can bless us with the gift of TP, we are at 3421 North Main Street, Columbia. (Just a mile from downtown.)

We Love Our Resident Men!

Meet Carl



Carl is a temporary resident of Providence Home on the path to permanent change. Carl grew up very nearby and well remembers our ministry in its early days with a dilapidated house facing North Main Street and a handful of men quietly visiting on the front porch.

Carl began drinking at 13 and says he kept drinking to soothe the constant awareness that his dad wasn't home. What was recreational usage as a teenager became a habit he couldn't quit as an adult.

He was in and out of different programs over the many decades and even spent 11 years sober before once again turning to booze for its familiar comforts.

As God would have it, one day he was walking up North Main Street and saw the familiar Providence Home sign. He decided that moment to give himself another chance and "called the number on the sign." The very next day, Carl was a resident of Providence Home.

That was almost two years ago. Today, Carl has a great job and is preparing to get his own place. He credits Providence Home with getting him "closer to

God" and providing the "stability" he needed to beat his addiction. He says he plans now with great hope for the future.

We Love Our Staff!

Meet Ron Smith

Ron Smith has been with us fewer than six months, but already we feel his impact at Providence Home. Ron loves Jesus Christ, and his ministry here as a caseworker interacting daily with our men and providing support, has been transformative.

Before God's leading him to Providence Home, Ron worked in pastoral leadership and church ministry for 15 years. He has rich experience in pastoral counseling and case management ministering to those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction, homelessness, and incarceration.



Why did Ron choose Providence Home?

"To continue my passion for ministering to the homeless, formerly incarcerated and those in drug and alcohol recovery. I

believe that Providence Home offers me a greater opportunity to be a leader and visionary in this field.

"What I love about Providence Home is the opportunity to minister to our men, as well as the staff to one another, through relationships. I love that my role isn't about completing a checklist, but that I get to really listen and learn from people's stories, and daily have divine opportunities to point people to Jesus," — Case Manager Ron Smith

While Ron has never married, he has a deep devotion to his large and tight knit family. He considers loving his parents, sister, nieces, nephews, and extended family as a ministry in which God has called him as well.



Ron's favorite Bible verse is Colossians 2:6-7:

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

We Love #60SpecialYears!

1963 - 2023

So, what were you doing 60 years ago?

If you happened to be around back then, you might have been enjoying the very first **push button phones** (a big move up from the old rotary numbers.) Maybe you placed a **five-cent stamp** on that letter to your pen pal? Perhaps you were marveling at the genius



of Maxwell House's first freeze-dried instant coffee, or if you were a kid, experiencing the sugary goodness of Fruit Loops or Chips Ahoy! for the very first time! (Ironically, the diet soda Tab and Weight Watchers were likewise born in 1963. Coincidence? You decide... (3)

What we *do* know is that while all that was happening, God was planting a rich seed in the heart of one **Johnny Zenoni**. Following a

stint in jail for DUI, Johnny turned away from alcohol and devoted his heart – and all his life's work – to the service of Jesus Christ. Six decades later, Johnny's mission remains the core of what we do today: Focusing on Christ to promote recovery for men from alcohol, drugs, and incarceration.

Bless you for *your* legacy of giving to this vital and longstanding mission. And plan to celebrate with us all year long!

• **Play in** our special anniversary-year **charity golf classic** on April 3. Hurry! **We have one foursome available**. Click here to register your team:

Register Your Team

• **Support** our special anniversary year charity golf classic on April 3 with a special sponsorship. Click here for your opportunity:

Sponsor in the Tournament

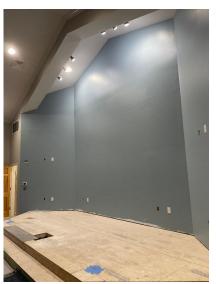
• **Attend** the official grand opening of our William "Bill" Cogdill Memorial Chapel on April 17 on our campus at noon. It's free. Just let us know you're coming by registering here:

Register for the Chapel Grand Opening

We Love Our Chapel!

The final touches are being made. It's just gorgeous!







Prayer And Praise!

PRAY!

Pray for our 60 resident men. May they be impacted mightily by the life-saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Pray for our supporters, volunteers, donors, and faithful prayer warriors. God is using YOU as the wind beneath our ministry's wings!

Pray for the final details on our new chapel, that God would use this sacred spot to bring our campus and city closer to Him!

PRAISE!

Praise for the amazing players and sponsors supporting our 2^{nd} Annual Providence Home Golf Classic Sponsored by McDaniels Auto Group.

Praise for New Heights Church, Pastor **Richard Fleming** and **Papa Henry** (both members of our board) for hosting our resident men at a Super Bowl Splash at the church!

Praise for **Jesus Christ** and His 60 years of ministry, the lives of men restored, and families reunited.

Grateful For Our Superstar Sponsors!

Thank you to these key sponsors who continue to bless Providence Home:















WE BELIEVE that men entrapped by drugs and alcohol or coming out of prison should have a safe, supportive, faith-based environment for recovery and stability.

YOU CAN HELP men reunite with their families and become financially, spiritually, emotionally, and physically stable and healthy with your one-time or monthly donations.

IMPACT LIVES OF MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

It's easy to support our men and ministry!

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For 60 years, Providence Home has ministered to men.

In 1963, **Johnny Zenoni**, a recovering alcoholic, began assisting eight men in need.

<u>Our Mission Statement</u>: Providence Home provides Christ-focused transitional housing, accountability, and support for men leaving behind addiction, incarceration and homelessness, striving for restoration and reconciliation with their families and communities.

Our Vision Statement: To see men transformed by Jesus Christ and equipped by God's grace to be a force for good in their families and communities.



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