

Be of One Mind

Greetings and Blessings to Everyone!



My name is Yulon Jones, and I am the Chief Spiritual Life Officer of the Syracuse Rescue Mission. I want to share with you today a message about having empathy for others around you. In this season, as we prepare for Thanksgiving and

Christmas, we will look around and see people who are suffering. There are people who don't look like us. There are people who are struggling.

Those who have been blessed with the means to give should remember that in this season, it's better to give than to receive. Even though we may not have been through what others have been through, we can empathize with them. We can pray for them. We can shake their hands. We can offer a hug to people who are less fortunate. We can sit and just listen to them talk. I remember struggling with poverty as a child,

but around this time of year, there were always people around to help my family move forward, to make sure that we had a good meal to eat during the holidays.

Give someone a reason to smile once again. It doesn't cost a thing. Showing someone love is free, and it's a good feeling to be responsible for making someone smile. So today, just remember to love one another and to have compassion. Compassion will take us far.

In the Book of Peters, 1 Peter 3:8, it says,

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion from one another. Love as brothers, be tender-hearted and be courteous.”

I pray for you all today, and I wish you well during the holiday season. May you be blessed, and I love you, and God loves you more.

With Grace and Blessings,

A blue ink signature of Rev. Yulon Jones, written in a cursive style.

Rev. Yulon Jones
Chief Spiritual Life Officer



Spiritual Life News

Women's Circles Taking Shape at RM

A promising partnership between the Rescue Mission Alliance and Brunch 'N Bible Study Inc., led by Kayla Skipper, has resulted in a new women's ministry program titled Brunch 'N Peace: Women's Circles. Meetings are held in our on-campus chapel every other Wednesday.

Rev. Yulon Jones, Chief Spiritual Life Officer, explains that the group aims to serve women staying at the Rescue Mission's emergency shelter. The focus of this social circle is empowerment and encouragement. "We've had several men's groups over the years to help them reach a better place in life, and now we finally have an opportunity to do the same for the women."

The program features small support groups that meet regularly for prayer, encouragement, and discussion around everyday struggles. Yulon and Kayla also hope to connect attendees with mental health professionals, organizations, and resources. Each circle concludes with a free meal.

"Providing these women with the right tools and accessible resources can help prevent other public health crises like substance abuse and social isolation. This women's circle offers more than just mental health support; it fosters a sense of sisterhood, giving participants something positive to look forward to every other week," Kayla said.

Summer Baptism Event

On a balmy August afternoon, community members gathered on the Syracuse Rescue Mission campus to witness six individuals receive the sacrament of baptism.

Chaplain Yulon Jones and Rev. Tom Zahradnik hosted the event, leaving an open invitation to any and all friends of the Rescue Mission.



Volunteer with us!

Thanksgiving Meal Service

Nov. 28, 2024 11am-12pm*

Clarence L. Jordan Food Services & Culinary Education Center

*Volunteer shifts range from 6:30am-1:30pm

Movie with a Mission (feat. Scrooge, 1935)

Dec. 8, 2024 12-3pm

NewsChannel 9 Studio (Televised event)

Christmas Meal Packing

Dec. 12, 2024 8:30-11am

Clarence L. Jordan Food Services & Culinary Education Center

Annual Cookie Bake

Dec. 14, 2024 8:30-10:30am

Clarence L. Jordan Food Services & Culinary Education Center

Christmas Meal Service

Dec. 25, 2024 11am-12pm*

Clarence L. Jordan Food Services & Culinary Education Center

*Volunteer shifts range from 6:30am-1:30pm

Call **315-701-3898** for more info.

Prayer Partners

"I currently live with a roommate, but this arrangement will end soon. I'm discouraged because I cannot find a place to live. Pray for me to focus on God and for God's provision through affordable housing and improved finances."

- Rescue Mission Prayer Partner

Please keep our volunteer drivers safe as they traverse Onondaga County to deliver over 2,000 meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

- Rescue Mission Staff

Tune In: A Seat at the Curb

"A Seat at the Curb" is a weekly two minute devotional feature hosted by one of our chaplains and heard on the Mars Hill Radio Network Saturdays at 1:30pm and 11:30pm.

Go to **MarsHillNetwork.org** to find your local station or listen online.

Would you like a Rescue Mission Chaplain to visit your church or group?
Contact Chaplain Yulon Jones: **315-701-3835** / **Yulon.Jones@rmsyr.org**

