

# LIFE AT THE MISSION

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Serving Enterprise, Elba, Geneva, and the Wiregrass!



THE CLARK FAMILY  
BRITTANNEY, A.J. TREY AND BRAYLIN



TOTAL NUMBER OF NIGHTS OF  
SHELTER PROVIDED IN 2021

**7,260**



TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS  
SHELTERED IN 2021

**551**

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Welcome to gospel-powered life transformation

# Heritage Church Team Leads Children on a Discovery of Adventure Island in VBS

On July 11-15, Pastor Patrick McBride and a team of volunteers from Heritage Church in Enterprise transported decorations, supplies, and stage sets to the Christian Mission to lead Vacation Bible School for children ages K-6th grade in a wonderful week of fun and adventure!

During the week, the children went on a discovery of the truth about God's plan of salvation for their lives. Children rotated through a series of stations including crafts, music, science, reflection, recreation, and Bible story time.

VBS Director Becci Benson said, "It was an amazing week filled with more blessings than imaginable. I am so overjoyed with how God used us for HIS MINISTRY through bringing His word alive for the children and adults." This is the fifth straight year the team has lead out in VBS.



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## New Life Recovery Staff Hosts "Recovery 101 for Families" Workshop

On Sunday, July 31, from 5:00-7:00pm, over 70 New Life clients and their family members and friends gathered together for a night of education, encouragement, fellowship, and food. Known as "Recovery 101", the night is intended to help educate family members on what clients will experience while in the program as well as providing encouragement to them of ways they can support and help in the recovery process.



The night began with a delicious meal prepared by the kitchen staff at the Mission where families were able to spend time with one another around the table. After the meal, families transitioned into the church sanctuary for the remainder of the time as they were led in the various aspects of the program:

- \*History and Overview of the Christian Mission and New Life Recovery
- \*Introductions of the New Life Recovery staff team
- \*A personal testimony of a recent graduate
- \*Key parts of the New Life Handbook
- \*A breakdown of the 12 step Gospel-centered curriculum used for teaching
- \*Ways family members can hinder or help in the recovery process

# New Life Program Now Offering Clients GED Test Preparation Classes!



Through a strategic partnership with Enterprise State Community College, the New Life Recovery Program is now offering clients the opportunity to take classes to help them prepare to take the GED test upon graduation. ESCC has hired a part time employee, Hannah Whitt, who will dedicate seven hours each week to provide GED test preparation classes to clients who have a desire to pass the test.

This exciting new partnership began in late August and will be offered coinciding with the New Life program schedule with classes provided on Monday and Thursday nights. Marianne Schwab, Women's Counselor at New Life, said, "We are so thankful for the partnerships we have established with ESCC! The Ready to Work Program and GED test preparation classes give our New Life clients the best chance possible to find quality employment after graduation while they work towards transitioning back into society with a new outlook on life."

ESCC has continued to serve as a valuable resource for clients in our recovery program. Each Friday, the "Ready to Work" program through ESCC is offered to help clients with preparatory skills related to job search, resume writing, computer skills, financial stewardship, and more. The Mission is thankful to have many working relationships with key partners who believe in the investment we make daily in the lives of the New Life clients.



Hannah Whitt  
ESCC  
GED Instructor



## SUMMER HEAT DOESN'T SLOW DOWN THE WORK IN THE DONATION CENTER!

It's 2pm and the heat is sweltering inside and outside the Donation Center Warehouse. Fans are blowing. Gatorade coolers stand nearby for hydration for employees. Truck drivers are dripping with sweat. Yet, the continual work of assisting donors, making deliveries, picking up donations, working the baler, and sorting items to be sold in the Bargain Centers must continue on.

Employees retreat to the air conditioned break room for two breaks a day plus the lunch hour to "beat the heat." But there are some days, when the cooling effect of an afternoon shower are welcomed and enjoyed!



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# An Interview with Brad Boykin

## NEW DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES



### Tell us about your family.

God blessed me with an amazing wife that has stood by me through all of our struggles in life. We have been happily married for 15 years and blessed with two great sons. My wife, Emily, works for the Coffee Baptist Association as the ministry assistant. Our oldest son, Elijah, enjoys playing high school football and the drums with our church band. Our youngest son, Jonah, enjoys playing soccer and Minecraft. As a family, we enjoy helping others through various missions opportunities.

### What is one thing you didn't know the Christian Mission does before you started working here?

I knew that the Mission fed people that are in need, but I didn't realize how many ways and how many people we feed. From January to June of 2022, the Mission has given out 39,000 homebound and on-site meals. We've been able to offer food stability to a lot of families that are food insecure during this hard time.

### What have you enjoyed the most about serving as Director of Food Services so far?

When I accepted the position, I knew I would enjoy providing meals for those in need. We provide hot meals for homebound people and on-site meals for anyone that is in need. I knew that I would enjoy working with the New Life Recovery clients but didn't expect it to be the one thing I have enjoyed the most. Since arriving, I've been able to lead devotions, worship, minister, and sometimes just give a listening ear to the clients. I'm thankful that I can give them at least a little help on their road to recovery.

### What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

Working at the Mission isn't just a job, it's my ministry and in ministry there will always be problems to solve or changes to adjust to. The ministry of Food Services is no exception. On a daily basis, I find myself needing to adjust to something new or some change. This can be challenging when my day is already planned out but something else needs to take priority.

### What type of work have you done before coming to the Christian Mission?

I was the Assistant Manager for the Vineyard Christian Retreat Center. At the Vineyard, we provided meals and/or lodging to groups nearly every week of the year. Prior to working at the Vineyard, I was a Maintenance Manager for the military housing at Fort Rucker. I was responsible for a team of technicians that maintained 1,500 military family homes. I am also an associate pastor for Church on Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise.



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