

Rescue mission turns troubled lives around

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According to McKinnon, who is now a chef at the mission, there are a lot of rules. "I was nervous when I got here," he said. "They gave me a big thick notebook of rules and regulations. I didn't think that I would make it through."

During the first 30 days of the program, clients are not allowed to leave the premises.

But McKinnon made it through, and learned how to live again.

"Where I come from, everybody in the neighborhood drank and everybody got

high," he said. "Living within this box that was the only life I knew. I didn't know the sober life. They showed me how to manage working and how to manage sobriety together."

But he did know the Lord. Like many young southern men, McKinnon grew up in church. But as he got older, McKinnon said he got into his own thing and turned away from the teachings of his youth.

Then he got arrested for the last time. He said when he entered the jail cell, he found a Bible on the bed.

He was accepting of the

mission's faith base nature.

Founded in 1938, the Charlotte Rescue Mission has a long history of reaching out to the homeless and to those battling addictions. Today, the mission provides an intensive drug and alcohol recovery program to homeless or about to become homeless men and women. "Our goal is to address the spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, social, and vocational issues of addiction with each person and return them as contributing members of society," according to the web site.

Over the years the Rescue

Mission has been located in several different uptown buildings. It also has had several different names but the commitment to service and sharing the gospel of Christ has never changed.

During these years many of the homeless that came to the mission had problems with addictions. In 1990, the Mission made a commitment to

have a Christian staff trained in substance abuse.

Now 40, McKinnon's life has changed drastically. He owns his own home, works full time, and studies heating and air conditioning repair at Central Piedmont Community College. He credits his rebirth to the police who arrested him and the mission.

"I would have been dead without them, he said.

To donate to the mission, send a check or money order to: Charlotte Rescue Mission, PO Box 33000, Charlotte, NC 28233-3000. Donations are also accepted on line at www.charlottemission.org. If you have any other questions, call at (704) 334-4635 extension 245.

Church services in movie theater

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va.—A new nondenominational church believes it's found a way to bring in those who aren't thrilled by the idea of sitting through traditional Sunday services—by preaching at the movies.

Velocity Church will begin holding video sermons at a local movie theater on Sunday, offering worshippers a choice of rock & roll or pop country services.

"It's a fun church done just

outside the box," said Tim Cole, Velocity's lead minister.

The services, held at the Short Pump Regal Cinemas, will take up six of the movie house's 14 theaters. Two will be dedicated for worship and four for nursery and Sunday-school classes.

The church hopes to eventually offer more options to worshippers, including a more traditional service or possibly a jazz gospel service.

Cole and his staff of four want to bring in people who

don't go to church and those who haven't attended church for a long time.

The approximately 25-minute video sermons come from Community Christian Church in Chicago. Velocity Church will select the best sermons from the best preachers, Cole said.

Both the rock & roll and pop

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fury of His righteous anger until he has given us plenty of opportunities to repent. We still suffer the consequences of our sin but God does not destroy us completely.


David knew this because God had demonstrated His patience with Israel. In verse 17, he reminds us that, though the Lord is righteous, He is also loving toward His creation. Therefore He holds His anger in check out of compassion for us.

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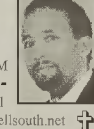


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April 22
Preserve Pro Inc. is offering a workshop on "Optimizing Your Church's Records: A Preservation Workshop."

The workshop will be held on April 22 from 9-11:20 a.m. on the campus of Central Piedmont Community College, Room 215, Professional Development Building.

The purpose of the work-

shop is to bring together individuals who have an interest in preserving the history of churches.

The workshop is also open to the public and highly recommended for all individuals interested in learning about preservation, and archival practices.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$50.00.

For more information call (704) 995-0731 or email preservepro@earthlink.net.

April 29

Addie L. Robinson Ministries of Philadelphia will host a Holy Ghost Boot Camp Spiritual Warfare Conference at the Ramada Limited, located at 7900 Nations Ford Road at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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