

SAVING GRACE

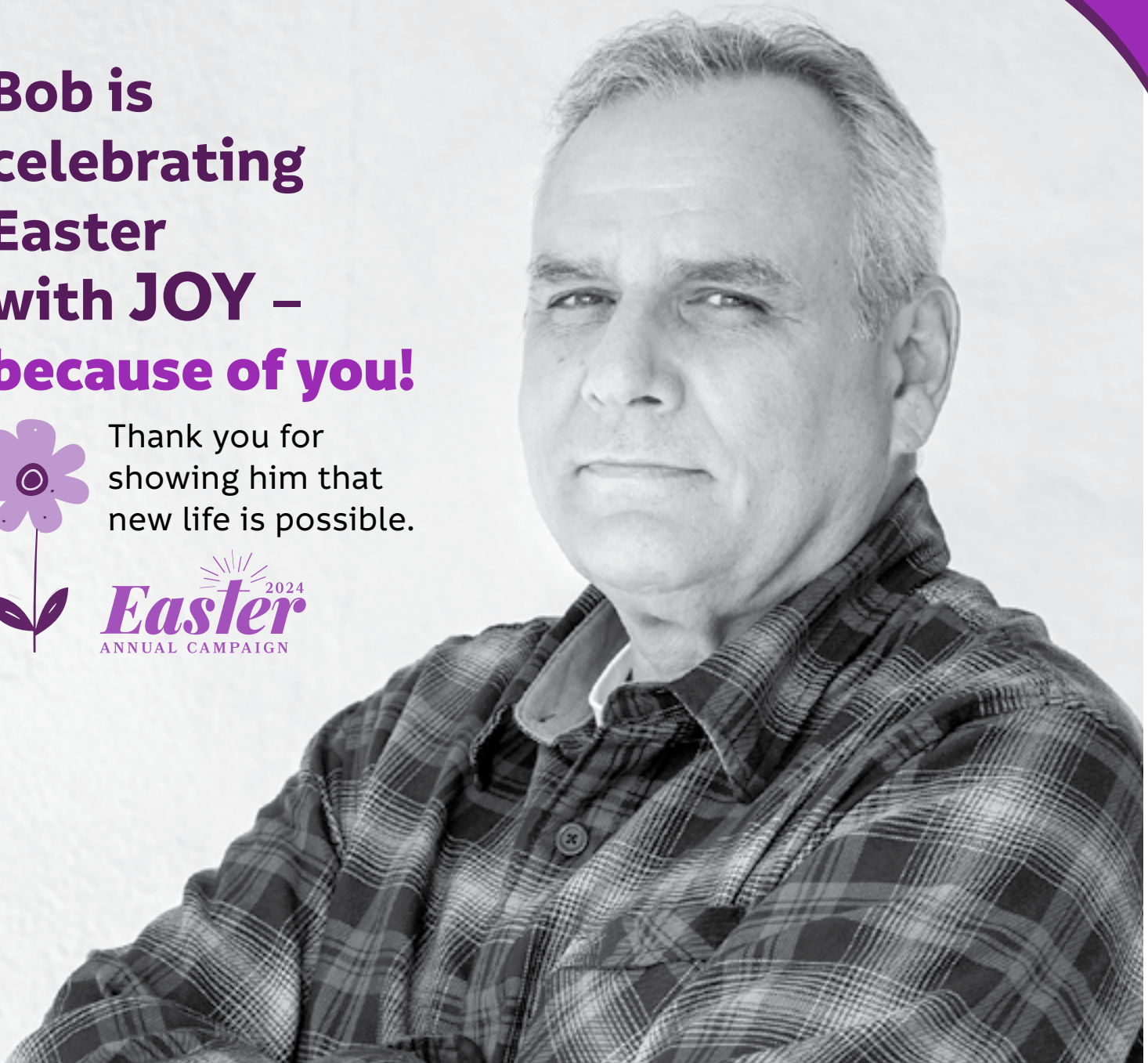
A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission • Easter 2024

**Bob is
celebrating
Easter
with JOY –
because of you!**



Thank you for
showing him that
new life is possible.

Easter²⁰²⁴
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



DON'T MISS...

2 The Promises
of Easter

3 "God is back
in my life."

4 You changed lives
last year!



A Message from PASTOR TIM LANE

THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at the Union Gospel Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

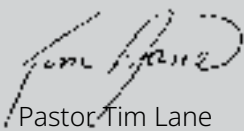
You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share the message of the Gospel and God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter, and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women, and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future, and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!


Pastor Tim Lane
Executive Director



GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at the Union Gospel Mission need... By becoming a Redeem Team partner, you can help save lives with your monthly gift to provide:



MEALS



SHELTER



BIBLICAL
COUNSELING



**THE CHANCE TO HEAR
AND BE TRANSFORMED
BY THE GOSPEL MESSAGE!**

Start giving monthly now to help provide the building blocks our residents need for a new life in Christ!

*Start giving
monthly now!*



SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman, and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with the joy of the Gospel's message...



12,000 meals –
just \$1.92 each!



7,920 nights
of shelter



Christ-centered care
& healing in our life-
change programs!

*Easter*²⁰²⁴
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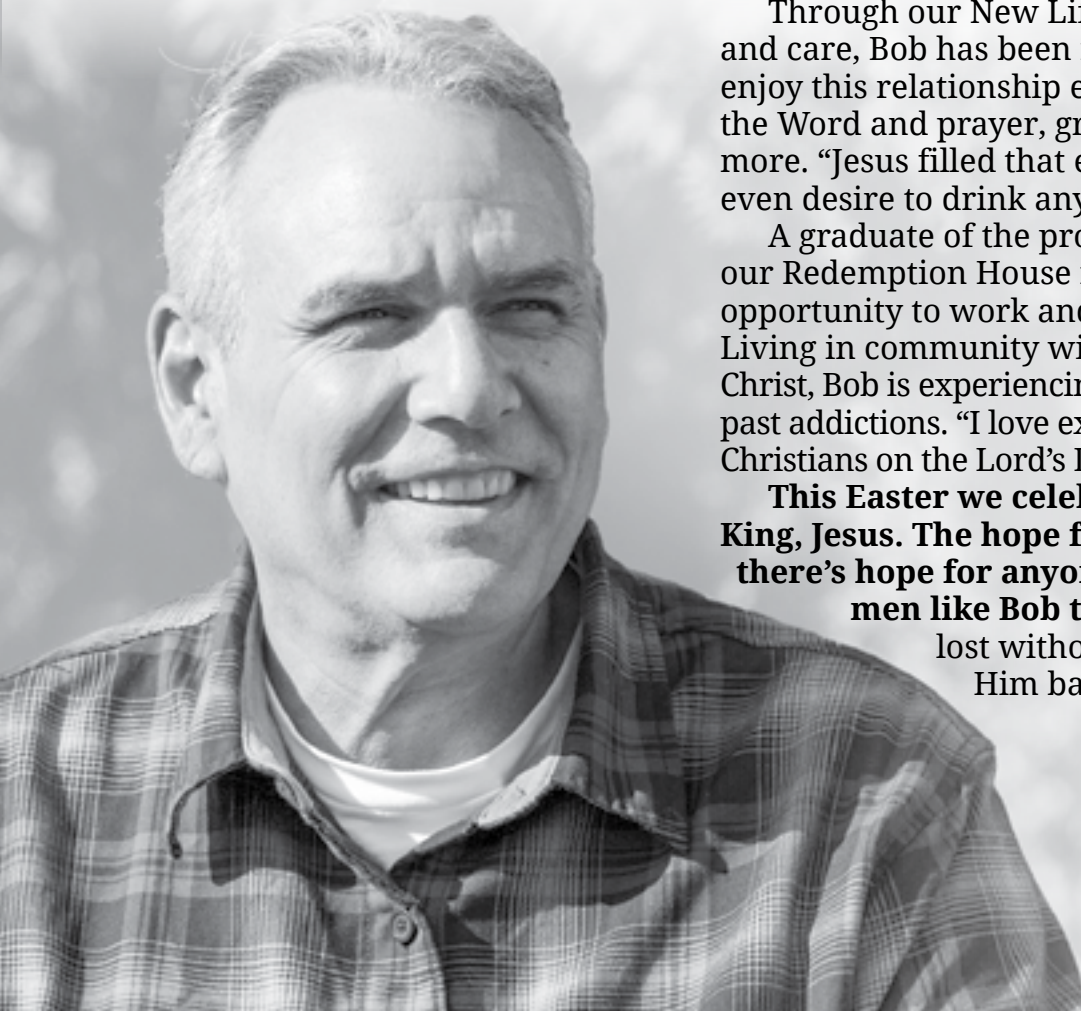
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**“The Mission
brought God
back into
my life.”**

**“I’M WALKING IN
THE LORD’S GRACE
EVERY DAY.”**



Bob was raised in a Catholic home, went to Catholic school, and learned about Jesus from a young age. He had a basic understanding and belief in Jesus early on. But, when he was 13, his parents divorced, and his religious pursuits came to an end. “We stopped going to church, I transferred to a public school, and began living a godless life,” he says. “I remember feeling empty inside.”

When he was in his 20s, Bob began drinking to fill that emptiness inside. “I was trying to fill the void by drinking, but the more I did, the worse it got, and the more I felt unforgivable and unwanted by God – thinking from my old Catholic upbringing.”

For 40 years, he was a functioning addict, able to work as a carpenter and pay his bills, but his life was devoid of any joy in the Lord. Then, he met a Christian who encouraged him to get more than sober, but to get right with God. **“They were watching me slowly decline into a bottle, and it was breaking their heart,”** he said. With a sense of urgency, they got together and looked up Christian programs nearby, read about the Union Gospel Mission’s New Life Program, and agreed that this was the place Bob needed to be.

Through our New Life Program’s classes, counseling, and care, Bob has been restored to Christ. He gets to enjoy this relationship every day as he spends time in the Word and prayer, growing in the Lord more and more. “Jesus filled that emptiness inside, and I don’t even desire to drink anymore.”

A graduate of the program, Bob is now living at our Redemption House for continued care and the opportunity to work and pursue life in the local church. Living in community with God’s people and abiding in Christ, Bob is experiencing joy in his new life free from his past addictions. “I love experiencing fellowship with other Christians on the Lord’s Day as we worship together.”

This Easter we celebrate the resurrection of our King, Jesus. The hope found in an empty tomb means there’s hope for anyone. Thank you for allowing men like Bob to find new life in Christ. “I was lost without God, but the Mission brought Him back into my life.”



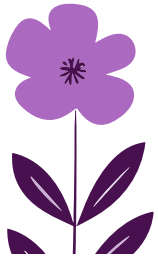
Redemption House

We're excited to announce the purchase of our new transitional housing: Redemption House!

After spending 10 months in the Mission's highly-structured environment, it can be daunting for our New Life Program graduates to move directly into an apartment, far from the fellowship and support they've had at the Mission. But now they can stay at Redemption House, while they slowly and safely acclimate to independent living!

Residents of our new facility, located in Midtown Sacramento, will have time to find employment and connect to a local church. And with the support of our aftercare chaplains and other program graduates, they will have everything they need to make a smooth and successful transition to productive, self-reliant living.

For more information on how Redemption House will bless our New Life Program graduates, scan the QR code below.



God's Promise of Joy

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11



YOU changed lives last year!

Throughout 2023, friends like you joined together to make an incredible, Gospel-centered impact for our poor and homeless neighbors...



104,000
meals filled
hungry bellies



32,120
nights of shelter
kept people safe



And your compassion opened the door to other life-changing services, like classes, Christ-centered guidance, and job skills training.

Thank you.
What a blessing you are!