

# CHRISTIAN SHELTER

Salisbury, Maryland



## A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### SISTER ANGIE – MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND SERVANT

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Angela Strand, affectionately called "Sister Angie" by the staff, volunteers and guests at the Christian Shelter, passed away at the Salisbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on March 4, 2022. She was a graduate of the former Worcester High School Class of 1974, where she excelled in sports, especially basketball. She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, and a great sideline cheerleader for her family during all of their sporting events. She loved learning and dedicated many hours of study completing numerous courses at Wor-Wic Community College that helped her throughout her career at the Christian Shelter.

Over the years she worked a variety of jobs, but her favorite was volunteering and working at the Christian Shelter for over 29 years, retiring from the ministry in 2021. Those of us at the shelter believe that God wanted Sister Angie to serve at His ministry, helping the many homeless guests with whom she loved interacting.

If someone was in need, she would be there working with them to resolve those issues that brought them to the front door of this ministry. Scripture describes the qualities of a good servant as a person who is dependable, prayerful, and never speaks their own name and always gives God the glory. Sister Angie demonstrated those attributes in her life as she worked with the many guests, who needed a helping hand.

She always had a wonderful ability to create a good relationship with everyone, including staff, volunteers and guests, with many turning into lasting friendships. She especially enjoyed mentoring and working with the young volunteers and took the time to tell them stories of what God was doing in the lives of the guests and how He has provided for the shelter for over 40 years. Working and cooking in the kitchen was a passion for Sister Angie and gave her great joy. Giving out second helpings made it even better.

She especially enjoyed the Christmas holiday as she organized staff and volunteers to put up holiday decorations throughout many areas of the shelter. She coordinated the collection of gifts from many individuals and organizations so that everyone received something special on Christmas Day! Her reward for all the hard work were the many smiling faces on Christmas morning.

Sister Angie made a difference in the lives of all the guests that she touched during her time at the Christian Shelter. Making someone's life better, is such a wonderful gift to share with others. As believers, we know that when Sister Angie came into the Lord's presence, she heard those wonderful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."



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was planned, built &  
is provided for by...

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**H**omelessness is always a crisis. Merciful, compassionate and loving Christians can't look the other way. We have a compelling motivation to respond to these people in need. We – as Christians – should be motivated to minister to the homeless by assisting them during their crisis. The Bible states this in **Proverbs 31:8-9**. “*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*”

One of the ways we can assist a person who is in crisis is to speak up for them or advocate for them. So, many times the homeless lack resources or are unable to articulate the problems that they face. In such cases, we must become their mouthpiece and speak up for them until their situation has been resolved. We need to nudge them to move from crisis to Christ. Allow me to share the **four principles for moving the homeless from crisis to Christ**:

*1. Every homeless person is in crisis.*

At the Christian Shelter, we are determined to not view homelessness as a problem to be fixed, but rather to see the individual as a person in crisis. We must ensure that our efforts to respond do not make the crisis worse. It's true that helping can hurt, but as the old Chinese proverb states: “If you give me a fish, I will eat for one day but if you teach me to fish, I will eat for the rest of my life.”

*2. Within every crisis lies an opportunity.*

Often, things have to descend to a point of crisis before an individual will begin to respond to the very real issues going on in their lives. Sometimes it's an addiction, or mental health issues, family breakdown, debt, depression, loneliness, unemployment, abuse — the list goes on. Every person has a story, and our goal at the Christian Shelter has been to walk alongside someone, hear their story, and offer hope and compassion.

*3. Every opportunity can lead to a relationship.*

As we have an opportunity to walk alongside someone during a time of crisis, there's often the potential for an ongoing friendship. The Bible says, in **Proverbs 18:24**, “*A man that hath friends must show himself friendly, and there lies a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.*”

We must be a friend to those in need. Take time to disciple someone out of an addiction, or depression, or with a mental health issue. But be fully aware of the time and resources that might require.

*4. Every relationship can end in disappointment.*

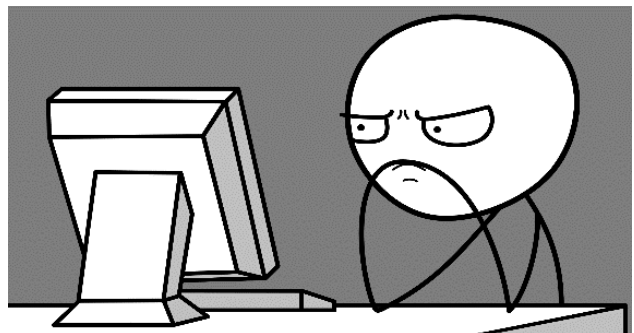
Be ready for failure. We cannot save everyone — either from their homelessness or from their sin — so we must be ready to fail. Most people we minister to will walk away. Many will take advantage. And some will slip away further than they were when we began. Ready yourself for the emotional toll this can bring.

We are all broken and we all have a common need. We must not go into ministry thinking we are people with our lives together seeking to fix broken people. Rather, we minister from a place of brokenness, knowing it is the gospel of Jesus Christ that leads to a lasting hope for restoration and recovery. Therefore, we have a responsibility to extend the hand of grace and mercy to the needy who rest on our doorsteps.



*Executive Director  
J. Anthony Dickerson*

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**Z**ina Gale came to the Christian Shelter in 2019 to manage the kitchen operations that serve approximately 35-50 guests on a weekly basis. She has a variety of experiences in food service which started with a small family-owned restaurant, and continued with supervisory positions at local nursing home facilities. With each job opportunity, Sister Zina grew in her knowledge of kitchen organization and operational procedures. She commits to the necessary study in keeping her food service certification updated and loves cooking for the guests and staff at the shelter. She also coordinates the many volunteers and organizations that help provide cooking and serving the guests throughout the year. During the COVID pandemic when volunteers were not readily available, Sister Zina had to make due with the staff on hand to continue feeding those that were at the shelter. She stated, "I receive a special blessing when I see dismay replaced by hope in the eyes of those who are enjoying well-prepared food during mealtime." We thank God for Sister Zina and all our staff for their dedication and love shown to our many guests.



Sister Zina

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2022

*Save this date!*



**MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**



*Salisbury Area*  
Prayer Breakfast

**7:00 am**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual "National Day of Prayer" Breakfast**  
Wicomico Youth & Civic Center

**Speaker:**

**Thann Bennett, Author and Public Policy Professional**

Thann is the author of *My Fame*, *His Fame* and *In Search of the King*. He is a public policy professional with more than 20 years of high-level experience. Thann has worked extensively at the highest levels of the U.S. government, as well as at the United Nations and other international governing bodies. He has more than 15 years of on-air TV and radio experience, regularly engaging with a worldwide audience.



**Tickets \$20 per person**

**Table of 8 - \$160**

**Table of 6 - \$150 (Optional)**

Tickets available at The Country House

To order tickets by mail, send check payable to: Salisbury Prayer Breakfast Committee  
C/o Magi Fund - PO Box 521, Salisbury, MD 21803

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**"Exalt the Lord Who has Established Us" Colossians 2:67**

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*Seated left to right are Shannon Marks, Joyce Burkett – owner & founder  
Standing are Rita Plaskon and Melissa Malone*

### **AFFORDABLE BOOKKEEPING HELPS THE CHRISTIAN SHELTER**

**O**n November 1, 2019, Affordable Bookkeeping took over managing the accounting functions for the Christian Shelter. Since then, the Shelter has been able to keep up with all aspects of the financial needs from doing payroll, creating budgets, to paying all outstanding invoices and tracking revenue and expenses for the organization. The new changes allow staff to focus their efforts on daily operations and to improve efforts to better serve the guests. A special thank you to the staff at Affordable Bookkeeping.

## **CURRENT NEEDS**

Eggs	Coffee
Milk	Sanitizing Wipes
Water	Laundry Detergent
Breakfast Meat	Sandwich Bags
Lunch Meat	Quart Bags
Plastic Cutlery (Fork, Spoon, Knife)	Gallon Bags
Paper Cups	Toilet Paper
Sugar Packets	Wash Clothes
Creamer	Towels
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