

# Norfolk



# Mission

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*Helping the Hurting and the  
Homeless  
in the Name of Jesus Christ*

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We are living in unprecedented times. We are able to see the very fabric of our society changing before our eyes. Most of us don't know what to think or what to do in response to the rapid changes taking place. 2020 brought us a pandemic, riots, a contested election, and the continued march of dangerous and unbiblical ideas. 2021 seems to be no different; still a pandemic, still riots and still many dangerous ideas regarding sexuality and the family. What are we to do as Christians? How are we responding to this as the Norfolk Rescue Mission?

The answer to those questions are in God's Word. Isaiah 40:8 says, "**The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.**" The author of Hebrews also reminds us in Hebrews 13:8, "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**" So what are we to do as Christians? **Cling tightly to Christ!** In an ever changing world, we should be reminded all the more of the stability and the sanity of Jesus. He is the unmovable rock even if all else should fall. Institution after institution, company after company and even state after state have descended into moral insanity and depravity. We have a distinct advantage over the chaos of the world in the safety of Christ. Psalm 46:1-3 reminds us that, "**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**"

American Christians have not had to deal with this degree of instability before. The people that come to the Norfolk Rescue Mission are dealing with that level of instability and worse every day! They have lost their homes, their families, their jobs and many times their dignity due to the sin in their lives. **The response of the Norfolk Rescue Mission has been and always will be the Gospel of Jesus Christ.** This is the only hope for us as we navigate these uncertain times and it is the only help for those who are lost in sin and darkness. Jesus lived a perfect life; never breaking God's law. Jesus died an atoning death on the cross for our sins. Jesus rose again from the grave; defeating sin and death forever! This is THE hope for all who come through our doors and for all of humanity. We have not adapted our practices to the current times; we have doubled down on the absolute supremacy and absolute power of the Gospel to change lives!

We are continually seeing men, women and children come to the Mission to stay, to eat or to receive assistance with food, clothing or furniture every day. While our numbers fluctuate at times, we are always serving those who need physical help and offering them spiritual help in the Gospel. As the warmer weather is approaching, we anticipate more families to come and stay with us. We are nearing

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the completion of a renovation of one of our family room areas which would double the space for families. This is a much needed improvement that will help many people in the months to come. Please continue to donate to the Norfolk Rescue Mission! We need donations of all types of things; from food to clothing to pots and pans to books. Everything helps us to meet the needs of those who come to us so that we can share with them the hope of the Gospel. Please don't forget to pray for the men, women and children that come to the Mission to be responsive and open to the Gospel.

Clinging to Him,

Pastor Justin Fisher

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