

Trinity Mission

# Soul Food

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Restore

## Ministry hires graduate to drive



Jeff Watkins

Outlet store customers can enjoy our low cost delivery service as they meet our newest ministry ambassador.

That's because recent graduate Jeff Watkins has taken the wheel as our full time truck driver.

"We all benefit from the multiple effects of this new hire," said Director

of Development Todd Wesbrook.

"Jeff demonstrates the wholesale life change that our ministry is about. Therefore, we are eager to offer his service to the community."

"He seems pleased to give back to those who supported his residency at Trinity Mission."

## Store relocation benefits community

Customers enjoyed the first day of shopping in the new Crawfordsville outlet store on Friday, March 14. A late spring grand opening sale is also planned.

The new space offers 6,700 sq. ft. of retail, processing and sorting areas—triple the size of the old store.

"Shoppers will have greater selections of low cost, furniture, household (cont. on page 4)



A look inside the new Crawfordsville store during the move.

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## Director 's Wisdom

by Dan Taylor

*“But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of*

*the grace of God” Acts 20:24 (NASB ).*

Paul, being informed by the Spirit that he would undergo great hardship and affliction, remained steadfast to the vision he had been called to fulfill. It would have been easier to run and hide from those seeking to quiet his message, but Paul had been given a vision and calling. He knew full well that his life would be worthless if he didn't finish what he had been called to do.

Serving God without a vision and call is simply a job. Common sense, personal preferences and other people's perspectives covered with a layer of Christian emotion, can easily become your guide. The driving motivation to persevere, when ministry is simply a job, is getting to the end of the day, not to that place that the world can become when the vision becomes reality.

But once you receive a commission from Jesus Christ, the memory of what God asks of you will always be there to prod you on. You will no longer be able to work for Him on the basis of common sense or personal preferences. You can't even function well when others interpret the vision and calling from their perspective.

Some are called alongside another's vision and passion. That may be your passion—to serve another called *saint* and “be an armor bearer or arm holder” so the other is freed to express a leadership and calling that is always larger than any one of us is able to fulfill on our own.

What do I count in my life as “dear to myself”? If I have not been seized by Jesus Christ for a particular purpose and have not surrendered

myself to that purpose, I will consider my time and my own ideas as dear to me, thus my life as dear to me and not worth spending on Jesus' call.

But Paul said he only considered his life dear so that he might fulfill the ministry he had received, and he refused to use his energy on anything else.

Many others came alongside Paul and his calling to support him and the purposes God had placed on his life, but Paul himself only considered his life dear to answer that call.

There are many who are called to serve other's visions and callings and that is a wonderful thing. They are answering God's purpose and calling in their lives because they are gifted to serve and support. That does not make them less in the Kingdom work nor does it make the one who is called more. Each simply expresses in life what is spoken of in Ephesians 4:16 (NASB) *“the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”*

The resulting outcome is multiplied when those with such vision, passion and calling have servant hearted brothers and sisters alongside them. Great and mighty is the outcome when the body becomes one and we serve one another to impact eternity.

*Vision & Calling  
or Job?*

## Church volunteers help with Crawfordsville store move

Volunteers Paula Johnson, Cristy Bogan, Janet Mauck and Polly Timmerman said they were very delighted to see the quality of clothing that filled the boxes they were asked to unpack at the new Crawfordsville store.

Assistant Store Manager Susan Larew was equally thrilled with the progress the volunteers made as they worked alongside five residents from the Whitlock facility and three of her paid employees.

On Saturday, March 1, the four ladies traveled with a dozen or so others from West Lafayette for an all day, mini-mission trip to complete a service project designed to help Trinity Mission with its move into the new store.

Participants enjoyed a tour of the Lafayette store followed by lunch, chapel and a tour of the Whitlock facility in Crawfordsville. The trip was coordinated by Trinity Mission staff members and the missions team at Riverside Covenant Church.

steep stairs or off the tall dock and across the alley from the old to the new store.

Thanks to the strong arms of Riverside volunteers Everette Mills, Kurt Watt, Randy Bogan, Dan Teefey, Bruce Rust, Rick Johnson, Dave Timmerman and Kory Arvin, substantial progress was made on the 'To Be Moved' list.



Riverside Covenant Church volunteers unpack and hang clothing in new Crawfordsville store.

Besides the cost saving labor that Riverside provided the ministry, Trinity Mission hosted a continental breakfast of blueberry muffins and fresh fruit and a 'mission fare' lunch of beef vegetable soup and chili for the energetic volunteers to fuel up for the event.

Thanks to the baking skills of recent graduate Michelle Zachary, Women's Director Sandra Harris and the ladies at Whitlock, everyone enjoyed sweet tea, lemonade, homemade yeast rolls and yummy peach cobbler.

Dessert also included a testimony by resident Kristina Rogers and worship led by Cristy Bogan and Kory Arvin. Guests joined in with the team's praiseful vocals and spirited piano and guitar accompaniment.

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For several days, boxes of clothing had been sorted, tagged and stacked along two walls of the new 6,700 sq. ft. building in anticipation of the day's work.

Residents from the men's Kossuth St. facility in Lafayette had also worked alongside paid staff to prepare for the big day.

But much muscle from the folks at Riverside was still needed to complete the task when they arrived.

For hours the men jostled hand trucks to move large display cases, shelving units and sorting tables out the narrow back door, either down the



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Save the dates!

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goods, clothing, books and knickknacks to choose from," said Assistant Store Manager Susan Larew.

"Other amenities include easier access and 12 dedicated spaces of off street parking."

Residents who bring donations to the new store will find it easier to drop off their goods at the ground level station on the south side of the building.

"The new facility was a gift from a major business owner in another county who saw our need to expand to cover the ongoing ministry costs," said Executive Director Dan Taylor.

"Most of the remodeling expenses were covered by generous donors as well."

THRIFT STORES

"Taste & See"

Saturday, August 16, 2008

Annual Banquet

Thursday, September 25, 2008

## Donations accepted:

Tuesday — Saturday  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Store hours:

Monday — Friday  
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturdays  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Closed Sundays



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