

Friends,

Every Friday morning our staff gathers together to pray for the men and women in our program. Last week a member of our staff came in saying “There are more bubbles on the side of our building than on the Lawrence Welk Show!”

Everyone looked at him funny because half of us didn’t know who Lawrence Welk was, and the other half didn’t know what he meant by “bubbles”.

What he was referring to was, the six people smoking meth out of bubble pipes on the sidewalk, next to the wall of our building in plain sight of people driving to work and parents dropping their children off at school.



*“Oregon’s decriminalization of drug use has been a tragic failure. Overdose deaths rose by over 33 percent in Oregon in 2021, the year after the law was passed, compared with a rise of 15 percent in the rest of the United States. As for the claim that the law would provide a pathway to treatment for addicts, less than 1 percent of the people eligible for treatment under Measure 110—a paltry 136 people—ended up getting help. In fact, out of the 2,576 tickets written by police for drug possession, only 116 people called the help hotline to get the ticket waived, with the vast majority of the others choosing to pay the minimal fine instead.”*



[www.city-journal.org/oregons-disastrous-drug-experiment](http://www.city-journal.org/oregons-disastrous-drug-experiment)

It’s easy to see how this situation is a direct result of measure 110 which decriminalized possession of hard drugs. It’s not as if we didn’t have a drug problem in our community before, but measure 110 has brought the problem out of the alley and onto the sidewalk, right into our faces.

The ironic thing is, just a few feet from where people were smoking meth out of glass bubbles, frantically seeking to disengage from the realities of life, on the other side of that same wall, inside the Mission, there are men and women facing the hard challenges in their own lives by embracing the realities of what Christ has done and is doing for them.

Outside on the streets is desperate restlessness, but inside the Mission people are finding true and lasting rest in Christ.

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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Matthew 11:28-30

This is an amazing truth! Real rest is found in Christ alone because only he can bring relief from the crushing burden of sin that we all toil under. When we take the gentle yoke of Christ, our lives change through loving trust in Him. We move from being slaves obedient only to the desires of the flesh to being grateful and obedient servants of the Savior who loves us.

*Thank you for equipping us to make an impact in peoples lives right here in our community.*



# GIFTS FROM THE HEART

**In honor of Jesus Christ**  
by Ken & Diane Capp  
**In honor of Marvin Ter Best**  
by Dean & Mary Lou Ter Best

**In memory of Diana Allen**  
by Steve & Joanie Ganong  
**In memory of Jerry Armstrong**  
by Mary Armstrong  
**In memory of Earl Best**  
by Paul Murphy  
and by Nickolas & Lindsay Boosalis  
**In memory of Mildred Bray**  
by Joyce Lull  
**In memory of Wallace & Lucille Brill**  
by Robert & Judith Addington  
**In memory of Marcia Buchanan**  
by Douglas Buchanan  
**In memory of Jami Anne Burk**  
by Roberta Hawkins  
**In memory of Hank Delladio**  
by Mark & Karen Delladio  
**In memory of Clare Fiebelkorn**  
by Sherrill Hieber  
**In memory of Buck & Steve Fixsen**  
by Patricia Fixsen

**In memory of T. E. Ganong**  
by Steve & Joanie Ganong  
**In memory of Shirley Gleason**  
by Gary Nelson  
**In memory of Richard Gordon**  
by Rhonda Gordon  
**In memory of Chrystal Hanson**  
by Charles Hanson  
**In memory of Tom Hehn**  
by Sean & Esther Hehn  
**In memory of Dale Hofer**  
by Jerre & Barbara Hewitt  
**In memory of Billie Joe & Joan Hunter**  
by Dusty & Debbie Hoffman  
**In memory of Pat Lee**  
by Robert Phillips  
**In memory of Lu Lull**  
by Joyce Lull  
**In memory of Terry Malcolm**  
by Carol Malcolm  
**In memory of John Melville**  
by Steve & Joanie Ganong  
**In memory of Phyllis Murray**  
by Rolf Murray  
**In memory of Kay Neil My Beloved Uncle**  
by Sally Essex  
In memory of Patricia Piter  
by Steve Piter

**In memory of Tony & Evie Popson**  
by Sean & Esther Hehn  
**In memory of Nancy Scafani**  
by David Scafani  
**In memory of Jerry Scheid**  
by Jackie Scheid  
**In memory of Duane Shinn**  
by Dianne Carter  
and by Garland & Roberta Shinn  
**In memory of Donald Skundrick**  
by Shirley Skundrick  
**In memory of Sharon Steele**  
by Ann Caires  
**In memory of Jean Strong**  
by Mary Kalakay  
**In memory of Aaron Ter Best**  
by Dean & Mary Lou Ter Best  
**In memory of Wayne, Flo, Bill & Mark Vincent**  
by Jim & Tricia Hoffman  
**In memory of Dustin Weidman**  
by Donna Rae MacKenzie  
**In memory of Griff Wilder**  
by Pattie Wilder  
**In memory of Garry Wilson**  
by Arline Wilson

*Thank you for equipping us to restore lives in our community!*