JIM PROUT, Executive Director and CEO of Christian Services, Inc., is a licensed minister who has grown up with a burden for helping hungry, hurt, and lost people. He attended The University of Southern Mississippi and has a background in business and restaurant management. Returning to Christian Services, Inc. in the 90’s as Director of Operations, he has been fully devoted to the vision of reaching the community for Jesus. Prior to accompanying Jim in full time ministry, his wife, MAGGIE, also worked in the food industry. They are the proud parents of 2 boys and have an incredible staff to help shine the love of Jesus to those in need. Being committed to the vision of Christian Services, Inc., they both continue to stand on God’s promises and answer the call for help. Jim and Maggie have extensive experience in food management and distribution, personal ministry and counseling, orchestrating worship services, administering funds and offering assistance for emergency needs.

REV. BILL PROUT, President Emeritus, and his wife, COOKIE, have served the community for over 30 years since founding Christian Services, Inc. They continue to passionately follow God’s call on their lives by undergirding the continued work of CSI through prayer and counsel.
Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3, 4

CHRISTIAN SERVICES, INC.

is a multi-faceted ministry through which men and women can come together from individual churches and organizations to demonstrate love to a world of people who are in bondage to poverty, ignorance, anger, frustration, and loneliness. Our goal is to see a unified Body of Christ reaching souls and helping those in need.

For some, CSI offers a controlled environment in which to be separated from their old lifestyles, while they learn new values and habits. For others, it is a place where they can easily come for comfort, reassurance and instruction. For all, it is a place where a high standard of values and conduct is continually being lifted up as an example to those who have been disillusioned and/or misled.

Christian Services Center houses the CSI administrative staff and the following services:

**The Soup Kitchen** – An average of 600-700 hot, nutritious meals are served 5 days each week by faithful volunteers. During the meals, spiritual food is shared through Bible reading, prayer, and song.

**Operation Compassion** – A mobile feeding unit delivers food prepared at the soup kitchen to remote low-income areas 5 days each week.

**Meals on Wheels** – A cooperative effort with 7 local churches and 45 individual volunteers provides hot, nutritious meals delivered to homebound disabled and/or elderly persons in Hattiesburg, Petal and 4 surrounding counties.

**Loving Hands** – Our benevolence program, in cooperation with several local churches, provides emergency assistance for utilities, groceries, medicine, etc. About 160 applications are processed each month.

**Abundant Harvest** – CSI receives bulk shipments of donated food and other supplies and distributes them at no cost to over 25 other ministries/organizations throughout the state of Mississippi and adjoining states.

**Bargains & Blessings** – Our outreach thrift store distributes donated clothing, furniture, etc. at very low prices for those with limited resources. Items are shared at no cost in emergency situations. Job interview outfits are supplied for women/men seeking employment and referred to CSI by FCDHS, Pinebelt CWJC or other social service agencies.

**Special Holiday Dinners/Yulecare** – During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, over 2500 special holiday meals are prepared and served to those in need. Yulecare is a special project which provides food, clothing, and toys to needy families at Christmas.

**Liberty Ministries** – The long-term residential discipleship program provides hope for adult men who are seeking help to overcome life-controlling problems, such as (but not limited to) drug and alcohol addictions. Up to 40 men can be housed at The Land of Liberty in Ellisville as they study and work to learn how to live according to God’s Word.

The Redemption Center is home for the following other ministries:

**THRIVE (Don’t just survive!)** – A program designed to help low-income families gain knowledge and personal assistance through Friends for Financial Freedom’s monthly Money Workout Courses and individual Budget Counseling and through monthly Pro Bono Legal Counseling.

**Lifting You Higher** – A special television, counseling and prayer ministry that offers weekly Bible study classes, prayer, counseling and special seminars as needed.

**Classrooms and Auditorium** – Three classrooms are used for Liberty Ministries classes and counseling. The auditorium is used for various children’s events and Tuesday evening worship services.

**Food Storage and Distribution Space** – Canned goods and other supplies from food drives and large shipments are sorted and stored for CSI use and for distribution to other ministries.

**The Carpenter’s Helper** – A non-profit corporation which provides repair and restoration of homes of those who are disabled or elderly and cannot afford to hire professional companies for the work needed.

**Children’s Ministries:**

**Easter Fun Day** – A special day of sharing the story of Christ’s Death and Resurrection, along with fun, food and gifts.

**Birthday Party for Jesus** – A time of celebrating the real meaning of Christmas with about 500 children through stories, songs and games. Each child receives lunch, a goodie bag, a stuffed animal, a balloon, and a special toy selected just for him/her.