

Hope For All in Jesus Prison Outreach



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"Bringing Hope and Life to the Prisoners"



NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2022

A NEW YEAR; A TIME OF REST; A TIME FOR CHANGE

From the desk of Chaplain / President, Shelia Johnson

To our partners and friends: I found this article and feel that God wanted me to share it with all of you in our newsletter to encourage you that you are worthy if you are a believer in Jesus Christ. Don't let anyone make you feel like that you have to measure up to something to be worthy in God's eyesight. Look at this and place yourself in this young man's shoes. Then realize that the only thing holding you back from worthiness is YOU.

Stop Trying to Be Worthy

"Now behold, one came and said to Him, 'Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?' So He said to him, 'Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.' He said to Him, 'Which ones?' Jesus said, 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' The young man said to Him, 'All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?' Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.'" But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." – Matthew 19:16-22

This story is not about money, although I've been guilty of always reading that way. I thought Jesus was teaching us about why money is bad. This wisdom in this story is much deeper than money. It is about "earning". The rich young man comes to Jesus asking for the requirements to earn what Jesus is offering. Knowing his heart, Jesus gives him requirements. The rich man, in a moment of confidence and assuredness, let's Jesus know that he has met those requirements. Then Jesus tells him to let go of everything he attained by "earning" and he will find what he is really looking for – his treasure in heaven: his own soul. The man went away sad because he realized he had it all wrong the whole time. He could never earn "eternal life". He already had it.

How much of our lives are spent trying to measure up? How much time do we invest trying to achieve and earn? The concept of worthiness implies that there is something to attain. Its message is that there is something you need that you don't have. Until you get it you aren't "enough". You are unworthy. But unworthy of what? You aren't enough for what? And what is it exactly that we need to get?

The truth is that the deepest revelation of your worthiness is found in letting go. You must let go of your need to measure up. You must let go of your need for some requirement to meet. When you let

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go of all your requirements, and your need for there to be any at all, you begin to realize you already have it. You are already worthy. This is really hard for some people, like the rich man in Jesus' parable. If you spend your whole life trying to "earn" it, you'll have a really hard time processing the truth that you don't have to.



You see, the version of you that thought you needed to measure up was not the real you. It was a false self, the version of you that you created to survive and make sense of the world you were handed. To believe that you can "become" worthy is to believe that God is withholding something from you. It's the belief that you must "do" something, and if you do it right, or at least try your best, then God will give you that something or see you differently (better) than He did before. The belief that we are unworthy is a learned belief. It is not inherent in us. So it seems that real growth and real transformation is really about breaking out of the shell we've built around us. It's more about letting go of the false self—the version of us we've created throughout the course of our lives.

We all have a "shell", a false self. It is the identity we've built around how we were raised, the friends we've had and have, the people around us, the experiences we have, the tragedies and triumphs in our lives, and by all the things we've earned. That identity is not bad, but it is not the truth. All those messages tell us that there is some formula to life, that to get what we need and want, we must "do" or become" or "earn" something.

The point of all this is simple. Let go. Let go of that story that you live from that tells you that you must gain worthiness. Let go of the identity that needs "worthiness" to feel complete. You already are worthy. The only thing keeping you from believing it is you. The only requirement is to let go of your requirements. By Brian Sherman

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

This year's Banquet was a joyous occasion as we commemorated and celebrated the lives of our two soldiers who have gone to their rest. We watch with expectation at a time for change as we take on new members, Jamie and Jeremy, and prisons are opening up, looking to us to fill in voids left by the Pandemic. We are opening a page for photos and testimony concerning that night. If you would, please send your photos to Paul Oyler, Robert's son, at: Paul+HopeChristmas@oylercreative.com

 <p style="margin: 0;"><i>"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil 4:6 (KJV)</i></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Prayer requests should be submitted to Chaplain Shelia Johnson ** 281-467-2410 **</p> 	
PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO JOIN US IN PRAYER	
SUBJECT	REQUEST
Pastors Mozell & E.T.	We rejoice that Pastor Mozell is getting around. We confidently expect improvement in her and E.T.'s health as promised, in the Name of the Lord of Hosts, Jesus, our hope and our deliverer.
Maxine, Alaiya & John Earl Jr.	We request encouragement through Your Spirit to Maxine & her children, and the knowledge that their family in heavenly places, still here on earth, continue to pray & care for them.

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Mr. & Mrs. Abe Washington	Lord God, Father of Lovingkindness and favor, We are asking for Your Favor to shine on our brother and sister, in Jesus Name.
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These prisons are opened to volunteers. Restrictions in guidelines for Covid-19 are gradually being lifted. Virus testing, mask, social distancing, continue. The limit of two volunteers for each service has been lifted in certain prisons. We will announce new details. When we receive them.

In the month of December, Hope For All in Jesus made eight prison visits. We will do our best to report on every happy details of all we can.

JANUARY 2022			
2 nd 8 am	Clemens	16 th 8 / 10	Eastham
2 nd 8-9:30 am	Cleveland	23 rd 8am	Pam Lychner
2 nd 7a, 12:30p	Estelle		
FEBRUARY 2022			
6 th 7a, 12:30p	Estelle	12 th 8a, 10a	Carol Vance
6 th 8 am	Clemens	27 th 8 am	Jester IV
MARCH 2022			
6 th 8am-2pm	Estelle Unit		
6 th 8 am	Clemens		

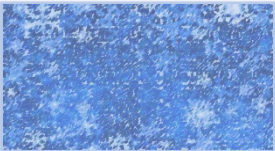
NOTE: Times given are actual start times. Please arrive 1 hour early for the virus test.

Duncan Unit, Sunday, 21st November, I made the trip alone. Joy had some cooking to do for our Church Thanksgiving lunch the next day and was unable to make trip. The brothers were glad they had a Volunteer that was able to share Gods Word.
This message was; What is Man? Job 7:17

¹⁷ What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? Glad to experience Prison Church at Duncan Church. I felt the Holy Ghost moving like it was before COVID

Just a note from Bro. George Powell and Sister Joy. I know the need for new volunteers is great and I plan on going to other Churches talking to pastors about the need for Saved People to carry the Gospel behind the walls. I was told by some inmates that some of the other volunteers have not come back. I felt Sad. So pray that God will bless our need.

Happy Trails to you until we meet again,
Bro. George and Sister Joy.



Clements Trustee Camp On Sunday, December 5, 2021, I had the privilege of bringing the Word of the Lord to the brothers at the Clemens Trustee Camp. The message was entitled "The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Prophecy Fulfilled". I went on the share with them 15 Old Testament scriptures that were fulfilled in Jesus. I shared that mathematician Peter Stoner figured out that the possibility of one man fulfilling just 8 of the Old Testament prophecies is a 1 followed by 17 zeros! According to him, that number of silver dollars would cover the entire State of Texas 2 ft. deep. And if one were marked and a man blindfolded, and then that man to be able to find that one silver dollar, that is a possibility of (1:100,000,000,000,000,000)! Surely there should be no doubt that Jesus is the awaited Messiah!
The message continued by telling the men that the Lord came that very day bearing gifts with their names on them, and that the greatest gifts ever given to mankind are Jesus and the in-dwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.
About 30 men came forward to receive their gifts, as I and the prayer team prayed. The Holy Spirit of God ministered to the men as only He knows how. What a privilege! As we prayed, I mentioned to them that Jesus is so much better than Santa! I said that Jesus does not even need a sleigh, that he just opens the windows of Heaven and rains down gifts! They were open to receive, and I truly believe that many of these brothers received gifts from God that day. To God be the GLORY!!!
Cynthia Ventress

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ESTELLE UNIT: On Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, Dan Groves went to this unit and ministered in two services, at 8am and 2 pm. In both services the message was about the Christ child and how before He was born to a woman, He was the Christ who created all that is created and had been slain before the foundation of this world. The inmates were very accommodating and helpful. Before the end, I had been given 75 prayer requests to take with me to my Church. Every one of them was worth a time of prayer in one way or another.

CAROLE VANCE UNIT:, Monday, December 6th, Dan Groves and I ministered to 47 men in this unit. This unit is having a service every day calling December a month of celebration. Their worship team called Winds Of Changes brought in the Presence of the Lord and Dan Groves gave an encouraging word. I gave a message on the Book of Life and taught them that if their names were not in this book, they cannot enter heaven and gave the men an opportunity to ensure their names are there.

Miracle answered prayer: I ministered at this unit one month before and after the service inmate Jeff Gamersh asked me for prayers stating the doctors told him, "He has level 4 cancer and only a few months to live." Jeff informed me during this service that when he went back to his doctor after we prayed he was told that he does not have cancer anymore and he doesn't need to return. *Minister, John P Hammond*

RAMSEY UNIT: On the 19th of Dec., Chaplain Shelia, Ray Felder, John Hammond and Dan Groves attended a special Christmas presentation by the inmates, Ramsey Chaplain and another prison outreach group called, Last of the Least. It was a nicely done presentation, acting out skits, (with props), and music. One inmate sang, Oh Holy Night and we all gave him a well deserved standing ovation. We all were ministered to.

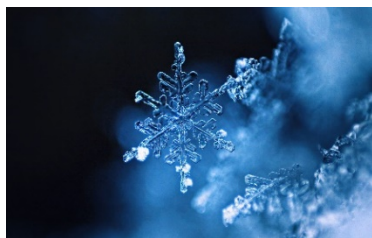
CAROLE VANCE UNIT: On 19th of Dec., those of us who went to Ramsey also went to this unit and ministered there. Chaplain Shelia shared songs of worship. Ray got on their keyboard and led a rousing praise session and John shared about intimate relationship. Dan also gave a short encouragement. We had some time for personal prayer and Ray went around praying for individuals as the Spirit led him.



Note from the Editor: Wintertime is sometimes difficult for the restless soul. But it can be a great time to quiet your soul and rest in His presence. 'In quietness is your confidence'. Instead of forging ahead with your mission, take the time to incline your ear to the instruction of the Holy Spirit. A life in Christ is a constantly changing life.

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." C.S. Lewis

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