

#### Hope For All in Jesus Prison Outreach



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"Bringing Hope and Life to the Prisoners"



# WE DESIRE FOR ALL THE SAINTS TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING FOR ALL OUR GENEROUS GOD HAS DONE IN OUR LIVES

#### **NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

From the desk of Chaplain/CEO, Shelia Johnson

#### Thanksgiving – Do the right thing

For the Christian, every day should be Thanksgiving Day. We should even be thankful during problems. The Apostle Paul said, "I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation" (2 Corinthians 7:4). He knew that God was working all things together for his good, even though he was going through trials (Romans 8:28).

Problems will come your way. God will see to it personally that you grow as a Christian. He will allow the storms, to send your roots deep into the soil of His Word. We pray more during problems, but it's been well said that you will see more from your knees, than you will on your tip toes.

A man once watched a butterfly struggling to get out of its cocoon. To help it, he took a razor blade, and carefully slit the edge of the cocoon. The butterfly escaped from its problem . . . and immediately died.

It is God's way to have the butterfly struggle. It is the struggle that causes its tiny heart to beat fast and send the life's blood into its wings.

Trials have their purpose. They make us struggle -- they bring us to our knees. They are the cocoon in which we often find ourselves. It is there that the life's blood of faith in God helps us spread our wings.

Faith and thanksgiving are close friends. If you have faith in God, you will be thankful because you know His loving hand is upon you, even though you are in a lion's den. That will give you a deep sense of joy, and joy is the barometer of the depth of faith you have in God. The amount of joy you have would be a barometer as to how much you believed my promise.

We have so much to be thankful for. God has given us "exceeding great and precious promises" that are "more to be desired than gold." Do yourself a big favor -- believe those promises, thank God continually for them, and "let your joy be full."

#### Praying all Volunteers, Prayer Partners, & Seed Sowers. Have a blessed Thanksgiving

#### God Bless You all, Chaplain/CEO Shelia Johnson



"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)



Prayer requests should be submitted to Chaplain Shelia Johnson \*\* 281-467-2410 \*\*

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO JOIN US IN PRAYER				
SUBJECT	REQUEST			
Pastors Mozell & A.T. Sparks	We thank you Holy Spirit for the generosity in their hearts. They have labored and supported this ministry even through their infirmities. May all the blessings in Num 6:24 be theirs continually			
Maxine Earl & children	We thank you Father for meeting the physical needs of Maxine & her children. Let the Heavens be opened to pour out such blessing that they overflow with your provision. May they meet their future with spiritual vigor.			
Pastor Abe Washington	We ask that you heal and renew Pastor Abe in his body and his spirit, meeting him and his family with strength and all spiritual rejoicing in Jesus.			
Elderly partners	Father, Your Grace is sufficient and you, El Shaddai are all we need. We pray 2 Pet 1:3-4 for all our seniors that they in turn impart it to our juniors.			
Wayne Turner & family	Lord God, be to Wayne and his family the comforting love that you are. Let Wayne be encouraged to continue to grow in renewed life filled with your grace.			

Texas prisons are opened to volunteers. Most restrictions for Covid-19 have been lifted. Be prepared to wear a mask.

NOVEMBER 2022				
6 <sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm	Estelle	20 <sup>th</sup> 6 pm	Diboll	
6 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Clemens	27 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Ramsey Trustee	
12 <sup>th</sup> Sat. 5:30 pm	Carol Vance			
13 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm	Carole Young			
DECEMBER 2022				
4 <sup>TH</sup> 12:30 pm	Estelle	25 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Ramsey Trustee	
4 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Clemens	31 <sup>st</sup> 2:30 pm	Stringfellow	
17 <sup>th</sup> 12 pm noon	Diboll			
25 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Wayne Scott			
JANUARY 2023				
1 <sup>st</sup> 8 am	Clemens	22 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Ramsey Trustee	
1 <sup>st</sup> 12:30 pm	Estelle			
8 <sup>th</sup> 8:30 am	Terrell	28 <sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm	Stringfellow	
22 <sup>nd</sup> 9 am	Wayne Scott	29 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Carol Vance	

NOTE: Times given are actual start times. PLEASE arrive early for the check in process. Please welcome our new volunteers with the right hand of fellowship:

Cassandra Kitchens, Jasmyne King, Robert Ward, Henry Mike Woerner,

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 6 PM NEW COVENANT CHURCH, 901 WILSON RD. HUMBLE, TX 77338

#### PRISON VISIT REPORTS

**Terrell Unit** On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Chaplain Shelia, minister Cassandra Kitchens, and Apostle Ray Felder, attended the Terrell Unit Trustee Camp. The men opened with a scripture and prayer and Apostle Ray and Shelia led praise and worship. Apostle Ray ministered the Word of God. There were 15 men present as the room only holds 20. In closing we prayed for the men, the guards, the Warden and the chaplain.

Chaplain Shelia Johnson

**Ramsey Trustee Unit** On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Shelia Mitchell, and I ministered to 30 inmates at the Ramsey Trustee Camp. This unit has an excellent worship team who opened the service with songs of praise and ushered in the presence of the Lord. I provided an update on the Hope For All In Jesus Prison ministry then Shelia gave a word of encouragement to the



men. The message I gave was on the 5-fold ministry the Apostle Paul addressed in the book of Ephesians Chapter 4 that the Lord instituted to bring the body of Christ into unity, and we completed the service with prayer for the men.

God bless, Pastor John Hammond

**Wayne Scott, (Jester IV) Unit** On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dan Groves went to this unit with a newly acquired Amp/Speaker/Player unit on wheels. This prison unit has no worship team or equipment, so this Speaker unit was used to lead worship. NOTE: This kind of equipment along with USB drive are alowed only with approval from the Warden or Chaplain. I had produced 15 song books which is coordinated with songs recorded on my disc. We had a good worshipful time and I brought out the message on God's authority. This prompted responses that we were able to break through with God's love. At the end, at least 10 men came up for prayer.

Editor, Dan Groves

**Stringfellow Unit** On Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, Dan Groves went to this prison to hold services with the men in the Chapel. This was my first time at this unit and I learned that they have no worship team or equipment. There is a piano and a set of drums. I also did not have any equipment with me, so we used KJV scriptures that I was familiar with tunes for them. After prayer for our hearts to be receptive, I gave a message using scriptures from Romans

and Colosians to speak about the sharp contrast between how the world thinks and how the Christian thinks, and why they are so different. It was an informal meeting with a dozen men and we had a little time to fellowship.



Editors note: Ps 9:1

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

How often do you speak openly in front of family, friends, strangers about the wonderful deeds of The Lord in your life? Are you discouraged by the reactions you get? I know how people roll their eyes, or look at each other with mirth as if to say, "here he goes again", or they suddenly can't sit still, but suddenly are busy and have some place else to go. People think your attributing the blessing of the Lord to ordinary life, or that something special was just a coincidence. Be encouraged with the knowledge that God's favor is on you because you acknowledge Him and give Him thanks continually. Because you have a merry disposition, you have a continual feast. What is happening through the Holy Spirit is that you are shining the light of Heaven, and they will be drawn to the Jesus whom you praise.

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#### Thoughts for Thanksgiving

Ten lepers were healed,
But only one came
Back to the Master
Praising His name.
Nine were forgetting
The mercy deed done,
No thought of their gain

Or joy they had won. Ten lepers made clean Their sick bodies healed... But one giving thanks At the Master's feet kneeled!

Mrs. Minerva Schultz