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Below another Day of Jubilee from the past.



CHANGING LIVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

Day Of Jubilee # 32

The Day of Jubilee started as a reunion for volunteers I met while I was incarcerated. They were invited to come to my house and enjoy, food, fellowship, and praise God for His ministry to some of the least of God children. Along with the volunteers we also invited inmates who had been released, and their families. We started the day with much praise to God for the work He had done in the lives of many of the ex-inmates who were present, and extended that praise for other inmates still being touched by those ministries who were represented, and now to Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry which had not yet received that name.

Although I began going into the jails in 1987, there was no outside support for the ministry at that time, other than a love offering for my travel from time to time by individuals who knew

me. I supported the ministry with my job as a plumber, and raising cows and hogs to help with the cost of travel. It was not until around Sept 1992 that the ministry started getting some small, but pretty regular, donations. It was at that time I was advised to create a board and appoint a treasurer. We wanted to keep everything above board, especially since I was an ex-offender and still under the scrutiny of some who might doubt my integrity. So from some members of the church, we created a board to keep me accountable, and from the very beginning I have not controlled any of the money. Even though the checks come to the ministry address, they are deposited by a treasurer. Later on, as board members left and other people interested in the ministry joined the board, more people from other churches and even other denominations joined

which made the board more diverse. Gradually we formed bylaws, a constitution, job descriptions, and in September 29, 2010, we applied for a tax-exempt status. We had been working under the church's status, where I was the pastor when we first started receiving funds; however, because we desired to buy land and be on our own we decided to try for a tax-exempt status. After over a year, in Dec. 2011 we were approved as a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization. We have so much to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for the present and past board members who made this ministry what it has become through the anointing of the Lord. I am also VERY grateful for all of the prayers and financial support from the very beginning. May God bless you all. (This article is from an earlier issue)

**Chairman: Tim Miller Board Members: Secretary/Treasurer:
Lisa Miller, other members Jon Freivald, Steve Via, Rhonda
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Mary Allen**

Ministry Outreaches Available:

In - Prison Ministry - After Care - Support Groups - Pen Pal (letter writing)
Mentoring - Family Ministry - Youth Ministry - Restoration House
Ministry training seminars available for local churches

The Day of Jubilee celebrates 32 years being blessed by God

In the last newsletter for July/Aug I said I will send out more information about the Day of Jubilee in this newsletter. The celebration will be held at LWCF Living Word Christian Fellowship at 5150 Lowesville Rd. Arrington VA 22922 the phone number to call if you get lost that day is the church's number 434-277-5193. If you have questions before that about anything contact Ron Baker at one of the way in this newsletter.

As always we will start the day with praise and worship to God, without Him we could never have lasted 32 years and been so blessed during the process. The inmate we write and the family who appreciate our help for

writing their loved ones and the families who have shown their love for this ministry since the very beginning with prayer and pray support.

During the praise time we will have testimonies from ex-offenders who have been blessed through various prison ministries, not just this one we will have a short report on the goings on of the ministry and how things are. The ladies of the "**Bible Readers Outreach Ministry**" will give their report. They will set up a display of the materials they make available for the inmate they send out Bible lessons to. Any donations for their ministry will go directly to them.

With all of the singing, testimonies,

and reports you might be hungry so we plan on having a covered dish, with something in the dish. We encourage anyone to bring drinks, snacks, or a covered dish of your choosing. It is good to coordinate dishes so we do not have all one dish, but bring your favorite dish something that is easy for you that everyone can enjoy. In all of the years we have had this we have never run out of food.

Some of you have been faithful to come year after year, because of other activities others have not been able to make it. We encourage if you can make it you will enjoy it. Contact me if you have something you plan to prepare or bring.

The Pen Pal Ministry is growing. Are you involved yet?

We can still use some families to get involved in writing the hundreds of male inmates throughout the United States who would love to have an outside connection with Christians to help them through the new found spiritual walk. The pen pal brochure is a must for anyone who write inmates, it explains in detail all of the things to look out for and shows ways for the pen pals to be safe from an inmate who might be

paroled some day. As I mention over and over a great deal of the inmates have a life sentence with no chance for parole, which means they will die in prison.

I know many of these men have done terrible crimes and it might be hard for some people to be able to forgive them. We never ask what their crime is so we will not build up a preconceived opin-

ion of them but allow God to show us this new creature. Remember Matt 5:44 "**But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.**" Matt. 6:15 "**But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.** Do we believe all of the Word or just what suits us?

A Christian: Author unknown

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a phone call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he had arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it. It's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentar-

ily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change...'

The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?'

'Yes,' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'

When the preacher stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh, God, I almost sold Your Son for a quarter!"

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Matt. 24:7-13 7 “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these [are] the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” 2 Pet. 3:2-5 2 “that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy

prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water” 1 Thess. 5:3-5 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

My Bible warms me of the coming events and since I am a child of God I am to watch and pray, but not to allow what is going on around me to cause me to worry, since nothing is happening that God is not aware of and ahead of. The worse things get around us the sooner will be the coming of Jesus for the church. I am blessed I do not need to get ready I stay under the power of the Holy Spirit.

As the old song says “Don’t Worry Be Happy”; that is if you are a son or daughter of the most high God. If so share His Word everywhere instead!

What are you doing for the Lord in your daily routine?

I am surprised at the people who are too busy today. Rather it is with working themselves to an early grave to have stuff or spending time enjoying that stuff, or maintaining that stuff. You might say to me you can talk because you do not have any of that stuff. When some says they are too busy for time with the Lord, then they are just too busy. When you ask most Christians, “is God your number one priority” they usually say of course. Then when you ask about and daily devotional with family you might hear the

age old statement “I would love to do that, but we am just too busy.”

I am very aware of that statement. I remember I use to ready my Bible every day and the Lord reminded me what about better praying. Then I would pray a quick unspecific prayer and God said why not be specific and spend quality time in prayer. Then He mentioned why not study the Bible more intently, instead of just reading it. God was trying to get me into a daily routine of exalting Him the first thing every day. It took time for this things to

become a daily habit, but now it is ingrained into each day finally. Yes you are right, I do not have a 9:00 to 5:00 job but I spend 7 to 11 hours a day in ministry work, but prayer time is first followed but study, and a devotional. I am not bragging, I am saying once I made this a priority the rest of my day’s accomplished, were just as plentiful as before and I am blessed for not allow my business to take priority over the most import item of anyone’s day. Do you feel God speaking to you about the priorities in your life?

There is certainly need of much prayer!

Since I do ministry in the prisons I see the need to much prayer there. As I watch what is going on around the world I can not limit my prayers to just the families I am dealing with in this ministry either. I mentioned how prisons are trying to cut a lot of the religious programs which affects the Christian programs as well. The mail department in the jails and prisons is making it harder to send in a simple Christian tract in, defining it as contraband I get pen pal to write and they get

the letters back several time because of men being transferred and the prison will not transfer the mail.

Then there is what is going on around us with on of the parties in our government trying to institute laws that would cause any true Christian great concern. The chasm between believers and non believers is getting greater, with unkind words from the past toward Christians not becoming threading words of hatred. Persecution which use to be seen

in other countries is finally threading Christian in this country as well. Issues with sound so unreal are being discussed as important topics which should be enacted. Such as the transgender issues, and allow people to choose any gender they want with no one questions the reason. This is just one for the most recent issues. Things are going to continually get worse. So while we are praying are we sure we are prepared for the return of Jesus.?

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Starting from July my schedule changed. **Red** numbers is when I minister in Dillwyn Wednesday and Buckingham Mondays. I do not have a Sunday service now, unless they need a substitute. The **blue** numbers are the days I preach at a local church.

Mission Statement:

To establish and strengthen the Christian life of inmates and their families by providing opportunities for worship, instruction, nurturing of children, fellowship, service, mutual aid, brotherly counsel, and to establish and strengthen the Christian life of evangelism. To bring the Gospel to the unsaved and to lead them to faith in Christ followed by membership in the body of Christ.

Offerings & Donations are tax-deductible since Rehoboth is a non-profit organization. They can be sent to the address below and will be used to further the Jail & Prison Ministry.

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Questions and answers for Bible quiz

Inmate Quotes to Ponder

Answers to July/August questions

1. A Nazarene (Matthew 2:23)
2. Isaiah (Matthew 3:3)
3. Camel Hair (Matthew 3:4)
4. Leather (Matthew 3:4)
5. Locusts and Honey (Matthew 3:4)
6. The Jordan (Matthew 3:6)
7. Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 3:7)
8. Good Fruit (Matthew 3:10)
9. The Holy Spirit and Fire (Matthew 3:11)
10. At the Baptism of Jesus and the transfiguration of Jesus (Matt 3:17, 17:5)
11. The Spirit of God (Matthew 3:16)

Bible quiz questions

1. How many days and nights did Jesus fast in the wilderness?

2. What did Satan want Jesus to turn the stones into during the temptation?
3. Jesus responded t Satan and said that man does not only live on bread but on what?
4. During the temptations, Satan took Jesus to the highest point of what structure?
5. What did Satan tell Jesus to do from that building's high point?
6. Who did Satan say would catch Jesus is He fell?
7. What book of the Bible quote to Jesus during the temptation?
8. What book of the Bible did Jesus quote back to Satan 3 times during the temptation?
9. After the temptation who came to attend Jesus?
10. In Matt. 4 Jesus left Nazareth and went to live in what city?

1. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that takes our breath away.
2. Best way to predict the future is to create it.
3. From caring comes courage.
4. The difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing a thing exactly right.
5. I depend on God alone; I put my hope in Him. (Psalm 62:5)
6. There is no risk in abandoning ourselves to God.
7. Talent is God-Given. Be humble.

8. Fame is Man-Given. Be grateful. Conceit is Self-Given. Be careful.

“You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.” (Psalm 77:14)

“He does great things past finding out, yes, wonders without number.” (Job 9:10)

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything to hard for me? (Jeremiah 32:27)

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Let not your heart be troubles and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27)
Share some of your thoughts or Bible verses.