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REHOBOTH JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY
 NEWSLETTER

CHANGING LIVES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

The Upcoming Day of Jubilee, Sept. 29th

Here is your official invitation to come one and come all to the annual Day of Jubilee on September 29th at Living Word Christian Fellowship, 5150 Lowesville Rd., Arrington, VA 22922, phone 434-277-5193. If you get lost, call the morning of the jubilee. We should be there by 10:30 AM. If you need more information, call the ministry number on page 4 of this newsletter.

We usually start around 10:30 AM since people like to get home early. We have praise music while waiting for people to arrive and settle in. Then we will join in community singing praises to God after an opening prayer. Remember this is a special day



set aside each year to praise God for the accomplishments in various jail and prison ministries all over. It is a time for Rehoboth to share what has been going on so far this year and our plans for the upcoming year of service. Here are some pictures of last year's jubilee.



After praises, songs and updates, we allow a time for testimony from people who have personally been blessed by God by their participation in this prison ministry in some way. By this time, everyone is getting hungry and others want to fellowship with people they may not have seen since last year, so we have a wonderful meal and great fellowship. This



allows the people who are kind enough to come but have other obligations to eat before they have to attend to those responsibilities. Others can continue as we will share more testimonies and praises after the meal. It is my greatest joy for people who benefited from the ministry from the inside of prison to be able to meet some of the people concerned about their salvation on the outside. This allows both to understand the fullness of the ministry and how everyone involved gets blessed.

Is Anyone Interested in Joining in the Work of this Ministry?

We have openings for board members and other volunteers to work with the ministry. If you are interested in knowing more, contact Ron at one of the ways listed on page 4. There are many open opportunities to get involved with such as the outreaches to the right. We could use someone a couple days once in a while to help with the newsletter, the display board, and other hands on work

with Ron as he keeps everything updated to the best of his ability. The newsletter could use articles, jokes, and puzzles, and the pen pal list is constantly changing as new requests are received and inmates either stop writing or get out of prison. Being a volunteer, you can pick what you want to help with and the time you are willing to put in. Contact us and be blessed.

Ministry Outreaches Available

- In Prison Ministry
- After Care
- Support Groups
- Pen Pal Letter Writing
- Mentoring
- Family Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Ministry training seminars available for local churches

Day of Jubilee
2017

Enjoying 31 Years of Ministry



Here you see the first get together of volunteers and ex-offenders shared before it was called the Day of Jubilee. It was held at the house I lived in when I was released from prison, right down the road from where I live now. **This celebration was first held on the first Saturday of Oct of 1987.** I wanted to have the various

groups of volunteers who served God in Staunton Correctional Center (SCC) were I was released from come and enjoy a reunion. This reunion brought together various Christian groups that preached and taught at SCC while I was incarcerated there. I would also keep in touch with inmates, and when they were released from SCC or any

other prison that I was involved in, I would invite them, and it grew into the Day of Jubilee



instead of a reunion. It became a celebration to God. The volunteers and I celebrated God's blessings on the various ministries we were involved in, and the ex-offenders celebrated God's love shown to them while incarcerated through some of these same ministries. It has always been a great blessing to me to share my home with so

many even as small as my home is. I remember during the many years of having the celebration outside, it only rained one time. Then Tim Miller offered his shop for several years, so come rain or shine, we could have the celebration. Then LWCF got the inside of the church ready to occupy, and I was granted permission to hold the Jubilee where there are two bathrooms, a large kitchen, plenty of room, and video and auto equipment for the singing and speaking. Now we video the celebration to eventually put on the Website. This ministry has reached inmates all over the USA, and even reached one inmate in Thailand. So come and join us in the celebration of the goodness of God.

On Jan. 29, 2002,
this thought came
to me:

Oh the joy I fee in
Your presences,
thank you Lord for
your forgiving
mercies for a sinner
like me.

Have We Lost the Spirit of Labor Day? (First Monday in

Today Labor Day is no longer about trade unionists marching down the street with banners and their tools of trade. Instead, it is a confused holiday with no associated rituals. The original holiday was meant to handle a problem of long working hours and no time off. Although the battle over these issues would seem to have been won long

ago, this issue is starting to come back with a vengeance, not for manufacturing workers, but for highly skilled white-collar workers, many of whom are constantly connected to work.

If you work all the time and never really take a vacation, start a new ritual that honors the original spirit of Labor Day.

Give yourself the day off. Don't go in to work. Shut off your phone, computer and other electronic devices connecting you to your daily grind. Then go to a barbecue, like the original participants did over a century ago, and celebrate having at least one day off from work during the year! Celebrate the Lord every day.

Yom Kippur In Brief (From a Jews Perspective)

What: Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year, when we are closest to God and to the essence of our souls. Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement," as the verse states, "For on this day He will forgive you, to purify you, that you be cleansed from all your sins before God."

When: The 10th day of Tishrei (in 2018, from several minutes before sunset on September 18 until after nightfall on September 19), coming on the heels of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year, which is on the first and second days of Tishrei).

How: For nearly 26 hours, we "afflict our souls": we abstain from food and drink, do not wash or apply lotions or creams, do not wear leather footwear, and abstain from marital relations. Instead, we spend the day in synagogue, praying for forgiveness.

Mrs. Barbara Holmes Partners with this Ministry Adding Bible Courses.

My ministry is to send Bibles and Bible lessons to prison inmates. The Bible lesson contains questions where the participant is to read a particular chapter in the Bible and answer the questions. Included is a self addressed stamped envelope which is used to return the lesson, as many of the inmates are indigent. The returned lessons are graded and returned to the participant and will include the next lesson in the Bible chapter they are studying. The lessons are arranged in the order of John, then Luke, Mark, Matthew and continuing on in order from Acts to the end of the New Testament. The lessons are then continued from the Old Testament (i.e. Genesis, Exodus, etc.).

The lessons and questions are strictly from the Bible. The answer to any question can be found in a Bible verse. The questions are not based upon opinion and are not written in a way that invokes a person's opinion. The answers are never comprehensive type answers – and are generally fill in

the blank type. There is no timeline on the lessons – simply send it back when completed and another lesson will be sent. The lessons are on the scale as an adult would be able to understand. However, I also send out a multiple choice type of lesson which is easier for some who like that style better.

A combination concordance and Bible dictionary is sent to participants when they reach the book of Acts. Upon completion of the New Testament lessons, the participant will receive a Certificate of Completion. When the participants start the Old Testament lessons, a Strong's concordance is sent for their use.

I currently have 455 (as of today) participants taking the lessons from 43 different facilities. I also have around 25-30 who have never been in prison or jail that are taking the lessons. Many request Bibles and lessons while some just ask for a Bible. I send a Bible and a lesson to each person who asks in hopes they will do the lesson, as I know you have to read the Bible to answer the questions. By word of mouth of other inmates, many are told "this lady will get you a Bible".

Many of the participants will write periodically, and I try to answer as many letters as possible. Letters to encourage them and answer questions they may have about the lessons and the Bible. My Sunday

School teacher, a godly man for 60+ years, reviews and assist with any questions concerning the Bible.

I do this ministry on my own and work 6-8 hours a day fulfilling the lessons and studying to prepare more. On average, I will receive 25-30 lessons a day from the participants. I am a very active 79 year old woman who has loved the Lord for over 50 years and have been doing this ministry for 22 years. Recently a lady from my church has been helping and comes twice a week for a couple of hours. Additionally, my daughter helps on the weekends.

The only goal of this ministry is to get a person to read God's word. I know that our Lord will take it from there. I am thrilled to say that many of the participants want to continue the lessons when they are released and many have been with me for years even after going home.

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On January 28, 2002, this thought came to me:

Blessed are those who will submit and humble themselves to the mighty God Jehovah.

Since the Pen Pal Ministry is Growing and is Such a Blessing, I Need to Mention it Once Again.

It is hard to keep up with numbers of how many inmates are writing at any given time. Some stop writing for various reasons while new inmates request someone to write them several times a week. After several months, my pen pal from Thailand wrote back. It seems he did not get my last letter and was

waiting to hear from me. I wrote him right back and explained I had written the day after I received his letter. The number of inmates writing out of VA is 109 presently. These are all still writing to me even though some have been given pen pals. The number of women asking for pen pals is growing since the

word got out. There are 31 female inmates out of VA writing volunteers. There are 13 VA inmates writing me and some inmates who do not write but get a newsletter and a letter once every other month when the newsletter goes out. Contact me in you want to join in this outreach.

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry is Still Looking for a Few Good Men or Women

I hate to think that after 31 successful, blessed years serving the Lord in the jails and prisons in VA, we cannot find 4 or 5 people interested in coming along side this ministry to serve the Lord and help keep this ministry productive and accountable. We meet every other month at one of the homes of the board members who wants to host the

meeting. We have been meeting at Tim & Lisa Miller's house lately here in Schuyler. The actual meetings usually do not last more than an hour and a half. However, we sometimes fellowship a little longer if no one is in a hurry. We discuss the past two months



Come join us

of ministry and make plans for the next two. There could be additional work with Ron for anyone interested in his daily activities once in a while but not every week. If you are interested, please contact us and join us for a meeting even before you decide if you want join or not.

SEPT 2018

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OCT 2018

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Red numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sunday are evenings I minister Dillwyn and Buckingham prisons.
The blue numbers are the days I preach at a local church.
The green numbers are the days we have the (MOM) Monthly Outreach Meal at Living Word Christian Fellowship.
The Day of Jubilee is Sept 29th.

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.

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Answers to Questions in July/Aug Issue

1. An Angel (Matthew 1:21)
2. Their sins (Matthew 1:21)
3. Isaiah (Matthew 1:23)
4. Immanuel (Matthew 1:23)
5. Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1)
6. Judea (Matthew 2:1)
7. Herod (Matthew 2:1)
8. East (Matthew 2:1)
9. A Star (Matthew 2:2)
10. All of Jerusalem (Matthew 2:3)

Bible Questions in Sept/Oct

1. What two groups of scholars did Herod question about the Christ?
2. What prophet did the scholars quote to indicate the coming king's birthplace?
3. In what kind of structure did the magi find Mary and Jesus?
4. What three gifts did the wise men give Jesus?

5. How were the wise men warned not to go back to Herod?
6. What did Satan tell Jesus to do from that building's highest point?
7. Who did Satan say would catch Jesus if he fell?
8. What book of the Bible did Satan quote to Jesus during the temptation?
9. What book of the Bible did Jesus quote back to Satan three times during the temptation?
10. After the temptation, who came and attended to Jesus?

"Life's Red Seas"

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life?
 Where in spite of all you can do
 There is no way out, there is no way back

There is no other way but through
 Then wait on the Lord with trust serene
 Till the night of your fear is gone
 He will send the wind, he will heave the flood
 When he ray's to your soul,
 "move on."

And His hand will lead you through- clear through
 Ere the watery walls roll down
 No foe can reach you, no wave can touch,
 No mightiest sea can drown;
 The tarring billow may rear their crests
 Their foam at your feet may break,
 But o'er the seabed you will walk dry ground
 In the path that your Lord will make.

In the morning watch, neath the lifted cloud,
 You will see but the Lord alone

When he leads you on from the place of the sea
 To a land that you have not known
 And your fears will pass as your foes have passed
 You will be no more afraid
 You will ring His praise in a better place
 A place that His hands have made.

By: Annie Johnson Flint

"If you want to add something to a future newsletter, email it to us, and we will try to use it in a future newsletter. I use a lot of things sent to us by inmates, some things that they created themselves and others they enjoy reading and want to share with others. Some of the people who read this newsletter enjoy puzzles and Bible questions as well."

Ronald R. Baker, Chaplain