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Thought for Feb. 7, 2002

When I am tempted I sometimes do not look for your help. Forgive me Lord, as I see around me the lust of the world and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. How weak I am without you, my God, how easy it is to fall when I do not use the power of the Holy Spirit

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

**CHANGING LIVES FROM THE INSIDE
OUT**

July / Aug. 2013

Perseverance of the Saints

Jude 1:24, 25 “Now unto him {God} that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

In his study entitled “Perseverance of the Saints,” John MacArthur says something as follows:

“This is a very strong statement that acknowledges that a true saint (believer) will persevere until the end, until the time of Christ. However, it is also clear how the saints are kept: they are kept from falling by God and God is able to present them faultless. Therefore it is not something we can boast about,

since it is actually the Holy Spirit of God who accomplishes this task, so God should receive all the glory, honor, and praise.

The perseverance of the saints is sometimes called the doctrine of eternal security or is sometimes expressed as “once saved always saved.” All of these analogies are true, if they are understood in their entirety. This doctrine of the perseverance of the saints is one of the most important components of salvation, because if salvation is not eternal, all the other doctrines such as the doctrine of election, justification, sanctification, glorification, and the calling of God would be called into question.

The guarantee of the perseverance of the saints is from God, which is the only way we can keep from falling totally away from God.



Jesus saved Peter and He is the Savior of all whom God has called according to His purpose.

This is what makes salvation eternal. If it were not eternal, and man was responsible for keeping his salvation by his own efforts, he would certainly lose it. He could not be saved in his own power nor could he persevere on his own.”

The Modern-Day Prodigal Son Shares His Story

On Aug. 19th 2012 Ron shared his testimony at LWCF. It was the first time he had shared his testimony in many years. At the beginning of his ministry almost twenty-seven years ago, Ron shared his testimony many times to show the power of God in a prodigal son’s life. After sharing this story enough, he felt it was time to move on and preach the Gospel. However, when Ron

started attending LWCF, after the congregation got to know who he was then, he felt the need to share his past, so as not to hide anything from his newfound brothers and sisters. He wondered if they would change their minds about him after hearing of his wayward life. They loved him all the more because they must have seen Jesus in him and loved the Jesus in Ron and continued to

show God’s love toward him. The message that day was from Luke 15:11-32.



Living Word Christian Fellowship Pancake Breakfast



Pastor Todd Peck of LWCF and his wife Brenda.

After preaching my first message at LWCF I dug in and tried to be



of any help I could be, since this is a very active church in Lovington, VA, which was working to show God's love to the surrounding community. Some of the members got involved in a

pancake breakfast and invited people who participated in the food program that exists in Lovington. People from the church pitched in and provided all of the necessities to provide this meal in order to show that God's love reaches outside the confines of the church building and beyond those who attend church. I was blessed to be a part of this, and in doing these kinds of events I was able to get to know the members better and have a closer relationship

with them. They even passed out Bibles to anyone who wanted them and had people ready to share the gospel if a lost soul felt the call of God. This mean eventually came to be called MOM, (Monthly Outreach Meal) held the last Saturday of each month.



Bill Orme and his wife Pat. Bill is an elder and teaches Sunday school for LWCF.

LWCF Provides Potatoes and Corn

The Bryant family of LWCF has a farm and on this farm they have some horses. Members of the church are training these horses for children to ride, and the horses are training the people as well. It seems to be a very



exciting time for man and beast. On this farm they raised some corn and gave it away to several local food pantries and local people in need, as well as to members of the congregation. Also on this farm they raised potatoes and shared them also with needy families. This is how LWCF rolls: they work together to serve God and community in

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Mike and Phoebe King, Mike is an elder and takes care of the computer work and sound on Sundays at LWCF.

What Drew Me to Stay at LWCF

I was visiting churches sharing wherever I could about the prison ministry when someone invited me to attend LWCF in Lovington, VA. So I visited and was very impressed with their first Sunday of the month worship, particularly the amount of time they spent praying, something I never find myself doing enough of. They had their wor-

ship service, then communion, and then people in the congregation would bring up prayer request and they were put on the screen and there was **no** rush to get through this list, even though when that was finished there was a wonderful fellowship meal. Yes, I looked forward to the meal, but I was more impressed with their songs of

praise and the time spent praying for as many needs as were brought to the attention of the congregation.



Billy and Diane Bridgwater. Billy is an elder and preaches as a fill-in for Pastor Todd.

Sunday School Is a Time of Joy and Fellowship at LWCF.

I love to participate in a Sunday school lesson. At LWCF



Brother Bill gives everyone plenty

of time to share on the topic we are studying. I love the ideas that most everyone in the group shares and we get so much more out of this time together, leaving the study knowing how each interprets Scripture and no one being ashamed of the Gos-

pel of Jesus. I find myself having to hold back from sharing at times because I do not want to miss the input from other members who are just as excited to share as I am. Many times they have something more important to share than I



do. I have been to Bible studies and Sun-

day school classes where one person does all of the talking,

and even when I am that person, it is never as much fun or interesting as when everyone is allowed to participate. I guess now you see how much I am enjoying my time at LWCF. When I gave my testimony I wondered if I would still be



welcome. Here is one comment I got, "We welcome you, Brother, and anyone you send to us will be welcomed." How could anyone resist joining such a loving example of God's people.



Cristy Horsley, Associate Editor



LWCF praising God

Pastor Todd Peck Preaches and Teaches the Inerrant Word of God.

This was Pastor Todd at LWCF on the Sunday I was allowed to share my testimony and the outreaches of the prison ministry. Everything was well received. Tim and Lisa were



there and so were Marty and Megan, two friends who came to support me in my ministry travels. The picture to the right was taken when I was sharing the story of the prodigal son. I appreciated Pastor Todd and the elders allowing me to share with my brothers and sisters. Pastor Todd preaches and teaches the inerrant Word of God and anyone who hears his message will be blessed. All I

can say is come and see for yourself. If you do not feel welcomed you made a wrong turn somewhere and you are at the wrong church!



Ashley Campbell, Administrative Assistant for LWCF

The Youth at LWCF Have an Excellent Program to Grow in Christian Values.

Here we see Lewis and Lindsey. Lewis is the youth leader for LWCF, and the youth group does



a lot of activities and meets weekly. The children not

only have fun, they are also developing Christian values. The youth group is not only for the church members' children, but

youth from the community who do not regularly attend church also come and enjoy Christian



fellowship. Here are just some of the activities LWCF has

held for its teenagers: a 5th quarter event at the local high school after a football game on Nov. 2nd. On Nov 17th they had the 2nd annual mountain adventure;

on Nov 18th they concluded a discipleship series. All the students that participated had to



give a defense of the Gospel in front of the elders. On Dec. 1st

they participated in the Nelson Parade. Jan 25 -27th - they went to a Dare 2 Share conference in D.C. This youth group is maturing in the Lord.



Sandra Arthur, Clerk for LWCF

JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 DCC/ PF CBS	4	5	6
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Prayer Corner

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Pray for the elderly who do not have air conditioning during these very hot months. Many inmates also live in very small rooms and if they do not have a fan the heat can be unbearable.

Pray for the economy and fuel prices.

Pray for one-parent families in which one person is doing the work of two trying to support the children and raise them up in the way they should go.

Pray for the chaplains and administration who work in the jails and prisons, that God might influence their decisions.

Praise God for the churches who welcome men and women with troubled pasts into the congregation, sharing God's love in everyday living.

Pray for various prison ministries and the men and women who serve the Lord in those ministries, who some people see as a waste of good resources. Many times they serve God with little encouragement from the world.

The initials BCC stands for Buckingham Correctional Center; services are held between 6:30 & 7:45 PM. DCC stands for Dillwyn Correctional Center; all services are held between 6:00 and 7:30 PM.

RJPM stands for Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry.

PF stands for Prison Fellowship.

CBS stands for Community Bible Study, 10:00 to 12:00 AM, held by Chaplain Ron Baker, RJPM.

Sunday Service and the 5th Monday are worship services; the other services are generally a Bible study.

Food Bank—pass out food to needy in Schuyler, VA every third Thursday between 4:30 & 6:00 PM.

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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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.

AUGUST 2013

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