

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

Changing Lives from the Inside Out

Thanksgiving; Who are you thankful to?

If we really search our hearts deep down and remember all God has done for us we have so much to be thankful for. However if it were only for our salvation we had to be thankful, and nothing else I can not imagine a greater gift. Think of eternity in a place of constant torment. Some will say there in no such place God would never do that to anyone. Well they are reading a different book than the Bible I read. Think of all the promises that go with salvation which so many unsaved are missing out on. Think about a body blessed with eternal life without pain, sorrow, grief, or sadness. Would you not want to be thankful to God for that? There are not enough word in the English language to express how thankful we need to be, for deliverance from the power of sin and the penalty of sin which comes through salvation. There will be many people sitting around a dinner table not being thankful for

anything except many the food before them and maybe not even giving thanks for that. There will be many who will give thanks for many thing leaving the provider of any of the good gifts they received from God. When I eat with my family we emphasis thanksgiving to God but when some of them eat alone are they remembering God on their own.

Not everyone who get this newsletter practices Christianity in the same way some not as all since they are new believers. Some of you will already be celebration God as the one to be thankful to. I also want to be sure it is not just once a year we set aside time to spend time being thankful.

In our daily prayer time we need to be thankful. I like to start my morning devotion time with asking forgiveness to start. Then I like to honor God with praise for Who He

is and what he is going in my life. Then I like to at least try to think of as many things to be thankful for as possible. Then I pray for my list of people who have certain request before unloading my person concern of areas in my life that need improvement. It took many years for me to get my prayer life in some king of order. At first I would spend most of the devotional time studying and not any great amount of time in prayer and thanksgiving. Then I would focus on the prayer and maybe skip some of the praise or study time. I was in such a hurry to get started with my day of ministry work, cutting the lawn, doing house work etc. Now I start every day the same and my time is blessed since I have given proper adoration and honor for the God over my time. Ps. 30:12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

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What was the first Thanksgiving all about?

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow—was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The English colo-

nists we call Pilgrims celebrated days of thanksgiving as part of their religion. But these were days of prayer, not days of feasting. Our national holiday really stems from the feast held in the autumn of 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag to celebrate the colony's first successful harvest. According to what tradition-

ally is known as "The First Thanksgiving," the 1621 feast between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag at Plymouth Colony contained waterfowl, venison, lobster, clams, berries, fruit, pumpkin, and squash.



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May Christ be the center of your Christmas celebration!

**A thought I had
Nov. 15, 2003**

Wake me in the morning with my heart set on you my God, my Father.
Walk with me through my day and keep me obedient to all you desire. In the evening let me praise you because you have kept me through the distractions of the day and as you lay me down let my dreams even my dreams be pleasing to you most awesome God.

Think of what this simple birth means to mankind

Every Dec I try to think of a new and better way to celebrate the Birth of Jesus and show how very much I appreciate all His birth, His life, and even what His death means to me personally. I can not help how the world celebrated this holiday, although I have tried to comment each year how Jesus is completely ignored by many at the time of this celebration and not even be allowed to be mentioned in "property society." By Jesus' birth knowing He was born to die

for my sin. He was to suffer a terrible sacrificial death in order for me not have to suffer eternity in a place of torment. By Jesus life, and how is addresses sin and how He relates to sinners, I see just how merciful, loving, and forgiving God is toward my past sin. I see how Jesus handled circumstances that came against Him so I have a perfect example of how God would have me relate to similar circumstances. If anyone can read the story of Jesus' birth and life and not

fall in love with this sacrifice I feel sorry for them and pray for their souls. Then come Easter when we celebrate Jesus death, I humbly praise God because Jesus has allowed the Holy Spirit to enter into me and teach me His truths. So if it were not for the birth if it were not for the example of His life and if it were not because of the fulfillment of prophecy of his death and ascension I would not know Jesus as my personal savior and would be eternally lost.

What is you agenda for celebrating Jesus birth?

Do you have a special way to celebrate the birth of our Savior? I am not speaking of the typical getting up in the morning opening presents and a prayer. I am speaking about setting time aside to read the various Scriptures of Jesus' birth from the gospels. A time of celebrating how much Jesus' birth means to you as a saved child of God. Of course if you

are not saved your are not able to se the importance of this birth. How nice it would be to gather your family together either the evening before Christmas or the morning of Christmas and spend a time aside from the busy schedule of the world around us with our hearts and minds strictly on God's gift of His Son Jesus to save those who would believe. My

prayer for all Christians is to not allow the way society celebrates to in creep in on the way we honor this wonderful season. Lets remember all the Word says about all God allowed Jesus to go through so we would actually see God the Father through the life and actions of the Son, Jesus as He lived His life as an example of God the Father. Pray for the Lord!



Winter at the home place.

**I am both blessed and very thankful for the way
God blesses me through others.**

Families in my church and members of my board have been so wonderful toward me as a brother in Christ. I have been told I am not easy to get along with, but that has never stopped these loving Christians from helping with cutting the wood to keep my house

warm in the winter, Where I use to help others who needed wood now I am the one needing help. When the virus hit families from the church brought me meals and went shopping for me and made sure a all my needs were met. I want to thank All of you who did

all of these thing and other or offered but at that time I did not need anything. I want to thank Lindsey Wydner for her diligent and professional work on my newsletters and other important mail she edit for the ministry , God bless all of your. You know who you are.

This is the annual report from Mrs. Barbara Holmes and her daughter Beke. "The Bible Readers Outreach Ministry" 2020

- As you know we have implemented some new "rules" and practices such as the following:
 - A new participant needs to complete the 4 lessons on John to receive a Bible
 - A person who has completed the New Testament receives a Study Bible of their choice (if possible) and a Strong's Concordance
 - A person who is starting 1st Corinthians can have a Bible cover if they choose.
 - A participating male (starting in the Old Testament) receives an article about a man of the Bible - one with each lesson - 100 men of the Bible is used.
 - A participating female (starting the Bible studies in the New Testament) receives an article about a woman of the Bible - one with each lesson - 137 women of the Bible is used.
 - A couple of women help a couple of days each week, allowing Mom to have time to write encouraging notes, answer biblical questions, research for creating new lessons for Old Testament books.

We are so pleased with the responses to these new practices. Additionally, we receive 100's of "thank you's" for the Birthday cards. And are extremely please to see the new participants who start the lessons seem to be staying, even after they receive their Bible!

I have attached the ministry cost and other cost information to the right & Bible lessons mail .

2019-2020	Dollars	Bibles	Concordance	Other Books	count	lessons sent
Aug 2019	835.96	43	12	1	56	387
Sep 2019	1066.47	58	7	4	69	303
Oct 2019	1183.56	66	3	1	70	452
Nov 2019	1211.38	63	6	1	70	396
Dec 2019	345.16	12	3	0	15	419
Jan 2020	455.18	5	13	3	21	450
Feb 2020	426.15	18	6	3	27	479
Mar 2020	318.59	12	5	3	20	368
Apr 2020	426.44	20	2	2	24	403
May 2020	297.84	9	5	3	17	392
Jun 2020	684.37	23	4	5	32	413
Jul 2020	859.39	27	14	8	49	486
Totals	8110.49	356	80	34	470	4948

Bible/concordance/dictionaries/other study books \$8,110.49 Amazon - pens, post-its, staples, tape \$215.89 Envelopes \$762.89 Paper, greeting card stock, general offices supplies \$1,022.40 postage \$1,022.40 Printer ink, labels, general office \$2,495.85 Total Expenses \$19,228.92 Other books Book on Numbers Strong's Concordance Nelson's Commentary Who's Who in the Bible Bibles and covers. *These are the materials mailed to inmates by Bible Readers Outreach Ministries each year.*

What is this World coming to?

As I look around us today I certainly Bible prophecy being fulfilled as to the coming of the last days. Lets look at **Isa. 5:20** "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!") As we see what is going on with the hatred now being expressed so boldly and rioting and lots of injuring and disrespect for the Law and many government officials going along with these events we know this is certain something showing the end times. 2 Tim 3:1-4 1 "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unfor-giving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors,

headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God," *We certainly see society has lost all self control despising good, unloving, and unfor-giving. Matt 24:12 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."* We see more lawlessness today than ever before in my life and now they are blaming all the police official wanting to cut back on law enforcement. What do your think will happen, if there is no one to enforce the law. Rev 13:17 "and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. According to the FDIC, cash represented just 30% of all payments in 2017. Furthermore, 68.7% of U.S. households had a credit card in 2017 vs. 63.8% in 2015. ... Together, we analyzed millions of payment transac-tions from their database

to determine just how close -or far-the U.S. is from becoming a truly cashless society. I might be specu-lating here but when we have to use electronic de-vices to buy and sell they can be as easily stolen as cash so that could make it easier for the government to tell people after the anti-christ comes into power, that they need to have a chip placed some where so it could not be easily stolen. Of course a chip could be removed at the cost of one's life. These are just a few things I see telling me time is short. Luke 17 34-36 34 "I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 "Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36 "Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

A thought I had Dec. 28, 2003
 Joy to the world not for the prosperity and financial gain, or worldly possessions, but joy to the world for the God of heaven has redeemed us through the blood of His only Son.



I thank God for a nice comfortable home.

NOV 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <small>Happy Thanksgiving</small>	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DEC 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <small>Merry Christmas</small>	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Red numbers on Mondays, Wednesday evenings I ministry Dillwyn and Buckingham prisons.
Blue is the day I preach at the Holiness Church in Schuyler.

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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Inmate corner quizzes and answers and poems from

Answers to Sept/Oct

- 1.) Matthew's house (Matt. 9:10)
- 2.) A doctor (Matt. 9:12)
- 3.) Sacrifice (Matt. 9:13)
- 4.) Sinners (Matt. 9:13)
- 5.) Unshrunk cloth (Matt. 9:16)
- 6.) Old wineskins (Matt. 9:17)
- 7.) A synagogue leader (Matt. 9:18)
- 8.) Twelve years (Matt. 9:20)
- 9.) Jesus' cloak (Matt. 9:21)
- 10.) Pipes (Matt. 9:23)

Question for Nov/Dec

- 1.) Jesus told the mourners that the girl was not dead but what?
- 2.) What was the crowd's response when Jesus said the girl was not dead?
- 3.) What prophetic title did the two blind men call Jesus?
- 4.) What supernatural explanation caused the man to be mute?
- 5.) According to Jesus, the harvest was plentiful but was were there few of?

- 6.) When the apostles are listed, who is always put first?
- 7.) Which apostle was known as the Zealot?
- 8.) When the apostles are listed, who is always put last?
- 9.) When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, what towns did he say to avoid?
- 10.) Who did Jesus tell them to go to instead?

Inmate poems

Just Think...

You're not here by
Chance,
But my :God: choosing
You.

His hand formed
You, and made you
The person you are.

He compares you
To no one else
You lack nothing that
His grace can't
Give you.

He has allowed you
To be here in history

At this present time,
To fulfill his special
Plan and purpose to
Mankind.

Some people's light and
lives are true
Reflection of God's love
So let your life & light shine

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your
good works and glorify your
Father in heaven.

Life

When things go wrong
As they sometimes will,
When this road you're
trudging
SEEM all up hill.

When the funds are low,
The debts are high.
And you want to smile,
But you have sigh.

When care is
Pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must,
But do not quit...

Life is full of may
Problems, with its twist
And turns.
Something that we all
Must learn.

So stick to the task
When hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst

That you must not
Quit.

For each blow
That you receive in life,
You will be able to stand
Strong in this race.

It's only then that you'll
receive
His strength, peace, and
Grace.

If you have a poem you will like to appear in the newsletter you can sent it to us for review an it is appropriate we will be happy to share it with your permission. We do use names for who is the author.