



The Annual Banquet In Review

I send a warm greeting to each of you from the field of souls who are just waiting to be harvested. We had our annual Banquet/



Fundraiser October 3rd at Grace Church. The theme this year was **The Harvest Is Plentiful.**

Matt 7:37 Then Jesus said to His disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. It was an incredible night as we enjoyed a delicious roast beef meal with all the fixings and home made apple crisp prepared by dedicated

servants of God. Many thanks to everyone who served!

Sheriff Kevin Schneider affirmed the need and efforts of the ministry with many kind words. We were given an update on the DOC from director **Pastor Charles Hundley**. Three volunteers gave videotaped testimonies of God's call to the Jail harvest field and how the Lord had previously equipped them for their assignments. Our guest speaker was **Jodi Thompson**, a former inmate at the PCJ. She responded to Christ, became part of the harvest and has subsequently led fellow inmates to Christ through evangelistic efforts. She studied the Scriptures while at

the Jail, attended Bible studies, one on ones, and Sunday services. I believe strongly that the local church is the tool God uses to fuel us for service and action. Each believer must be under the authority of their leadership, and get as much exposure to various ministries of the church as possible. The Lord states the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Much of that is due to the lack of involvement in the body of Christ, the local church.

My challenge was to get the saints active in their churches so God can equip, call, and use them in His harvest fields all around the world. We had

approximately 150 guests that night and concluded with a video song called Field of Souls. It calls us to



the fields of souls together you and I making a difference through praying, caring for the needs of a neighbor, or going to a distant land. We need to be available so Jesus can use us at His command. **Thank you** for being part of something bigger than yourselves. It is through your powerful prayers and financial gifts that you too have a key role in the harvest field across the street or around the world!! Amen!!

In His service, *- Chaplain Jerry*

Tip of the Month: Prayer does not equip us for greater works - prayer is the greater work.



Michael Boley – One of the Harvest!

When I was young and growing up I never envisioned myself as an addict. I didn't have a bad upbringing in my family although there was a lot of alcoholism, alcohol was never my go to. I grew up in my Grandmother's care and eventually graduated high school. I soon started full time

employment as well. One day at work I got a phone call from my Aunt that something wrong happened at my Grandmother's doctor appointment. A "code" had been called on her. I rushed to the hospital only to find she had passed. That's when a big, bad feeling of emptiness came over me. My best friend in life, someone who loved me unconditionally, and showed me that

love in so many ways was gone. I felt alone and thought the only way to escape from the pain, sadness, and anger was pills. I have always had a little faith in God, so I was angry with Him. I honestly didn't understand that faith, but I was mad He took someone I felt I couldn't live without. If you told me early on in my addiction that I would do heroin at some point I would have called you a liar. I had two children Everleigh and Emery in my addicted state, but they couldn't stop my selfish behavior, so I got arrested multiple times. In my last incident I had overdosed in a car with Emery, my youngest daughter. This was it. I could not keep putting myself through this pain, shame, and misery any longer. Something had to change, and God showed me what that was. He led me to the Bethel Mission. I was very doubtful at

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Each in the Body of Christ would do their part in committing to a local church to be equipped and ready to serve our Master and King Jesus Christ.
- Spiritual growth for the inmates who recently came to Christ.
- Prayer for each volunteer as they serve faithfully week after week in the field of souls.
- Prayer for an Assistant Chaplain that he would be called and prepared to serve.
- Inmate led Bible studies in the housing units will have greater attendance, an increased hunger for the things of God, and inmates would lead others to Christ.
- Prayer for volunteers as they continue to minister life into the Jail through the Bible studies, one on one's, and book cart ministry.
- Earnest prayer for God to open the south end of the Jail for ministry to begin where the pods are used for quarantine measures.
- Greater influence with the Sheriff's staff as we interact with them.
- Safety for our public servants the Detention Officers in the Jail, and those Deputies out on patrol as they drive our highways.
- Pray for the dispatchers as they deal with their daily emergency calls of distress and crisis. Thank God for these first responders to our 911 calls!
- God would raise up called volunteers for the harvest field here at the Jail and the new Discipleship Outreach Center.
- Officers would play the Sunday service at 10 and a greater number will awaken to watch.
- More and more local churches will participate in this incredible ministry prayerfully, financially as a viable mission's effort, and be part of the discipleship process.
- Those who have gone off to prison will stay faithful to read God's Word daily, and be active in sharing their faith in their harvest fields.
- Prayer for those released to have the self-discipline to pursue being in a Bible believing local church where they will use their spiritual gifts for God's glory. They will find love and acceptance from the Body of Christ.
- Strongholds to be broken, generational sins would be confessed and forsaken.
- Pray for the annual Christmas event only a month away as popcorn and two stamped Christmas cards are given to each inmate. Pray that the Holy Spirit touches lives through this life changing two night event.
- Pray that God softens the hardest of hearts and changes the attitude of indifference.

- Pray against the forces of darkness and the oppositions we face daily.

ANSWERS:

- Inmates are leading fellow inmates to Christ PTL!!!
- Inmate requests have really increased significantly each week.
- Many inmates coming to weekly Bible studies led by volunteers.
- Divine appointments are occurring with one on ones.
- God is faithful to bring back to Jail those who have turned again to their old ways before it's too late.
- Noticeable hunger and thirst for God's Word. I get many Bible requests. PTL!

MOST WANTED:

- Need 2500 stamps for the annual Christmas card give away Dec 1st and 2nd. We need them by Nov. 24 please. This is the highlight of the year! You can participate with us through your prayers and by giving stamps. God uses this event to soften hearts and change lives!!!
- Five Love Languages paper back by Gary Chapman
- Men's coats & shoes
- Tony Evans paper back books with his theme of kingdom living
- Tony Evans video series entitled The Names of God

Ministry Monthly Report: October 2023

	<u>Monthly:</u>	<u>Ytd:</u>
Inmate Request:	717	8,216
One-on-One inmate counseling:	586	7,012
Religious reading materials given:	886	8,190
Bible Study groups:	51	394
Inmates involved with studies:	345	2,464
View Worship Service:	187	2,121
Volunteer Hours:	200	1,677
Number of Volunteers:	23	226
Bibles given:	297	3,400
Number of New Believers:	12	169

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first and felt hopeless but over time, and trusting in the Lord I came to believe Jesus could restore me. I was very skeptical but then the Lord opened my heart and my eyes to a new life filled with love, joy and hope. Hope Ministries is what the Lord brought in front of me next, and I thank Him every day. Now both my children are in my life again, and I thank God to have them as best friends and my family as well. I have goals and plans. I have a life ahead of me and that's because of who I chose to call my LORD and Savior, Jesus! I have had tons of battles in the courts and DHS but one thing all of that never took is the hope I feel in my heart now. My anger, sadness, and misery chains have been broken. I feel free. If He can turn my life around and get restoration anyone can. I remind myself of a verse every day. *Romans 5:3-4 Not only so, but we should rejoice in our sufferings knowing that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces HOPE.*

Here is another changed life made possible by faithful partners like you!

Thank you! -Chaplain Jerry

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