

Newsletter – March 2022

Celebration of Life



We praise the Lord for the wonderful time we all had celebrating the life of Rick Webb, one of God's beloved children. The sanctuary was full to overflowing and many shared their thoughts concerning this giving man of God. Rick touched many, many lives and his work for the Lord will be felt for many years to come in ways we can't even imagine. His light was evident to everyone even to staff, which resulted in three SOETP staff members attending his Celebration of Life. We know he is with his and our Lord Jesus. No pain, just love everlasting. We praise the Lord for giving us Rick for the time we shared with him and how God used him to help us all. We know we will see him again soon.

1 John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

1 Peter 1:4-5 "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation to be revealed in the last time."

Praise Reports

John 14:13 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

- Deb was tested and she is cancer free. **Praise the Lord!**
- Super Bowl Pizza Party was enjoyed by all in the Fellowship Hall of our building. Thank you, Lord, for providing this place, the Depot, for us to gather to worship you and fellowship with each other on an ongoing basis.
- Stained-Glass Windows which now occupy their place at the front of our sanctuary are beautiful. The Lord provided these two windows through the skillful hands and mind of Marji, Deb's sister who willingly volunteered many, many hours to create these marvelous works of art. Marji is also graciously donating time to assist with helping Deb cook on Saturdays for The Masters Table plus other projects she helps with. We thank the Lord for Marji and the talents she brings to the Eagles' Nest family.
- We thank the Lord for the applications we are receiving. We have several coming home in the near future and several more that may soon be accepted. It is an exciting time to see the Lord work in the lives of many.
- The Lord has blessed us with a weekly Bible Study and a weekly Prayer Meeting for those who are able to attend. Miracles are happening in the ministry it seems every day. It brings joy and peace to know we are in the will of the Lord and under His wing of protection. Praise only to Him.
- Praise the Lord for the new association with Scott in New Hampshire another child of God, who has set us up with web sharing, so several can work on things simultaneously and speed things up considerably. He will also be guiding us in many other areas relating to taxes, trusts and business in general, which are all in his wheelhouse of expertise.

Prayer Requests

John 14:14 "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it."

- Pray for Steve & Deb as they lead this ministry in the way God shows them to go.
- Pray for Josiah's interstate pact, that the Lord will provide the answer quickly to make the move easier for him and his family.

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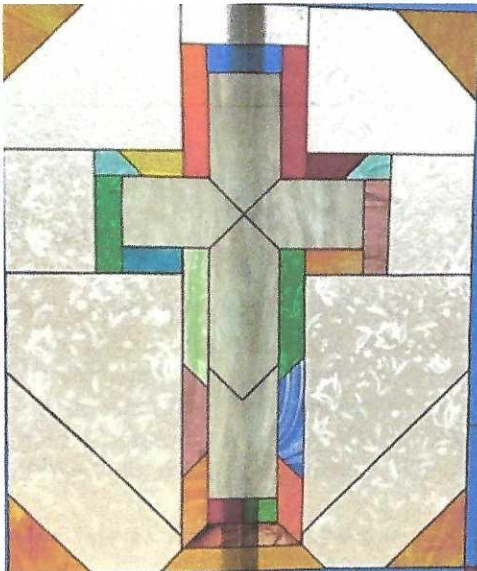
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How are the Newer Eagles Doing?

Isaiah 40:31 *"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

- Tim is doing exceptionally well, as he just celebrated his 3rd month here at Eagles' Nest. He has a job he enjoys and regularly attends our daily devotional at the Filmore house. His input is a wonderful addition and blessing for each of us.
- Blake has now been with us for two months and is fitting in great with everyone. He is a joy to have around, always with a smile and always willing to help. He also participates in morning devotions and all the meetings at the church. He just applied for a job and started working on Monday of this week. His first day went well and he is very happy with what the Lord has blessed him with.
- Mike has turned out to be a great blessing to all. He is a hard worker. Not only does he work a strenuous job that he loves, but when he comes home, he does not stop for one minute, but is always working cleaning or at some project. He loves his truck and loves go shopping to check out stores, something none of us could do for such a long time. Each of you have these things to look forward to in your future.

New Church Schedule



Hebrews 10:25 *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

Monday 4:30PM – 5:30PM Bible Study
Tuesday 4:30PM – 5:30PM Prayer Meeting
Thursday 4:30PM – 5:30PM Devotions
Friday 5PM – 8PM Dinner and Practice for the Praise Band
Saturday 5PM – 7:30PM The Masters Table (Dinner for all Eagles' Nest Family) and TLLT Worship Service



Expansion

Psalm 73:24 *"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory."*

- The plans for our 6th residence are moving along. We are excited about adding space for 4 or 5 new Eagles. It is planned to be on one of our existing house lots. Praise the Lord for making this all possible.
- Our Resource & Services lists are growing daily. They are not complete and will probably be growing on an ongoing basis, but soon they will be out and ready with whatever is on them. We are in the process of calling all resources & services to make sure they still exist, and our information is correct. They will be available to anyone who needs them. They will be posted on our website, which is in progress. We thank the Lord for the volunteers who have helped with this project already. We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to give whatever time they can share in the Lord's work.

- The lists consist of the following 24 categories:

Housing	Employment	Probation/Parole
Food & Food Boxes	Shelters	Health-Medical-Treatment
Helpful Phone #'s	Child Care	Domestic Violence
Free Stuff	Homeless	Halfway Houses
Churches	Legal	Native American
Detox	Education	Women/Children/Families
Gift Shops	Government	Rehabilitation
Prisons	Veterans	Misc.

Founder's Corner

Well, this newsletter has been waiting about 2 weeks on me...I'm usually not at a loss for words or lacking in ideas, but I just didn't know what to write about!! John suggested I tell you about my favorite event of this ministry. I have a lot of favorite events, but my most favorite is welcoming people home. We usually don't sleep much the night before...remember when you were a child, and it was Christmas Eve? It's a lot like that! We anticipate homecoming very much and it is extremely exciting for me!

Welcome home day starts quite early. It starts as soon as we send the acceptance documents. His picture goes on my desk and I start praying for him. I pray that he will not stress out, that he will continue to make the most of his time, that he will enjoy his friends and make more memories with them, that he will trust that God has got the next chapter of his life (as He has had every other chapter) and that he will be aware of God's continued grace and plans. I pray for his peace and joy. I fall deeply in love with my new son and can't wait for him to come home. Yep! All true...sounds rather mushy and embarrassing, but I'm trying to be transparent.

On the evening before release day, I continue to pray for him – mostly for peace at that time. On the morning of release, we get up early. I usually work for a few hours and continue to pray. When the Lord prompts me, we all pile into one or more of the cars and head to where he will be dropped off. Usually, we wait only a few moments before he arrives, but sometimes it's hours. I continue to pray for his safety and that he will not be afraid. Then the exciting moment arrives...a white van drives slowly into the parking lot and my new son appears!! Can't you just feel the excitement? Then a genuine "WHOO HOO" is shouted by someone who is usually embarrassed to have made so much noise – but who can stop that kind of response?

Then I get to hug him!! He is finally more than a picture and emails... He leaves us for a short time to be processed by which ever organization is going to help him settle into society (probation or parole). When he come back, we all pile back into the car(s) and head for Fillmore house.

At Fillmore, Steve has carefully purchased first day clothing and our new son selects what he wants to wear for the first day. It is always great to see the transformation! We relax for a bit while he checks out his new space and visits with friends he hasn't seen in a while (sons that were released before he was). Then he tells us (if I haven't found out before then) where he would like to dine for his first meal out. We pile back into the cars (usually by that time too many brothers are there for one car) and head to the restaurant of his choosing. It is ALWAYS exciting to watch the first meal of non-prison food and fellowship with brothers. I really enjoy his enjoyment! After our meal, we usually head home. That is usually a bit more than most sons can enjoy, so we go home and rest. He settles into his room and visits with his new family.

That's my favorite event in a nutshell...

Thoughts from an Eagles' Nest Resident

Proverbs 12:15 *"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."*

It is quite different out here than in there, as you already know, but many of the things you hear from others in there are not quite the whole truth. We are all adjusting in our own time and in our own way. Things are not terrible, like so many in there want you to believe. Most of them want you to be as miserable as they are, since they came back due to more bad choices. Don't listen to that garbage. Yes, there are bumps in the road, but every person alive run into bumps in life, there is no avoiding that.

Here are a few things to think about:

1. Some here when they got out got permission for the web and smart phones immediately.
2. All are getting permission to go to our church each week
3. Most P.O.'s (Probation/Parole Officers) are being understanding and working with us as best they are able. SO's (Surveillance Officers) are not down your throat all the time and in fact in several cases they have been very helpful. There are always exceptions, but we feel things are changing for the better). In this writer's case there have been way more yes answers than no answers when I ask for permissions from my probation team. The transition has been quite easily handled with many helpful people around. I feel you just must make up your mind to do what is right and then make good choices whether big or small.
4. When it comes to treatment, one Eagle who was dreading treatment because of a previous bad experience inside, now has no problem going to group and in fact sometimes enjoys it.
5. There are more places we are allowed to go than there are places where we are not allowed to go.
6. Real food is great!!!! Yes, we can go to most restaurants.
7. Driving is an adventure that is fun again, just like it was when you first got you license.
8. There are resources and services in every county in the state to help when needed.
9. All the things you need to do, when you first get out, have been done by others before you, who will help and guide you to make things easy. Usually, 2 days and they are done. As I'm told they say in Australia, *"No worries mate!"*
10. Dreaming is a good thing to do, remember the Lord wishes you the desires of your heart. So, what are they?
 - a. Who do you want to see 1st?
 - b. What do you want for your 1st meal?
 - c. In your county, what would you like to see again?
11. There are people out here who will help you, guide you and pray for and with you. What else do you need? So, get ready to make things happen when we see you.

I know this may seem hard to believe because there is so much negative on the yard, but it is true. Life can be enjoyable for us registered citizens; it is all up to us. I look forward to you coming out and enjoying your life, as I am enjoying mine with, the Lord. Remember, *"Your Attitude will determine your Altitude!"* Zig Ziglar

