

Newsletter

February – March 2023

Eagles' Nest
Where God Shows His Heart
To The Least of These



Praise Reports

- Praise the Lord for Anthony L.'s Homecoming
- Praise the Lord for all the improvements being done and planned for the Eagles' Nest houses.
- Praise the Lord for the new members on our Advisory Board
- Praise the Lord for several guys passing polygraphs
- Praise the Lord for Deb's healing for her sinus infection
- Praise the Lord for Jason A. & Richard B as they prepare to come home
- Praise the Lord for the work going on inside with the pod churches
- Praise the Lord for the growth in the "To The Least of These Adults Only Church"

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the Lord's hand of Healing on Jimmy P.
 - Pray for the many permission requests presented to PO's by or family of men
 - Pray for Debbie D's upcoming surgery
 - Pray for Deb S. and the decisions she needs to make as she nears retirement
 - Pray for the Lord's will concerning a possible new Eagles' Nest Home purchase
 - Pray for Richard B. & Jason A. who are coming home 3 days apart in June
 - Pray for the outreach ministries in the pod churches on the inside
 - Pray for the new budgets adopted by the Ministries for the "To The Least of These Adult Only Church" and for "Eagles' Nest Ministries" Pray for the Lord to supply the needs in both ministries.
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From Inside

GUIDANCE

Psalm 48:14 "*For this is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death!*"

John 16:13 "*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*"

As I began to understand my own powerlessness and my dependence on God as I understand Him, I began to see that there was a life which, if I could have it, I would have chosen for myself from the beginning. It is through the continuing work in His word that I've learned to see that there is truly a better way into which I am being guided. As I come to know more about God, I am able to trust His ways and His plans for the development of His character in me. Quickly or not so quickly, I grow toward His own image and likeness.

Jamieson S.

A New Eagles' Prospective One Week Out

We are happy to welcome home Anthony L., who is doing great!

If there is a way to perfectly describe what it is like to feel after a week of liberation from prison, I have not found it. At least not in any form that is either succinct or fulfilling enough. All words fall flat on this page, nothing compares to the turbulent waves of emotion I feel within. For example, one - maybe even yourself - would never consider loss/grief as one of the emotions to fill you after release. None the less, that is one of the primary emotions I feel now being a week out.

Loss over friends I made in there. Some who get out in the next five years. Those who get out in the next few decades. Or will be deported. Or will never see the world beyond those orange clothes and white walls. I know that by my Father's Grace, I'll see them again, but the hurt is still there. Like an old bruise that still stings even though the cause of it happened long ago.

The second greatest emotion is awe. Awe tends to sweep into my day like a thief sneaking through the night. Being able to sit on the porch and hear the birds chirp as I watch the skyline is an awe moment. Driving through the rain at seven in the morning is another. And watching a band of Brothers eat, sing, and be in gleeful content is one of the best awe feelings in the world. Just to take a deep breath and say, "I'm here" and focus on the present environment(s) is a blessing.

However, the greatest emotion within me is gratitude. Unlike the emotions that are fleeting, this one is nevermore that a heartbeat away. I am grateful to be alive. To be here. To have a new family, who cares about me, loves me. To have my old family as they welcome this new me. To have a place to call home. Perhaps, gratitude isn't an emotion, I can't really describe it beyond this: it feels as if I'm enveloped in the hands of someone who loves me. Someone who knew me long before I knew me and knows what I will become. I know who He is and for Him I'm grateful.

I remember this as I go forward; "*The Lord is on my side I will not fear. What can man do to me?*" (Psalms 118:6)

Saint Anthony L.

Pray for Our Brother Jimmy P. (Keys)

Jimmy is a greatly loved member of the Eagles' Nest Family. This month Jimmy will be going in for surgery in order to have a biopsy on his tongue and tonsil to determine the source of the cancer. He will then be going through radiation and chemo and will have a prolonged recovery period.

The prognosis is really good because this type of cancer is not remission. The treatment usually will totally eradicate the problem.

Please pray with us for his speedy healing and recovery. Pray for the doctors involved that God will guide their plans and their hands as they preform the surgery.

Pray for strength for Jimmy as he will be out of work for at least 6 weeks. Pray for his finances and his peace of mind and that God will assure him that his needs will be supplied as He promised.

Expanding Advisory Board

We have recently added several more people to our Eagles' Nest Advisory Board.

The Bible says in:

Proverbs12:15 **"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise"**.

Proverbs19:20 **"Hear counsel, and receive instruction, That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."**

Our Advisory Board is designed to give counsel to the Founders regarding the decisions they need to make when we receive a new application for residence at Eagles' Nest.

The Advisory Board is presently made up of nine people. Four are registered citizens and five are not registered citizens. We thank and praise the Lord for these people who have stepped up to provide this service for Him and for this ministry.

Founder's Corner

So...retirement preparation and knowledge transfer at Boeing, Eagles' Nest new and existing family members with various and different trials in each life, new business for small business coop start up, hostess responsibilities at To the Least of These Church, birth family events including baby births, wedding and normal fun interactions, preparations for meeting with Scott to re-work and review, and various other programs and events. These are a few of the things I'm currently investing myself in...

A good friend of mine shared his struggles with losing his job and his hope in gaining a career. Another shared immense challenges with home maintenance and family care. Another is waiting to hear results of testing with a possibility of a cancer diagnose. Each day one or another of the men in our family encounter challenges and some of them are rather overwhelming!

What is the solution for each and every circumstance? It's actually rather simple... God is in control – no matter how much we feel that we are in a dangerous free-fall! Our challenge is to learn to enjoy the free-fall knowing that His loving and capable hands are **ALWAYS** directly below us. Our free-fall will not end in us smashing into the ground in failure, defeat, ruin, and pain. Our free-fall will result in strengthening our faith and resilience!! He will work all things to our good, because we love Him and are called according to His purpose!

This is one of the many advantages that God has made available to us, His children! Do not feel guilty for not worrying or not being afraid. We are not required to freak out. We should be trusting in Our Lord and learning to enjoy the free-fall (it actually *is* quite exciting)!

Deb

JUST BECAUSE

Just Because: something is legal does not mean it is right in the eyes of God.

Examples:

Mind altering drugs.

Homosexuality

Swearing

Smoking

Drinking

Idolatry

Just Because: the Bible does not specifically say we cannot do something we want to do, does not make it okay to do it.

Examples:

Smoking

Drinking

Just Because: you feel entitled to something does not mean it's right to go after it and take it or do it.

The Bible says we are entitled to nothing because of our sin, but by his grace He supplies all our need.

Just Because: the world says you are the center of everything in your life, it's all about you, does not make it all right to think that way.

The Bible says He is the center of everything.

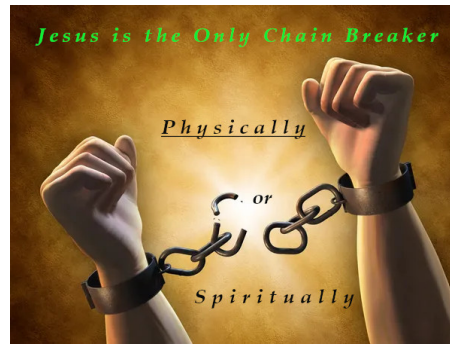
Just Because: it seems that the majority of people in the world do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior, does not mean the majority is correct.

Some say they believe in Jesus Christ's, but it is a different Jesus Christ than the Bible teaches and whom we believe in.

The Bible says in Joshua 24:15

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve:."

John M.



Help Us Expand the Outreach of the Newsletter

If you know of anyone who would like to receive our newsletter, please ask them and let us know so we can put them on the list to receive the newsletter on a regular basis.

We send them by mail to those incarcerated and by email to anyone on the outside. We need their name current mailing address (for those incarcerated) or email for those outside. The emails will be sent through Constant Contact. We usually send one newsletter per month.

We have many who enjoy these newsletters especially those inside. This is an outreach for us to share the gospel of our Lord with others. It is up to Him who He speaks to through this ministry.

Help us share Him with others. Who do you know who may need Words from Him?

Thanks in advance for your help!



"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" James 3:5.

Even so our tongue weighs very little, we are unable to hold it... help us exercise daily to build the strength to hold that weight... What we ponder on now, inspire us to follow Your ways, help us to be encouragers, we pray in Jesus' name.

Loretta

Publish in Our Newsletter

Paintings Poems Songs Articles

Please feel free to send them to us and if approved you will see them in the Newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Remember this is your newsletter, so we sincerely ask for your participation.



Prayer Warrior's

Are you interested in joining our prayer warrior team? We are seeking more individuals who will join with us in prayer as we participate in the prayer chain directed by a dear friend of the ministry Debbie D. The prayer requests and praise reports from Eagles' Nest and all our family including you are included on the prayer chain.

Some of what the Bible says about prayer:

Luke 19:46 **"Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer..."**

Romans 12:12 **"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;"**

Ephesians 6:18 **"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit..."**

Colossians 4:2 **"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;"**

James 5:15 **"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."**

Please contact us and let us know you would like to receive the Praise Reports and Prayer Requests. If you are in prison you will receive them by tablet message. If you are outside you will receive them by email. If you are a resident without email you will receive them by handout.

Employment & Housing Resources for Felon's / SO's

We are continuing to build our resource lists for referrals to possible employment and housing for anyone coming out of prison. These list are available for anyone to use.

They are available on our website www.azeaglesnest.org under Resources & Services. For those in prison or those who do not have access to the internet, we will be happy to mail them out to you.

In addition, we are working on other types or referral resource list and they will be added to the website as they become available.

This is a slow process, so please bear with us as we add to the lists. If there are a few people out there with internet access who would like to do research to find resources & services we can use on these lists, please contact us at 602-813-8283 and talk to our General Manager, John.

Retired People Opportunity To Serve the Lord (or anyone with some free time)

Many people want to throw away retired people as not able to do anything. Well not the Lord! He knows the elders have the experience and have honed their talents and many are not finished serving the Lord if only there was a real opportunity to help others for the Lord.

You still have plenty of worth in the Lord's eyes and we want to reach out to you to help us in this ministry to help "the Least of These".

We are asking the Lord to send some volunteers who would give some of their time to help build these resources. We know He will supply. When you put in time and the amount of time a person puts in is completely up to the individual. We will be grateful for any help . We believe the Lord will bless anyone who serves Him in a way that meets their individual needs. He is a gracious God and we can depend on His promises.

May the Lord speak to your heart

Lend a helping hand - we have room for you in this ministry



Thank you in advance for your help!

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