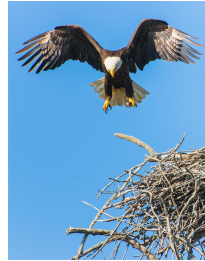


# Eagles' Nest Ministries

## Newsletter

### September 2024



### Praise Reports

- We closed on the new house for Eagles' Nest Ministries.
- Praise the Lord for successful cataract surgery on both eyes for Brian Carey.
- Praise the Lord for the growth in the church.
- Praise the Lord for new jobs for some of the men and promotions for others.
- Praise the Lord for several men who recently passed their poly's.
- Praise the Lord with thanksgiving for Art Varela who works tirelessly for the Lord and for this ministry.
- Praise the Lord for always being with each of us.

### Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Dennis Forsythe as he goes through cancer treatment.
- Please pray for John Szabo for a quick recovery from back surgery.
- Please pray for several men who have surgery in their near future.
- Pray for the seven new men already accepted and coming home starting in January.
- Pray for all the work needed on the house just purchased and for volunteers to help with the work.
- Pray for Carlos G. and Anthony L. as they navigate with the Lord while inside.

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### Temptations - Attacks - Afflictions

It is true, satan dangles temptation right in front of us, like a fishhook in front of a fish. It looks so good; it doesn't look like it could possibly hurt us and promises to gratify.

But it's a lie, a trick of the enemy, just like our temptations. Thank God, satan's power ends there! He can't force us to take the hook. His power stops at the edge of our will, our decision point!

When the spirit warns us and we decide to say no, satan can do no more! When we resist him, he has to run away! As believers we can take great comfort in the fact that satan has no power over us unless we give it to him.

God tells us to be sober, alert, and vigilant, because the devil like a roaring lion, walks around looking for some victim to tear apart and devour! He is a liar and a deceiver, there is no truth in him!

So, we stand firm in our faith, trusting God, and knowing that other Christians all over the world are going through these same attacks and afflictions. When we know all that, we respond to the lies of satan with the truth of God's Word! Thank you, Jesus!

James 4:7 , "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. first Peter 5:8-9

Loretta



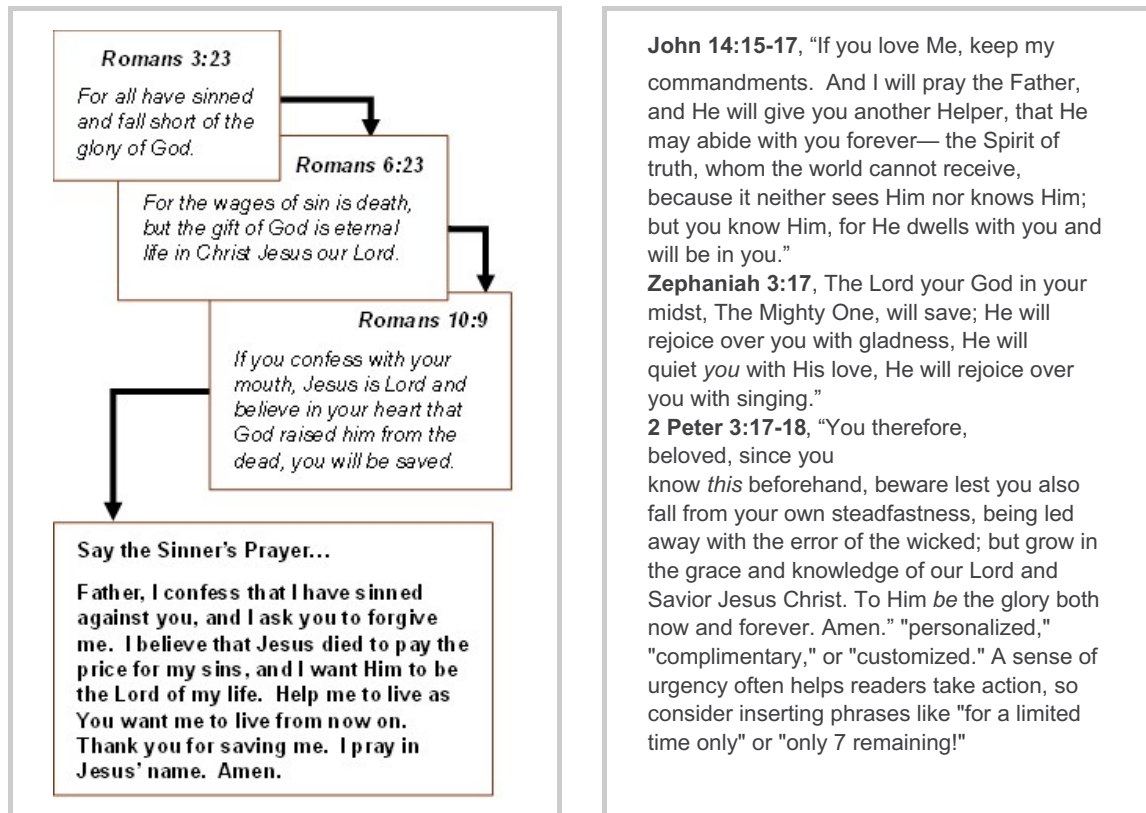
# Founder's Corner

There are MANY types of men – some are kind and generous, some are vile and hateful, some are quiet and thoughtful, some are noisy, some are excitable, some are quite reserved...you probably can think of many other types of men, but there are only three types of men as it relates to God.

There's a man that denies the existence of God. This man may think he has it all together and doesn't need the crutch of believing in God. He may think that God is just plain nonsense made up by a bunch of well meaning (or evil) people. He may think any number of thoughts that he thinks are reasonable. The Bible says, not believing in God is foolish and leads to death. **Proverbs 14:12**, "There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death." **Psalms 14:1**, "The fool has said in his heart, *there is no God.*"

There's a man that acknowledges there is a God. This man believes that God makes sense. He can see the wonderful and miraculous thing surrounding him and can't deny that God exists. He may see the terrible things happening in this world, he may not understand the hurtful and damaging things that he believes God has allowed to happen to him. He may feel that he is doing just fine without God. He doesn't need God although he believes He exists. The Bible says, even the demons believe in God. **James 2:19**, "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!"

There's a man the acknowledges there is a God and chooses to make Him Lord of his life. This man understands that he is unable to ever pay for the choices he has made in his life. He realizes that God not only exists, but that He loves him and sacrificed greatly to allow him to have a relationship with Him. He knows that God has thoughts far above his thoughts and plans far above his plans. He submits his will and thoughts to God's control. This man grows each day (sometimes each moment) to know God better. He starts to understand the thoughts and ways of Christ. He has the Holy Spirit living within him. He talks to God, spends time listening to God. When God tells him to do something (or not to do something), he listens and obeys. Sometimes he is a bit slow in listening and obeying, but he is steadily increasing his speed – he is not stagnant, he is growing!! And God smiles at him. God loves to bless him and takes great pleasure in his growth. God sings over him!



My dear brothers, I pray you are the third type of man!

I love you,

Deb

PS If you are reading this and are not a man, you can substitute woman... ☺



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## The Importance of Tithing: A Biblical Perspective

Tithing is like sowing seeds in a fertile garden, rooted in biblical teachings that emphasize the importance of returning to God a portion of what He has generously provided. The concept of a "tithe" means a tenth, representing the act of giving 10% of one's income to support the church and its ministries.

### Biblical Foundation

- **Old Testament:** The principle of tithing is established in the Old Testament. Leviticus 27:30 states, "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." This is akin to a farmer setting aside the first fruits of his harvest, acknowledging that the bounty of the land is a divine gift.
- **New Testament:** While the New Testament does not specify a percentage, it emphasizes the spirit of generosity and cheerful giving. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Imagine giving as a flowing river, abundant and life-giving, rather than a stagnant pool.

### Tithing Obligations

- **Supporting the Church:** Tithes are like the bricks and mortar that maintain the church building, support pastoral staff, and fund various ministries. Malachi 3:10 encourages believers to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so there may be food in God's house.
- **Worship Team:** The music provided by our church band is like the heartbeat of our worship services, uplifting and uniting us in praise. Your contributions help sustain this vital ministry, ensuring that our worship continues to inspire and enrich our spiritual journey.

### Gross vs. Net Income Debate

A common question in tithing discussions is whether to tithe on gross income (before taxes) or net income (after taxes). Here are some perspectives:

- **Gross Income:** Tithing on gross income reflects the belief that we give back to God from the first fruits of our labor, acknowledging that everything we earn is a blessing from Him. Proverbs 3:9 states, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." It's like offering the first and best potatoes or watermelons from a garden, recognizing the source of the harvest.
- **Net Income:** Others choose to tithe on net income, considering it the actual amount available after taxes and necessary deductions. This approach can still honor God and support the church while being mindful of personal financial responsibilities. It's like budgeting wisely to ensure all needs are met while still giving generously.

Ultimately, the decision should be made prayerfully and with a heart of generosity. The key is to *give cheerfully and willingly*, as God values the spirit of our giving more than the specific amount.

### Needs of the Church

- **Operational Costs:** Regular tithing ensures that the church can cover its operational expenses, such as rent, utilities, maintenance, and administrative costs, like the oil that keeps the engine running smoothly.
- **Vision for Missions and Outreach:** TTLT, together with Eagles' Nest Ministries, operates several outreach initiatives. The Prison Ministry supports the *Hygiene Program*, *Birthday Card & Gifts Program*, and the *Special Needs Program*. Your generous giving and volunteering can be the spark that further ignites these efforts. Imagine our church as a lighthouse, guiding and serving our community and beyond. Together, we can build a future where our church reaches out to those in need, spreading hope and love like a beacon of light.

### Encouragement to Give

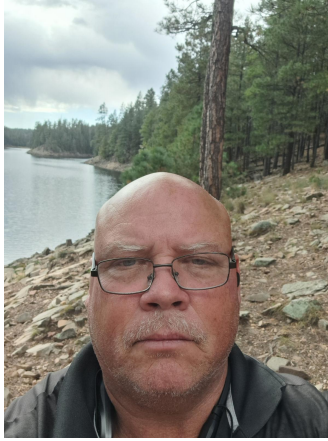
Tithing is not just about meeting financial needs; it's an act of worship and trust in God's provision. By giving faithfully, we acknowledge that everything we have comes from God and we are stewards of His blessings. As Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Let's come together as a community, honoring God with our tithes and offerings, and supporting the vital work of our church. Like a tapestry woven with threads of faith and generosity, our collective contributions create a beautiful and enduring legacy.

By Brian Carey



# Eagles' Nest Ministries Annual Retreat 2024

Hiking in Strawberry, AZ and Sightseeing for 40 miles on the Mogollon Rim. A time for rest and bonding. A lot of eating goes without saying. Everybody at Eagles' Nest is really good at eating!



God's beautiful world awaits you when you come home. Praise His  
Wonderful Name!



## Pictures of the Month



**Sekou claims not to be a cat person.**

He is learning that does not matter when a cat chooses you.

Cats: 2 Sekou: 0



## PASS IT ON

Empowering former inmates to contribute to the growth of a transitional housing ministry is a powerful way to "Pass It On" and create a cycle of positive change. This approach not only benefits the individuals involved but also strengthens the community as a whole.

### **The Importance of Giving Back**

**Breaking the Cycle:** When those who have successfully transitioned from prison life become involved in helping others, they play a crucial role in breaking the cycle of recidivism. Their firsthand experience makes them uniquely qualified to understand and address the challenges faced by newly released individuals

**Personal Growth:** Engaging in ministry work provides opportunities for continued personal and spiritual growth. It allows former inmates to develop leadership skills, build self-confidence, and reinforce their own commitment to positive change

### **The Power of Lived Experience**

**Relatable Mentorship:** Former inmates who have successfully reintegrated into society serve as powerful role models. Their stories of transformation can inspire hope and provide practical guidance to those just beginning their journey post-incarceration

**Credibility and Trust:** New residents are more likely to trust and open up to those who have walked a similar path. This trust is essential for creating an environment where genuine healing and growth can occur



# Strengthening the Ministry

**Expanding Reach:** As former residents contribute to the ministry's growth, more individuals can be served. This expansion allows the positive impact to ripple outward, touching more lives and communities

**Diverse Perspectives:** Involving former inmates in the ministry's development brings valuable insights that can help refine and improve programs, ensuring they remain relevant and effective

## Conclusion

By encouraging former residents to actively participate in growing the ministry, you create a self-sustaining cycle of support and transformation. This approach not only honors the journey of those who have successfully transitioned but also provides hope and practical assistance to those still finding their way. It embodies the true spirit of "Passing It On," creating a legacy of positive change that extends far beyond the walls of the transitional housing facility.

We invite everyone to contribute their time to help grow this ministry. It's not just financial support that makes a difference, but also the time spent fostering both the physical and spiritual growth of our community.

May the Lord bless you greatly as you seek Him and His work.

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