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Join us for prison letter answering on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month at IMMANUEL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 3533 East Tolbert Road, Wooster, Ohio

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE PRISON MINISTRY, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

Financial Report

September 30, 2024

Balance 06/30/2024	\$122,014.27
INCOME	7,139.00
Donations	3,730.00
Church Donations	3,409.00
EXPENSES	(16,199.54)
Literature	5,127.69
Supplies	1,050.45
Postage	8,028.65
Outside Help	1,892.75
Legal & Professional Fees	100.00
Gifts-in-Kind	1,008.00
84 Finding My Father, Spanish Books	1,008.00
Balance 09/30/2024	\$112,953.73

Literature sent

July 1 - September 30, 2024

Bibles	234
Concordances	222
Bible Atlas	6
Bible Dictionaries.....	83
Study Courses.....	479
Spanish Bibles	173
Spanish Bible Dictionaries.....	28
Loaves & Fishes Magazine	73
A Life Redeemed - Book	26
When Others Make Life Difficult - Book.....	16
Inspirational/Teaching Books	70
Marriage Courses.....	7
Letters Answered	737
Inmate Newsletters.....	1,178

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Reaching the bound to free their souls by the power of Christ

2024 Third Quarter Report

DEAR SUPPORTERS...

The last verse of the book of Psalms says, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD." What is praise? In essence, to praise is to express adoration or approval. We praise the Lord for His traits, His works, and His character. We praise the Lord because He is worthy of all our praise. I came up with a list of questions that we can ask ourselves: Who should praise the Lord? Whom should we praise? Why should we praise? With what should we praise? When should we praise? Where should we praise? How should we praise? We can find answers to these questions in the Bible because the Bible has a lot to say about praising God.

Who should praise the Lord? Everything that hath breath should praise the Lord. Obviously, we as humans should express adoration to the One who created us. Psalm 148 gives a whole list of things that should praise the Lord. The animals give praise to God just by their existence and doing what God has designed them to do. When I observe the amazing way that God has created the things around us, I can't help but stand in awe and praise Him.

I was doing some research on the largest mammal – the blue whale – and it was a fascinating study. They can weigh up to 200 tons (400,000 pounds) and be 100 feet long! Their lungs are about the size of a small car. The babies are born tail first so that they can have a supply of oxygen longer. Blue whales have to come up to the surface for air. These whale babies can be 25 feet long and weigh 8 tons. Whale milk is the most nutritious that exists - it has 42 percent butterfat and 12 percent protein! I grew up drinking Jersey milk, but that has only 5 percent butterfat and 3.9 percent protein. Whale babies grow pretty fast and put on a lot of weight in a short time and I think that the rich milk must have something to do with it. They can gain about 176 pounds and grow more than an inch per day! Just by doing what God has designed them to do, these huge mammals are giving praise to God.

"Biggest to smallest, nature is praising the Lord..."

The same is true for the tiniest land mammal – the Etruscan shrew. It weighs less than .14 ounce and has a body length of about 1.57 inches. The bumblebee bat is the smallest flying mammal. It weighs only .07 ounces and is only a little over 1 inch long, about the size of a small bumblebee. From the biggest to the smallest, nature around us is praising the Lord.

Whom should we praise? God alone. Why should we praise? For His mighty acts and His excellent greatness. For His merciful kindness, and to make Him known among the nations. With what should we praise? With everything we have. When should we praise? Continually, in the good times and the bad times. Where should we praise? In His sanctuary, on the mountaintops and in the valleys. How should we praise? In the beauty of holiness, with uprightness, our words, with song, and with all our hearts. Laying on his death bed, John Wesley sang this song to those who had gathered around, "I'll praise my maker while I've breath". Let us praise the Lord. Blessings to you, James Martin

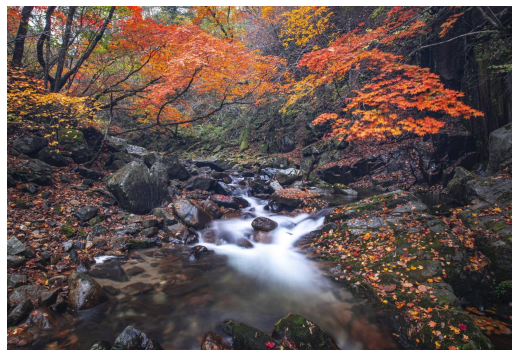


"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."
PSALM 150:6A

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"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

INMATE TESTIMONIES



FROM DEVIL WORSHIP TO CHRIST

Dear CFPM,

I turned on my tablet at 2 o'clock this morning and all I could say was "Thank you Lord". He has tangibly been answering prayers very regularly. O how He is faithful! I've been needing tools for some time now to help me build my spiritual house and then I got your email. But that's not the only thing. Please thank the person that took the time to write this personal letter. Jesus said, by this the world would know that you are my disciple, if you have love... That letter was of a fact, anointed with the love of God. There are so many things that a person can fake in Christianity today but not the anointing of God. Whoever you are that wrote me that letter, thank you for that surrendered heart.

If you don't mind, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I'm 69 years old and have been incarcerated in T.N.C.J. for all but 4 years since 1981. Guess its safe to say that me being my own shot caller hasn't worked out for me.

I'm so grateful that God loved me enough to "break me," so if I can be as bold as to ask for these things I shall be a good steward of them. Thank you for caring about the forgotten. THANK YOU for "seeing" us. [Requested literature]

Margarito R., Beaumont, TX

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT...

I was a mean kid. I watched my mom get beat up by my dad. When he left, I was broken and I wanted everyone to be broken just like me. I was always fighting and hurting people. I got into trouble for burning down the house at the end of the road and I just kept getting in trouble. My lifestyle led me to jail because I had been on drugs and getting money the wrong way. I was invited to a prayer circle, where I went with the intent to disrupt it. But what the man said hit me like a ton of bricks. He told me that God is not mad at me and he loves me. So, I started reading my Bible, and I read that God sent His Son Jesus to die in my place. He wants me to be His son too. So, I prayed and asked Him to be my Lord and Savior and at that moment, the world was lifted off of my shoulders. I no longer am alone. Since then, I have grown. I have lead prayer circles, Bible studies, and have led people to Christ also. Praise God!

P. R., Palestine, TX

MY TESTIMONY...

My name is James. I am a sinner. I don't believe there is a sin that I haven't committed. I realize now that God has had His protecting hand on me my entire life. How else could you explain me being alive to see my 53rd birthday? I grew up in South Central Los Angeles. I started gangbanging at the age of 10 years old. By the time I was 21, I had earned the respect of every member. I had it all: money, women, cars, and don't forget, respect. But God had a different plan for my life. In 2004, I met an amazing person. I later married her in 2006. We celebrated our 26th anniversary on December 27, 2022. She is my soulmate. She stood by my side for years while I ignored God's calling for me. I was in and out of prison for most of my adult life. I used drugs off and on for most of that time. I finally got caught in a situation that landed me a life sentence. End of the road, right? Not at all. See, this is where my true story begins.

I met (not for the first time) another amazing person. His name is Jesus Christ. You see, Jesus didn't care about how many times I'd been into prison. Or how much respect I had from the game. He only cared about being in a relationship with me. He told me that He loved me and that if I would just trust in Him, He would give me a life blessed beyond measure. Since I accepted Jesus' hand in friendship, my life has been a constant walk with Him. I'm happier behind these walls because I have love in my heart. I grow and learn each day what it means to be a child of God. The change in me is remarkable. And my best friend is right there to hold my hand. Jesus is amazing.

James. D. Iowa Park, TX



AMAZING DELIVERANCE!

My name is Jason Rogers, I am 58 years old and serving a 25-year prison sentence for drugs. My family was not really the religious or church going type, as I was growing up. I have always believed that there is a God and that I was going to go to heaven. Now I know I am. After a life of idolatry, fornication, drugs, and alcohol, I finally called out to God and admitted that I am not capable of controlling my life. I have surrendered my life and my will over to God and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I was baptized two months ago for the remission of my sins, was buried with Christ and raised up out of the water to walk with Christ in newness of life. My old self is dead, and all things have become new. I will live my life for God and I pray for His will to be done, not mine. I will forever share the gospel of Christ with others as well as be a spiritual influence on my family and friends and others that see me and what Christ has done for me in my life.

J. R. Huntsville, TX