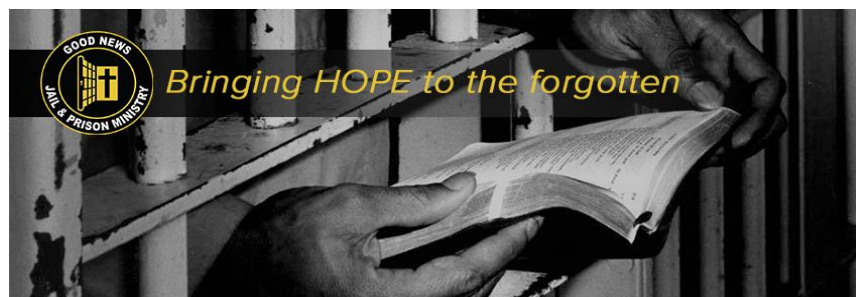


Here is our November 2018 E-Newsletter – We hope it blesses you!



During these last two months of the year we're entering the holiday season. As a nation, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. My prayer is for everyone to take time and reflect on all of the things they are truly thankful for. The Psalmist gives us great insight into how we should approach our everyday life in Psalm 100:4 “Enter into His gates with **thanksgiving**, and into His courts with praise. Be **thankful** to Him, and bless His name.” NKJV

I recently asked some inmates to tell me what they are thankful for in their lives. Here are some of their replies:  
**(Remember, these are words from people who are in jail!)**

**“I’m thankful for God’s peace.”**

**“I’m thankful for knowledge and patience.”**

**“I’m thankful that I’m alive and saved now.”**

**“I’m thankful that people care enough about us to come in and share Jesus with us.”**

**“I’m thankful for the people who bring God’s Word to all of us here (in jail).”**

**“I’m thankful for God’s forgiveness.”**

**“I’m thankful I ended up in jail instead of a grave.”**

**“I’m thankful for getting a second chance.”**

**“I’m thankful I survived my suicide attempt.”**

**Like many before them, these all experienced the love of Jesus through those who are honored to share His love with those behind bars.**

**Romans 10:11-15 (NIV)** “As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

After nearly fifteen years of this ministry I’m still amazed at the power of the Gospel to reach those who have fallen so far. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to see the transforming power of the Gospel up close in the lives of those He loves so much. I’m truly thankful for everyone of you who partner with this ministry through your prayers, your time and your giving. Without your partnership, many lives would remain unchanged.

What are you thankful for? Take a few moments and reflect upon what you’re truly thankful for, and then thank Jesus for all He’s done for you.

My prayer is that everyone, especially God's people, would live everyday with thanksgiving in their hearts. Thanksgiving should not be a once a year holiday, but an everyday heartfelt response to the Lord. I also pray that people everywhere would daily remember and celebrate, the awesome gift of love God sent to us all.

There are many opportunities to serve the Lord through our ministry here in Sheboygan County. If you'd like to know more on how you can be part of what the Lord is doing here, please contact Gayle or me. Contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter.

Kim and I pray that you and your family experience all that the Lord has for you this Thanksgiving Season. We also pray that you will experience the awesome blessing of giving of yourselves through serving others and worshipping the King of Kings.

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### Gayle's Corner

***Matthew 14:19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.***

***Matthew 15:36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.***

***Matthew 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."***

***Matthew 26:27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.***

Here are 4 examples just from Matthew that tell of Christ giving thanks before eating. When I was a child everyone gave thanks before eating. Now ... How about you? Do you give thanks before eating? Some of the ladies do in the jail. Others kneel at bedtime to pray. I suspect there are many Christians who pray only once a day.

***Luke 5:16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.***

***1 Thessalonians 5: 6-18 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.***

This is the month of Thanksgiving. This might be a good time to change. If God is our Father and Jesus our brother, do we talk to them often? What do you have to be thankful for? One year it was suggested that we have everyone at the table say something they are thankful for. It was a neat discussion. Try it.

In order to help the ladies, pray out loud I often do a circle prayer suggesting that if they can't think of anything to pray for to say something they are thankful for. It has helped many of the women start to pray out loud.

Here are some things they often pray for: their children, a roof, a bed, warmth, food, safety, friends, family, parents who care and visit, and staying off drugs.

Here are some things I am thankful for: my good days, my husband, my children, my faith, my relationship with God my Father, and Jesus, salvation, sanctification, warm weather, good food, and more.

My you increase your thankfulness to God this month and always.

Thank you!

In Christ's love,

Gayle Janzen

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**For more info please contact Chaplain Rick.**



**Christmas Gift Program for children of Inmates**

If you would like to help provide Christmas gifts to children of inmates, contact Chaplains Rick or Gayle to get your Church signed up to be a participating Church. **You can also sign up to help by contacting Vi Janke (Project Coordinator) @ 920-458-4275 or butterfly4832@att.net**

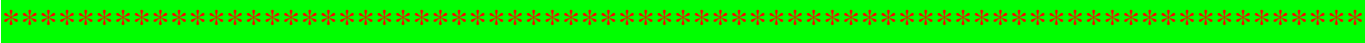
**In Your Loving Hands**

Written by an inmate

Peace that passes all understanding dwells within me,  
The love of God has set the prisoner free.  
Confiding in Jesus is my hearts’ desire,  
He has lifted me out of the muck and mire.

You’ve blessed me with a precious wife and four gorgeous children,  
Abiding in you Lord I will have a prosperous life with them.  
Curiosity fills my mind with what you have in store,  
I will call on you morning, day and night as I knell on the floor.

To praise your name and thank you for saving me,  
And knowing that by my side you will forever be.  
Although times may seem harder than I can withstand,  
You’ve already promised to lift me up in your loving hands.



**Mark Your Calendar**

**Tuesday May 7, 2019**

**Good News Partner Banquet**

**Blue Harbor Conference Center**

**Watch for details in our January 2019 E-News Letter**

**Guest Speaker Dr. Sam Huddleston - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pva5jM7nso>**



**Prayer Requests**

- \* Pray for the churches, businesses and individuals who financially support this ministry.
- \* Pray for the men and women who have put their faith in Jesus. Pray that they continue to follow Jesus when they get released or are transferred to other jails or prisons

**Ministry Needs – Please pray about helping us with these**

- Long sleeved t-shirts for women & men. (crew neck, no pockets, no writing or graphics) sizes Small - 2X
- Men’s boxer briefs – sizes M -2x
- Chaplaincy Support Teams members from each of our supporting Churches
- Standard size pillows – 6
- Twin size mattress pads

*On behalf of our Chaplaincy Support Team and the inmates we serve, Gayle and I personally thank every volunteer and every person & Church who partner with this ministry. Your sacrifice and partnership truly make a difference in the lives of families in our community. It is an honor to partner with you as we continue to witness heart changes in men and women through the love of Jesus. We pray for God’s richest blessings upon you and your families. We truly believe that Jesus is the answer to everything we see wrong in our world!*

*We pray that you personally continue to experience God’s powerful blessings!*

**Psalm 100:4 Living Bible (TLB)**

**<sup>4</sup>Go through His open gates with great thanksgiving; enter His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name.**

*Blessings,  
Chaplains Rick Cawthon & Gayle Janzen*