

Christ for

ALL PEOPLES from ALL NATIONS



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Name Your Blessings And Give Thanks!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Did you know the Thanksgiving holiday was established by President Abraham Lincoln on Oct 3rd 1863, and he designated it to be on the last Thursday in November? Have you ever thought about how giving **thanks** parallels praise? Both are exalting God for His faithfulness and provision. When we give **thanks** and praise Him we demonstrate faith and trust, which releases His power in our lives. Blessings are anything that God gives us that are undeserved, like our next breath. Naming your blessings will bring you great joy!

I'm **thankful** for changed hearts and lives that are radically different because of Jesus Christ. I'm **thankful** for the many who lead Bible studies and prayer groups with fellow inmates. God is using them to sow seeds to the indifferent and yet seekers of Him. One man was raised Amish in Nebraska, ran away as a teenager, lived in foster care, and began using meth. He explored many different kinds of religions, but his heart was empty. I explained that Jesus Christ was the only God/Man that could pay our sin debt. It would take a blood sacrifice and a Man who was sinless. Jesus was both as He freely offered Himself up to die on Calvary's cross. This man was tired of his years-long addiction and wrecked relationships with his loved ones.

Quote of the Month:

Gratefulness brings appreciation so we don't take things for granted.

I said Christianity is a relationship not a religion, and asked if he wanted to give his life to Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of his sins? He said yes, received the Lord Jesus, and believed. What a holy moment to watch God open his heart to experience God's love and grace. That's what your prayers do. They prepare the way for brokenness, repentance, and confession of faith.

Giving **thanks** should be spontaneous, but some struggle to be grateful for even one item. This attitude is so prevalent in our society today. Hearts have become hard and indifferent as we move towards being a godless nation. It's even more urgent to get the life changing message of the gospel to a lost and dying population like those in the Polk County Jail. I am truly grateful for your powerful and effective prayers. Their impact is immeasurable! The Board and I want to say **thanks** for all of your financial gifts as well that allow this ministry to flourish, and help accomplish what God has called us to do. What a great eternal investment you have made in lives which will one day gain eternal rewards. Amen!

*In His Service,
Chaplain Jerry*



A Sent One – Taylor Hollister

My name is Taylor Hollister and I was born in Florida. I faced some adversity growing up, but regardless of that I did well in school, athletics, and worked also. Alongside my well doing habits, drinking and drugs took hold of my life. Wide is the way that leads to death. After

graduation the addiction got the best of me. I squandered away everything I worked for while also forfeiting scholarships. I enlisted in the Army but was arrested shortly after which prevented me from joining the service. A constant revolving door of jails and institutions lasted for years. During my

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The annual Christmas event of pop, popcorn and two stamped Christmas cards for the inmates when we go into the housing units and sing carols is on Dec. 5th & 6th. Please pray that the Spirit of God will move in the hearts of the inmates in a powerful way, draw them to the claims of Christ, and His sacrificial gift of salvation for all mankind. It's such a special night!
- Prayer for an Assistant Chaplain as we wait on God to show us the man He has prepared and called.
- Pray for the Discipleship Outreach Center (DOC) for a growing interest in personal discipleship of those getting out of Jail. Please pray for our director Pastor Charles Hundley as he interacts with them.
- Prayer for favor and effectiveness as we interact with the Sheriff and his staff.
- Continued spiritual growth and discipleship for the inmates who recently came to Christ that they would have spiritual roots to stand against the storms of opposition.
- Pray for released inmate believers that they will daily seek the Lord and be faithful to attend a Bible believing church, get a mentor, and a job.
- Safety for our public servants, the Detention Officers in the Jail as they supervise the incarcerated, and for Deputies out on patrol as they protect our communities.
- A greater number of inmates would watch Sunday services at 10:00 A.M.
- More and more local churches will participate in this incredible ministry as a viable mission's effort both prayerfully, and financially.
- Family members of the incarcerated have their lives touched by the undeniable changes that God has brought about, and to see their own need for Christ as they too experience brokenness.
- Inmates who have gone off to prison will stay faithful to read God's Word daily, and be active in sharing their faith where they've been planted.
- There will be a host of faithful prayer warriors lifting this ministry before God daily.
- Pray that God will soften the hardest of hearts.
- Prayer for the two women's pods S1 and S3 that they would have softer hearts and an eagerness for the things of God. They would participate in the Bible studies and Sunday services.

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incarceration I was introduced to Christianity and the twelve steps. Thank God that people as part of their recovery, demonstrated the love of God and took time to share the good news with us. We were defeated by sin, and demoralized in the jail. It's in the darkest times that the light of transformation shines through. The wages of sin is death, but Christ came so that we would have life and have it more abundantly. Working the steps helped me identify some of the lies I picked up from the world, and had been telling myself. The mistakes and hurts I caused in my alcoholism have all been forgiven through the blood of Christ. We are all made to be the embodiment of God's righteousness in the world. Now every day I try to carry the

ANSWERS:

- Thank God for each volunteer and their faithful commitment to serve.
- Praise the LORD for all those who gave their hearts to Jesus Christ this month!
- God is faithful to change and mature new believers through His Word.
- Praise and thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus for all He's doing and has done in this incredible ministry all year long!
- Praise God for so many who've given stamps! Thanks to every one of you!

MOST WANTED:

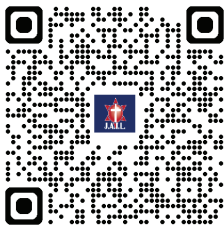
- Men's winter coats and all types of men's shoes.
- *The Cross and the Switchblade* books by David Wilkerson
- Any soft cover books by Joni Eareckson Tada
- *Deep In The Heart Of Texas* soft cover books by Texas Steady
- *All Left Behind* soft cover books

Ministry Monthly Report: November 2025

	Monthly:	Ytd:
Inmate Request:	1,034	9,829
One-on-One inmate counseling:	882	9,255
Religious reading materials given:	944	10,049
Bible Study groups:	54	624
Inmates involved with studies:	441	4,969
View Worship Service:	163	1,947
Volunteer Hours:	168	1,912
Number of Volunteers:	24	270
Bibles given:	376	4,601
Number of New Believers:	26	246

vision of God's will into all my activities. I'm growing in the image and likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. AMEN!

Thank you!
~ Chaplain Jerry



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