



My friend, the day of good news is here for us today! Our spiritual condition is not hopeless. And as a church who has feasted upon **“every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3)**, we have a message of hope to share. We must share it! Humanity needs it! Christ commands it!

**-Floyd Kaiser**

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**Volunteer Central—News and Views**

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**(This is a devotional from the pulpit minister here at Southwest.)**

**Good news is relative.** The value of it is determined by the degree of desperation it answers. For instance, in **2 Kings 6**, a situation is described that makes the value of good news very clear. A king besieged Samaria until it led to an unparalleled state of starvation. Men and women resorted to cannibalism.

In chapter 7, however, we are told how God created circumstances of good news. Four leprous men sitting at the gate of the city said to one another, **“Why sit we here until we die?”** Through a logical assessment of the options, they reached the conclusion that their only hope was to go to the camp of the enemy. Perhaps there they would find mercy. Before they arrived, though, the Lord caused the enemy to hear the sound of a great army that so frightened the enemy that they fled and left everything behind.

The lepers quietly approached the camp, bewildered by the silence. With each step toward the tents, they assumed the enemy could spring from the darkness and end their suffering with a sword. Closer and closer they came until one of them timidly pulled back the fold of a tent, looked inside, and saw no one. Still reluctant, they moved to the next tent. No one was there. From tent to tent their fear dissolved and excitement soared. The enemy was gone, but their treasures were left behind. It was not until they were filled that they paused long enough to think about those in the city. They said to one another, **“This day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace.”**

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## Letters from the IN-MATES

This is a poem from one of the inmates. It is an awesome poem that signifies what a tremendous difference it really can make to be a Christian even when one is behind the walls.

### Jesus' Love

Life is full of pain and sorrow;  
For all the things we've done;  
It will increase with tomorrow;  
For the things we've just begun.

We must search our souls and hearts;  
And ask God's forgiveness for our sins;  
Then the Lord's healing starts;  
And a new life for us begins.

God's love will warm our hearts;  
And His grace will save our soul;  
We'll honor Him and do our part;  
He'll pull us out of our hole!

All our troubles will seem so small;  
He will take away all our pain;  
If on His name we will call;  
It will never be a problem again!

For the love of family that is lost;  
You must do your part to regain;  
No matter the price or the cost;  
The Lord's love will sustain!

He knows our hearts and our thoughts;  
For us, He was willing to die;  
With His life, our sins were bought;  
So we'd know His love wasn't a lie!

So praise Christ Jesus, Our Savior;  
For without Him, we would perish;  
And be on your best behavior;  
For **Jesus' Love** we shall cherish!

**Samm Vicchio**

## Dear Southwest church of Christ,

I really appreciate the volunteers that you send to do the New Life Behavior class and the Lord's Supper. They are a real blessing to us here at Davis. Both the New Life Behavior and the volunteers are valuable to the church. I look forward to every Monday night to come together and learn about the Lord and the steps that we can take for improving our lives through the lessons.

I pray that you continue the New Life Behavior classes so that the church can continue to grow and mature in Christ. I also hope to encourage more people to come up and join the prison ministries. I've invited two men that have a television ministry that belong to the church, Darrell Richard and Guy Ross, from the Mayfair congregation in OKC. I hope by doing so that I don't offend any of the current volunteers. I just invited them because I would really like to meet them. We could never replace Bobby Johns and Wade Sumpter, who I believe are very special.

**Sincerely,**

**D.W.H.**

(This next letter was longer, but considering how short of space we are, there are only parts of it in this newsletter.)

### Greetings from Holdenville,

I would like to thank everyone at the Southwest church of Christ for all they have done. I had been in New Life Behavior for over a year when we lost big Ron and I didn't know if the classes would ever be the same. I am glad I stayed. We all still miss

big Ron, but with Bobby Johns and Wade, we are starting a new chapter not only in our studies, but also in our lives. It is so easy to see the genuine concern and love of Christ that Bobby and Wade have to share with all of us. The studies we do are so basic.

I want to thank you again for all that you have done for us here at Holdenville, and all of the other facilities. I sure like learning about what the Bible says.

**Brother in Christ,  
D.**

**To the Church,**

I just wanted to write to say thank you for allowing the New Life Behavior program to come to Holdenville prison. I was talked into coming about a year ago and I loved it! I now look forward to Monday nights for the lessons and the learning experience that I get from this class. I enjoy reading out loud and participating in learning about the Lord and the steps we can take for improving our lives. I enjoy the fellowship that we have together when we are here. Thank you for sending Bobby Johns, Wade Sumpter, and anyone else that you send in the future to bring God's Word and the New Life Behavior class. **It really works!!**

**God Bless You All!**

**Your Christian Friend,  
CJ**

**To the Church,**

I pray that you will keep New Life behavior going. It has changed my life in so many ways, and I know that I will make better decisions in the future. Ron gave me a

hope and since then, I have been attending class. I know that money is tight and I pray that you will keep this class going, but I do thank you for all that you have done. Bobby Johns and Wade have filled my heart with joy.

**Thank You!**

**B.L.,**

**Church of Christ,**

My name is C.L. and I am doing time in the Holdenville prison. I just wanted to let ya'll know how much I appreciate the New Life Behavior class that ya'll put on here. It is a great class and is helping me out a lot! I would like to see the class continue. Bobby and Wade are doing an excellent job and if sometime they can't come up here, I hope that someone else could jump right in there and fill the spot. Thank you for the class and the love of the congregation.

**God Bless You All!**

**C.L.,**

**The men at Holdenville have wrote many letters to the congregation showing how much they appreciate the class so we decided to add them to the newsletter this month. We also thank you from the bottom of our hearts for letting this continue! We could not have done it without you! God has truly blessed us for having the opportunity to spread the Word of God to all that will listen!**