

A  
**MESSAGE OF HOPE,**  
comfort and freedom in Jesus Christ

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**Quarterly  
Scripture Focus:**

**Matthew 22:37-39**

“Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**“Statement of Faith”  
by Brother Jeff Prater from inside**

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, God’s infallible written word, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.

We believe that it was uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and that it was written without error (inerrant) in the original manuscripts.

It is the supreme and final authority in all matters on which it speaks.

We accept those areas of doctrinal teaching on which, historically, there has been general agreement among all true Christians.

Because of the specialized calling of our ministry (prison), we desire to allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue that hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

There is one true God, eternally existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of Deity.



## Angel Tree - Update

We have received our list of names of children and their caregivers and are well under way in making preparations for our **Angel Tree Welcome Party!**

Our wonderful volunteers have been busy purchasing gifts and Bibles and making food baskets for the Angel Tree families.

A Gift Wrapping/Party Planning day has been scheduled for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. at Roseville Church of Christ.

The Welcome Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. at Roseville Church of Christ.

We are looking forward to welcoming these Little Angels and their families to the church and sharing the love of Christ with one another.

Again, for those who are participating in this year's Angel Tree program, the Welcome Party is scheduled for:

**Date: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 1 – 4 p.m.**

**Location: Roseville Church of Christ**

### “A Message of Hope” webpage

*Please stop by the Roseville Church of Christ website and check out Kyle's Blog for weekly updates as well as prayer requests and other useful information.*

*Additional forms, links, archived newsletters, and other helpful information can also be found. Visit us at:*

[www.rosevillecoc.org/prison\\_ministry.htm](http://www.rosevillecoc.org/prison_ministry.htm)

#### *A Message of Hope*

#### *MINISTRY SCHEDULE*

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:

Level II church services (9:45 – 10:45 a.m.)

Level IV church services (12:45 – 1:45 p.m.)

##### Every Wednesday evening:

Level II James Group (6:45 – 8:30 p.m.)

*\*\*volunteers needed\*\**

##### Every Friday evening:

Level I Celebrate Recovery (6:45 – 8:15 p.m.)



Each quarter we will be requesting specific items for use in the Message of Hope prison ministry. Usually we collect items to be used in the James Group classes (such as coffee, creamer, cups, etc.). This quarter we are in need of office supplies including:

*Postage stamps, envelopes (#10 standard), #61 printer toner, paper*



To date, the James Group in Level IV has been temporarily suspended. We started the program in May 2013 with 12 people but our numbers have been dropping due to class members being transferred, conflicts with work assignments, scheduling issues, etc. The administration has informed us that we must have at least 5 class members in order to continue holding group meetings. We have dropped beneath that required number so classes have been suspended until there are more added to the class roster.

Please continue to pray that God will make His Will known in regard to this program – both in Level II and Level IV. It is our desire that God’s Will, and only God’s Will, be carried out in this ministry.

In other news, as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, we are having James Group meetings in Level II on a weekly basis (rather than bi-weekly)! We continue to have new members join each week and even with several transfers as of late we are maintaining about 20 members in the class.

Also, a requirement has been established that anyone interested in joining the James Group must first complete 12 weeks of AA, NA, or Celebrate Recovery (this is to ensure that those who join the James Group are committed to their recovery). Because of this requirement the other classes are experiencing increased membership as well. Praise God!!

## NewLife Behavior Ministries curriculum

The James Group class in Level II will be completing their study of the workbook “12 Steps to a Closer Walk With God” this month. Before starting another twelve step study, we will be introducing a new curriculum. Starting in January, we will be presenting a 13 week course from NewLife Behavior Ministries.

NewLife Behavior Ministries is a “Ministry of Hope” whose purpose is to reconcile individuals to God, families, and society. NewLife has developed a comprehensive program primarily designed to assist prisoners in behavioral improvement. By changing a way of thinking you can change a way of living.

The core curriculum is designed for people in all walks of life but is especially useful in the prison setting. Each course consists of thirteen lessons.

There are currently fourteen courses available:

- Course I: A Sense of Self
- Course II: A Sense of Family
- Course III: Parenting Matters
- Course IV: True Freedom
- Course V: Christian Marriage Skills
- Course VI: The Christian Woman
- Course VII: Attitudes and Behaviors
- Course VIII: Christians Against Substance Abuse
- Course IX: The FamilyNet Series
- Course X: The Seeker Bible Study Series
- Course XI: Prisoners of Christ
- Course XII: Managing My Anger
- Course XIII: Christians Against Sex Addiction
- Children’s Edition of Course I: A Sense of Self

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### Contact Us...

Please feel free to contact us via email if you are interested in finding out more about Message of Hope prison ministry or if you are interested in getting involved.

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### Get Involved!

Anyone interested in volunteering or attending the James Group, church services or other special events will need to complete a [Lien Application](#). These can be printed from the Roseville Church of Christ website or by contacting Kyle.

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