



DUBOIS LIGHT & LIFE CHURCH  
**NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER 2022**

**A NOTE FROM OUR EDITOR:**

**JEANNE HOOVER**

WE'RE AT THE LAST MONTH, THE END OF THE YEAR! THE MEDIA WANTS US TO LOOK BACK AT THE "YEAR IN REVIEW". HOWEVER, WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO LOOK FORWARD TO! THIS IS A **JOYOUS** TIME FOR US AS WE **CELEBRATE** THE BIRTH OF OUR **SAVIOR**. AS WE ENTER THIS NEW YEAR, LOOK **FORWARD** TO WHAT HE CAN DO, NOT BACK AT WHAT WAS. OUR ENEMY AND THE WORLD WANTS US TO CONTINUE IN FEAR, BUT THE WORD SAYS **FEAR NOT, FOR HE IS WITH US.**

WELCOME TO THE CELEBRATION AND **REJOICE!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW**

DECEMBER 10: 9AM-3PM

**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

DECEMBER 11: 8:45AM

**CHILDRENS**

**CHRISTMAS PLAY**

DECEMBER 11 DURING SERVICE

**WOMENS COOKIE**

**EXCHANGE**

DECEMBER 12

AMY BUEHRER'S HOUSE 6PM

**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

DECEMBER 15:

12PM DUTCH PANTRY

**ADULT**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DECEMBER 16 - 6PM

**TEEN**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DECEMBER 20 - 6-8PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

DECEMBER 24 - 5PM

# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## "GUN DAY FUN DAY"

IT TURNED OUT TO BE A DRIZZLY, RAINING DAY. BUT IT DIDN'T STOP OUR TRIBE! THERE WAS A GREAT TURN OUT THIS YEAR INCLUDING MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN.

**ELIAS CROOKHAM** WON THE SHOOTING COMPETITION, AND IT WAS HIS FIRST TIME EVER SHOOTING! BEGINNERS LUCK? I GUESS WE WILL FIND OUT NEXT YEAR!

THANK YOU **JERRY GAMBLE** FOR PROVIDING THE RANGE AND THANK YOU TO **BRYANT DAHL** FOR HIS EXPERT ADVICE AND TEACHING THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH GUNS.



## "SWEETS OF THE WORLD FUNDRAISER"

**CARISSA SAVOIE** HOSTED A SWEETS OF THE WORLD FUNDRAISER TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR HER UPCOMING **WORLD MISSIONS TRIP**. **CARISSA** WILL BE ON THIS TRIP AROUND THE WORLD IMPACTING COUNTLESS LIVES FOR ONE YEAR! WE WISH HER THE BEST IN HER ENDEAVORS DOING THE WORK OF THE LORD!



# TESTIMONIES

## THE POWER OF SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

BY CRYSTAL MOORE

YOUR TESTIMONY IS **POWERFUL** AND NEEDS TO BE **SHARED!** PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THAT THEY CAN **OVERCOME** THEIR OWN HARDSHIPS AND TRIALS IN THEIR LIFE. IF NO ONE SHARES WITH THEM THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE, THEN THEY DIE WITHOUT THE **TRUTH** THAT YOU HOLD WITHIN!

## SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY!

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

SPEAKING ON WHY DISCIPLES WOULD LITERALLY FOLLOW THE RABBI WHEREVER HE WOULD GO AND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO EMULATE THIS BEHAVIOR WITH THE RABBI:

**"AROUND EVERY TURN, IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE OF LIFE, IN EVERY PROBLEM, OR TRIAL THAT THEY WOULD FACE, THERE WAS A LESSON. AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW, AND ANOTHER STEP OF INTIMACY THAT COULD TAKE PLACE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP."**

PASTOR MARK LUTCHER

# MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

## JAIL MINISTRY AND THE BIRTH OF CAPTIVATED BY CHRIST

BY JENN MARSICO

IN 2019, I WAS PRAYING ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS OUTSIDE CHURCH, OF COURSE NOT KNOWING FOR SURE WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE. WHILE ATTENDING A FAMILY EVENT I WAS IN CONVERSATION WITH MY UNCLE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN JAIL MINISTRY FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. DURING THE CONVERSATION I FELT A NUDGE FROM THE LORD AND I ASKED "WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO TAG ALONG WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO THE JAIL". HE SAID "IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT I HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR ANOTHER GIRL TO JOIN ME AND I THINK YOU'RE A GOOD FIT!" SO WE GOT THE BALL ROLLING AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS SITTING IN ON HIS BIBLE STUDY GROUPS WITH THE WOMEN AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL. AFTER A FEW MONTHS OF OBSERVATION AND PARTICIPATION I WAS TRUSTED TO LEAD THE WOMEN'S GROUPS ON MY OWN. FROM DAY ONE, EVEN WITH ITS CHALLENGES I KNEW THAT WAS WHERE GOD WANTED ME TO SERVE.

VISITING JCJ IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY TUESDAY'S. I LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH THE WOMEN THAT COME TO BIBLE STUDY. WE LAUGH TOGETHER, CRY TOGETHER, PRAY TOGETHER, AND TALK ABOUT WHAT JESUS IS DOING IN OUR LIVES. I USUALLY GET TO MEET WITH 2 SEPARATE GROUPS WHILE I'M THERE, SOMETIMES ITS ONE PARTICIPANT AND SOMETIMES I SEE UP TO 15 LADIES IN A GROUP. IT'S ALWAYS A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND I LOVE SEEING GOD MOVE IN THE MIDST OF IT. ONE OF MY FAVORITE PARTS IS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LADIES I MEET, SEEING TRANSFORMATION IN THEIR LIVES AND SOMETIMES BEING ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THEM AFTERWARDS OUTSIDE OF JCJ.

IN AN EFFORT TO STEP UP MY GAME AND LEARN TO SERVE THE MINISTRY BETTER, IN 2020 I ENROLLED IN FOUND MINISTRIES, "MISSION CORE COURSE", ALSO KNOWN AS MCC. THE TOOLS, TEACHINGS, AND EXPERIENCES I LEARNED FROM MCC LITERALLY DID CHANGE THE GAME FOR ME. ALONG WITH THE TOOLS AND TEACHINGS, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COURSE WE WERE TOLD THAT ONE OF THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE TO WRITE A SHORT AND LONG-TERM VISION PLAN OURSELVES. DURING THE COURSE, I WAS STILL LEADING THE BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYING ABOUT THE VISION PROJECT I HAD TO WRITE ABOUT.

THEN COVID HIT!

WITH EVERYTHING SHUT DOWN AND ALL THE NEW SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES WE WERE TOLD THAT OUR VISITS TO THE JAIL WERE ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. I WAS HEARTBROKEN ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH THE WOMEN AND NOT HAVING ANY CONNECTION WITH THEM. I HAD SEEN SO MUCH PROGRESS WITH THOSE WHO ATTENDED, THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE IT. THAT IS WHEN PART OF MY VISION NEEDED TO HAPPEN SOONER THAN LATER. A PEN PAL PROGRAM! I REACHED OUT TO THE WARDEN AND GOT PERMISSION TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE. I OPENED A POST OFFICE BOX AND NAMED THE NEW MINISTRY "CAPTIVATED BY CHRIST". MY FIRST INTENTION WAS FOR WOMEN ONLY, BUT TO GET IT APPROVED I HAD TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE MEN TOO, SO I DID. BECAUSE IT WAS A CO-ED PEN PAL PROGRAM I FELT IT WAS BEST THAT THE LETTERS WE RECEIVED FROM MEN BE REPLIED TO BY MEN, AND THAT I NEEDED OTHERS TO HELP ME. THAT WAS THE INITIAL BIRTH OF CBC. DURING COVID, THE LETTERS WERE COMING IN PRETTY FREQUENTLY, BUT ONCE WE WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT AGAIN THE LETTERS HAVE SLOWED DOWN. ONE NICE THING ABOUT THE PEN PAL PROGRAM IS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH ANYONE WHO GETS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER COUNTY OR A STATE SENTENCE.

SINCE THEN, CBC HAS GROWN WITH ANGEL JOINING AS CO-FOUNDER, A FULL ADVISORY BOARD, AND SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS. CBC IS SUPPORTED UNDER FOUND MINISTRIES AND LIGHT & LIFE CHURCH.

RECENTLY CBC HAS OPENED "SECOND CHANCE BOUTIQUE", OPERATED AND RAN BY ANGEL AS A MEANS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE LONG TERM VISION OF OPENING HOMES WITH PROGRAMMING AND SUPPORT FOR FORMER INMATES SEEKING JESUS AND IN NEED OF A SECOND CHANCE.

WATCHING GOD MOVE IN THE MIDST OF THE BOUTIQUE HAS ALSO BEEN A BEAUTIFUL THING, HE KEEPS AMAZING ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT HE CONTINUES TO DO.

THANKS FOR LETTING ME SHARE AND STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS AND EXCITING NEWS FROM CBC.

**Second Chance Boutique**

**Don't forget to check out all the great merchandise and watch for "flash" sales**

**Tuesday & Thursday 10-7**

**Friday 10-5**

**Located on Main Street in Reynoldsville**

# THANK YOU FOR READING!

## WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR TESTIMONY, DEVOTIONAL, POEM, OR MINISTRY STORY TO BE FEATURED IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER PLEASE EMAIL JEANNE HOOVER AT

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