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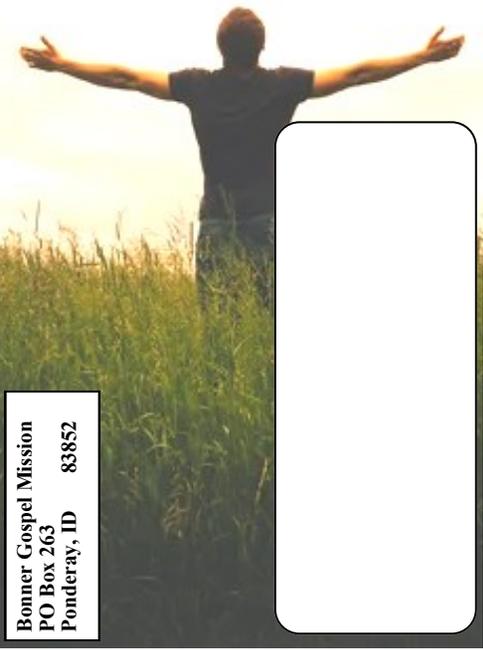
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For God So loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoso ever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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MAY THE LORD Bless You and Keep You

~ Numbers 6:24 ~



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Mission Highlights

Why We Would Like to Invite you to Our Community Meal

Beyond the kitchen is the meal, let the community share a chair. The breaking of bread is a time-honored tradition, something ingrained in our social construct and fabric of society type of stuff ya know? How do we really view it though? On the surface it only makes sense, but what does it really mean to us? Acts 2:42-47 illuminates this and tells us the all-encompassing and awe-inspiring way.

42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." 44 "And all who believed were together and had all things in common."

This particular verse sums it up so well and is profound beyond measure in the simplicity it speaks. In this case the simple proposition should leave out the complex execution. That bold Spirit of humility resides in the Bonner Gospel and is reflected in the thoughts, words and just as importantly, the deeds of the sonship here - our mission. All are welcome, the doors are open, and the invitation extended. This next Sunday will see the fifth week of the community meal and the grace of **GOD** knows no boundaries! Onwards and upwards! As we reach out so too may those reach in and make blessings abound, praise the **LORD!**

45 "and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts" 47 "praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

What more can be said but that this brings me to my knees in hopeful worship... In fact, Father of us all, let us come together in reverence to sing Your praise and glorify Your Son. Your will through our hands. Hallowed Be Thy Name! Writing these words now pen to paper, looking around the table at the (for the moment) unoccupied chairs, the presence of the Holy Spirit fills the very air. Heard on High the words spoken "expected are great things". A seat at the table awaits, we all share in faithful fellowship. Peace and Love be to you and yours, see you then! Thank **GOD!**

Mission Updates

Soup Kitchen

Our soup kitchen is a hit! We serve from 40 to 60 people each Sunday and the men from the mission get to show the love of God in so many ways. The main reason we are doing the soup kitchen is to show the love of God. Sometimes people think the men at the mission are down and out, but it's quite the opposite, they are filled with the love of God and now get to share it with the outside world. We need more ingredients for the community meal like meat of all types, and soup fixings.



Mission Updates Cont...

Thank you to Keith and Northside Church for donating a huge amount of cleaning supplies. They do this each year and it lasts for a year.



Baptism

Praise God! We had 6 men get baptized this last month. It started with a Bible study about Jesus getting baptized. The idea wasn't that Jesus needed to be baptized, but He wanted to be associated with the people that He was going to save. The men at the mission responded by wanting to be associated with Jesus and declare their belief in Jesus by being baptized. It was one of the greatest moments at the mission this year.



When We Run from God: We Run into Him

When Adam and Eve sinned they hid from God.

[8] And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

God asked Adam, "Where are you?" It's as if God was asking Adam, "Do you think you're God now?" God makes it clear throughout Scripture that you cannot run from Him. No man can hide from God. If man can hide from God, that would make you equal to God. Even the people that are in hell are experiencing God's judgment, not God's separation. According to Psalm 139:7-12, no man can escape God.

[7] Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? [8] If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! [9] If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, [10] even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. [11] If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," [12] even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Do you ever feel like you're running from God? Or feel like you are covered in darkness? Why do you think we believe we can run from God? The answer is, if we actually could run from God; that would make us like or equal to God. If we can actually hide from God that would make us equal to God. The fact is, when God chose you, sin can no longer separate you from God. Psalm 139:8, says, "even if I make

my bed in hell, God is there! If your sin was bigger than God's presence or love that would make you equal to God. I hope you see the amazing truth and love of God. He let's nothing get between you and Him. Paul says in Romans 8:37-39

[37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It may feel like at times that we are separated from God, with some of the sin we commit, or the sin that is committed against us. But the absolute truth remains; we are always in the presence of God, because of the work of Jesus on the Cross

Remember this Christian, when we run away from God, we run into Him.

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