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John Heatley, GNJP



John Heatley, Chaplain for Good News Jail & Prison Ministry (GNJP), spoke. He serves Pott Co., Sarpy Co. and Douglas Co. John was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA and served in the US Marine Corps. In 2007 he joined the Army Reserves as a Chaplain.

He attended Moody Bible Institute, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Pastoral Studies and a Master's of Divinity in 2007. John and his wife, Jean, have lived in Bellevue, NE since 2006. They have five grown children and nine grandchildren.

Chaplain Heatley stated that many inmates said they weren't arrested but rescued because of GNJP. As an evangelist he said he doesn't have to go get his audience; they are brought to him. In jail ministry he doesn't have to convince anyone there is a problem, but may not know the solution. If guilt is felt, he states that's good, and he can work with them.

He shared the lesson of someone stating, "When I get out, I'm going to school, get a job, and settle down." He tells them the truth to their face. That isn't going to work. When the sentence is over, the community isn't as forgiving. Those inmates will most likely have difficulty finding a job, renting a home, resuming family relationships. You don't come out of jail and you are even. You then become vulnerable. They end up doing what makes sense at the time, what they want, and what they feel like.

Or someone may state, "When I get out, I'm going to go to church, read the Bible and pray." He again tells them the truth that isn't going to work. It takes transformation with God's help and it is in the heart. When God does something, it's huge. Heatley stated, it's not about "I'll go to church because I'll do this for you if you, God, will clean up this mess for me!"

Heatley further explained: If I always do what makes sense for me, it is a love song to self. Is it possible to say, "Stop"? God loves us and he put us in this life to show who we value the most. What makes the change is God dealing with the heart. If a person thinks they can only do what they want, they must change to a person that knows God loves me and He's given me this life to show Him.

GNJP is the largest provider of correctional chaplains in the world and is in 24 countries. Douglas Co. has 30,000 inmates go through their facility in a year, and combined with Pott and Sarpy Co. there would be a total of 35,000-40,000 per year. He stated there are also female chaplains serving in the prisons.

GNJP provides Bible studies, church services, and written correspondent Bible studies. 40,000 lessons per year are provided and 10,000 attend church services in the jail each year. Many individual and church volunteers assist. Lives changed are in the range of 4000-6000.

Next week's speaker will be:

Jim Murray, former ATF officer, who has written a book: "Emergency Nursing Home Management"

All are welcome!

**Meetings are from 8-9 AM, Saturdays
Treynor Community Building**

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Present were 13 members plus John and Jean Heatley.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Judy Gutttau and Gary Gutttau.

50/50 was won by Marsha Underwood. Jeff Jorgensen won the attendance drawing but was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Jim Clausen's birthday was celebrated. Thanks for bringing breakfast pizza for the group!

Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)

- Judy Gutttau announced that Jona Kuenstler, Germany, arrived Thurs. eve to live with the Josh Gutttau family as a foreign exchange student this year. Jona is the son of Jan-Erik Kuenstler who lived with them in 1991-92.
- Jim Clausen bragged about the 3-way birthday party that was celebrated including his birthday.
- Dale Willenborg shared about the free motorcycle demonstration at fair which was good.

COMMUNITY:

There was some discussion about events and observations at the Fair. Figure 8 races and the watermelon feed is today. The Junk Art at the Fair is interesting. Textiles and Clothing projects are down in number.

BUSINESS:

- Thanks to our Westfair Gate Watchers on Thursday: Dale Willenborg, Phil Waggoner, Gary and Dee Gutttau.
- Can kennel sorting this week for the Optimists will be at 4:00 and Jordan Campbell is arranging for the group to eat pizza at Silos afterwards. Grandkids are welcome to help too.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

- Aug 3 Can Kennel Sorting 4:00 PM
Optimist Club and pizza after at Silos
- Aug. 26-28 Iowa District Optimist Convention -
Davenport

Birthdays

- Aug 11 Chad Gutttau
- Aug 23 Judy Gutttau

Anniversaries

- Aug 5 Josh & Shelly Gutttau
- Aug 13 Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Programs

- Aug Bill Vorthmann (first two)
Jim Clausen (last two)
- Sept Jordan Campbell
- Oct Gary Gutttau

Speakers

- Aug 6 Jim Murray, Treynor, author of a book Emergency Nursing Home Management
- Aug 13 Joel Beyenhof, new Treynor
Superintendent
- Aug 20 Nani from Metro Area Youth Foundation
- Aug 27 Denise Wilson, Youth Leader SPY

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