

# Building Bridges

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## Courthouse – Tent of Meeting

### God's Gift House of Consequences and Mercy



*"You are to be responsible for the care of the sanctuary and the altar... I myself have selected your brethren from the tribe of Levi ... and dedicated them to do the work at the tent of meeting."*

**Numbers 18:5-6**

**The gift of God's CONSEQUENCES is mandatory, yet His gift of MERCY is optional.** To successfully navigate and manage three million ex-slaves who were ruthless, ungrateful, narrow minded, arrogant people, Moses was commanded by God to build a tent of meeting to show His JUSTICE AND MERCY. God's hatred for their ongoing sins across the desert plains had a built in Justice System—consequence by death. This severity by death is very serious, because He is HOLY.

But His justice came from His LOVE / MERCY which is why animals, before the CROSS of Christ, were an atonement substitution for our death. Every time we eat meat, an animal has to die. He is sustaining mercy to us to stay alive physically. Thank God for Christ's atonement for our sins, which satisfied God's justice and shows His mercy.

Since that first inauguration of God's Tent of Meeting with the Israelites,

the Tent of Meetings of consequences have been established worldwide in every county courthouse.

The question remains today: where is the sacrificial animal in the court house? "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

Thank God for His amazing MERCY extended to us. His only provision, the Lamb of God, He has paid our sin debt turning away the judgment of God.

Thank God for His amazing results our courthouse volunteers have had to present to a broken people God's atonement that cancels their sin debt, though consequences often remain. What greater tent of meeting to come to and receive a pardon for our sins.

## We Need Your Help to say “Thanks for Your Service!”

Yes, much grumbling Israelites the three million Israelites. Just how many took the time to say **“thank you”** to Moses, Aaron or the Levites how much we really appreciate the sacrifices of their animals for their sins atonement?

During our weekly 12 noon Friday prayer meeting, we interceded for all employees of the entire court house.

Now the time has come to put action to our prayers. We are teaming together to provide a small snack (preferred homemade) with a personal note of thanks to each employee at the courthouse. Our starting point is with all the 70 security guards. With such a large number of

employees throughout the building, we will be taking each division one at a time.

Sheila Howell, with her ministry, has agreed to spearhead the making and packaging of each snack. But this is a major project for a period of months.

If God lays on your heart to assist in cooking, buying or packing these “Thank you gifts,” please contact us.

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## Jehovah’s Witnesses Making Presence Known

***“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.”***

**Col. 2:8**

Our witness for Christ has become public knowledge throughout the Justice building over these years.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses (JW) have also taken notice and have now set up camp with their literature in the main entrance. There are no

open doors for conversation with them at this time. While we respect their persons, we believe their teaching to be false.

**Please pray** that the spiritual strongholds of deception will be revealed to all who walk by, and for the salvation of the JWs.

## “Thank you for your...”

Thank you for your encouraging words. It was perfect timing when I received your post card. I would definitely appreciate a Bible and Bible course. I have started a weekly Bible study with our dorm and need all the materials I can so I can be a blessing to others. I receive and am thankful for all the prayers. Please continue to write possibly some encouraging Bible verses. - **Delaney**

I was shocked to receive the correspondence you sent me. It was such a pleasant surprise as well as a great encouragement. I thank you for your time and prayers. God is awesome! I know Him as my personal Savior. I don't know how you received my name and info to write, but I'm glad you did. God bless you as well for your obedience and servitude towards me. I trust all is well with you and your. He is faithful to perform completely every good work begun in us as long as we are willing.

I am encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I pray God keep and preserve you blameless until His coming. I speak permanent provision over your life now in Jesus' name. Thanks again for thinking of me and acting on it. The blessings of the Lord upon you until next time. - **Emmanuel**

Ms Jeanne I 'wanna' say thank you ! Thank you for reaching out to me my fellow sister in Christ. And I'm praying everyday for forgiveness for my sins. I cry aloud with my voice to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before Him. I declare my trouble before Him. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, you knew my path. In the way where I walk, they have hidden a trap for me. I look to the right and see for there is no one who regards me. There is no escape for me. No one cares for my soul. I cried out to you oh Lord. I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. Give heed to my cry for I am brought very low. Deliver me from my persecutors for they are too strong for me. Bring my soul out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your Name. The righteous will surround me for you will deal bountifully with me." – Amen Ps. 142 Please keep me in your prayers! - **Tamera**

Allow me to start by saying that I pray that you prosper and be in good health even as your soul prospers. Hello friend, I am truly grateful to receive your postcard. I want you to know that just moments before mail call, I was feeling really down about not getting mail often, and then I received a letter from you telling me that you're praying for me and that "God Loves me". I do need prayer for my wife, myself, and my charges. I also hold Bible studies here but I wish that if it were possible that you could help me with a study Bible so that I can really help explain the Word better. I would love a Bible course. Please continue to keep in touch. God Bless you as your friend in Christ. - **Demone**



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I will draw all men unto me.  
 John 3:14



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OUR VISION is to Bridge the Gap between the justice system and the mercy of God to effect lasting change in the individual lives and families of incarcerated persons with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that they rejoin our community as (law-abiding, good, or honorable) citizens. Justice and mercy meet at the cross. The name is taken from Ezekiel 22:30, where God says, "I searched for someone to stand in the gap . . . but I found no one."

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## God's Redemptive Grace in May

*"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."* Luke 15:24

**Celebrate with us all those who prayed for forgiveness and salvation.**

**Please prayer for each name as they face the opposition because of their new faith in Christ alone**

<b>James Anderson</b>	<b>T. McDaniel</b>	<b>Huy Nguyen</b>
<b>Ebra Hicks</b>	<b>Fredreka Brown</b>	<b>Jonathan Barron</b>
<b>McShane Bailey</b>	<b>Phillpe Escvedo</b>	<b>Johnathan Logan</b>
<b>David Jacob</b>	<b>Jackson Flanigan</b>	<b>Javier Colon</b>
<b>Christopher Hill</b>	<b>Katy Orvis</b>	<b>John Clark</b>

## Still need your Used Christian Books!

"If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." John 3:14

Your used Christian books can be priceless treasures in the hands of hundreds, and they can be used again and again at the Detention Center. They are so eager to learn the Word of God and to receive mentoring in their new faith in Christ!

Just call me for a pick-up (in Gwinnett County or the greater Atlanta area) or arrange delivery to First Baptist Church of Lilburn. Thank you in advance for your help.

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Thank you for your faithful financial and Prayer Support! It keeps us on the front lines at the Tent of Meeting delivering God's atoning grace through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.