

Wade's Newsletter for August 2026

The celebration of July 4th 2026 in the nursing home and assisted living was a great time. My part in it was to supply 2026 flags and the



picture of a 250 Year banner for each resident who wanted one. The simple gifts were met with great appreciation on the part of the residents. Several of them spoke fondly of celebrating the Bi-centennial 50 years ago.

Residents Serving Residents for Christ

One of our faithful Bible Study attendees puts forth great effort to bring other residents to the Studies. She is in a wheelchair but still puts forth the effort to visit other residents in their rooms to encourage them to come to the Bible Study. She usually gets in touch with new residents soon to invite them to our Bible Study.



One Very devoted Christian man came only three times to our Bible Study before being taken to the hospital. He brought his Bible and expressed appreciation for the study. It appeared he was going to make a great addition to our group. He was taken to hospital and not heard from again. We do not know if he recovered or went to be with the Lord. That is often how it is in nursing home ministry.

One man had been a great spiritual leader in Assisted Living. He customarily prayed for meals before the group would eat and he added a lot to our discussions. He went blind and was moved to the Nursing section of the facility. I now go to his room for Bible Study. He leads in prayer and interacts well as the lesson is being presented. His roommate also listens in when he is not sleeping. I do a number of one-on-one Bible Studies for those who are bedfast or in some other way unable to attend the group studies. I do both full-length Bible Studies and devotionals depending on what the resident is able to handle.

Our new activities assistant is diligent about getting people to the Bible Studies. Being an employee she has abilities I do not have. For example, I have no authority to transfer a resident from their bed to a wheelchair. Nursing home staff has to do that. Nurses are usually busy with their work and are not available to assist me. But the activities assistant can help directly. On occasion she is busy with other tasks and unavailable to help. Our Bible Study attendance is noticeably less on those days. The previous activities assistant became a CNA (a certified nurse's assistant), and is doing a great job.

A man I had the privilege of leading to Christ a couple of years ago enjoys the one-on-one devotional time we have each week. He expresses genuine appreciation for my visit and the spiritual input. That certainly reassures me that his trust in Christ for salvation was genuine. I have tried to work with his roommate for several years off and on. He is unable to communicate other than to respond to his name, sometimes. He has heard the Gospel clearly but only the Lord knows what is in his heart.

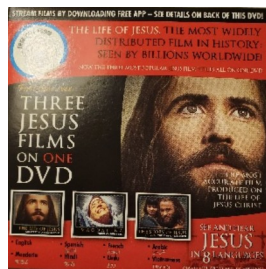
A new resident has hesitatingly welcomed my visits. I gave him a flag which helped open the door of conversation. He does not want me to read to him nor is he interested in anything spiritual. Thus begins the long journey of relationship building that, hopefully, will lead to opportunity to explain the Gospel.

I have a small DVD player I can use in resident's rooms to show videos one on one. Recently I showed the video "THE AMERICAN MIRACLE, Our Nation is no Accident", to a resident who is an atheist. We have had a good relationship for several years and agree on our love for America. Thus, we have something to talk about of which we are in agreement.



The Video relates the miraculous interventions and provisions of God in the founding of our country. I was hoping he would see the reality of God's presence and working in the founding of America. At times during the video, he voiced his disagreement with the conclusions. We are still friends and I have other ideas to help him see the truth. Please pray!

Reaching out to the staff is a challenge because they are so busy



conversation with them really isn't possible. Recently I have been giving them a DVD of the Jesus film. I have prepared three brief articles that I place in each sleeve along with the disc. One is the Simple Gospel with a prayer. The next one is on Assurance of Salvation and

the third is on God creating as opposed to the falsehoods of evolution. The reason for the last article is that the nursing home brings in young people as staff trainees. Those young people have been so immersed in the theory of atheistic evolution from the public school they need the truth about the falsehoods of evolution to help them to think seriously about the Lord.

One lady who is faithful in our Bible studies let us know her idea of heaven. I had been presenting Biblical teaching on heaven from the book of Revelation chapters 21-22. She let us know she was not interested in all the sparkles and glitter as heaven is described in Revelation. Her idea of heaven is more like a farm with lots of animals. You guessed it, she was a farmer's wife and loved the farm.

The Lord reassures us. **John 14:1-3 (NKJV)**

¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

² In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Randy Alcorn mentioned this in his book Heaven. He said that whatever that special place the Lord has prepared for us is like, "it will feel like home."

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