

## ***National Unrest***

Our local churches in Fairview take turns feeding the football team and cheerleaders on Thursday nights in preparation for the upcoming Friday ballgames. Pastor Ricky invited me to address the group recently when his church fed the team. I spoke about what I would say is my "Life verse" from scripture. ***Luke 6:45 "A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."***

The average human has 60-80,000 thoughts a day. All actions on the football field, work, relationships, disciplining children, are pre-empted by thought. By training. By repetition. By practice or habit. We are trained to react and respond to situations and circumstances based on those habitual practices. That training started at birth and continues on to this day, TV, Facebook, Church, what we read, friendships..... Some was good training and some not so good. I believe I would go so far as to say that thought is driving our national unrest. Luke 6:45 - Another way of saying it is "What you meditate on is what you will say and do." The path between our thought and action is often very short, even unidentifiable because it has become such an instinctual habit or pattern. For me so short that it often gets me into trouble. I.e.: Foot in mouth.

A friend of mine always asked "What is your mental chewing gum? What is rolling around in your mind?"

***2 Corinthians 4b-5: "We demolish arguments and every high-minded thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."***

Remember this: Your mental chewing gum will control your life. Make God and His word the final authority for your thoughts and meditation.

Jay Bartel

### **Prayer Requests**

\*\* Covid-19 has temporarily reduced the demand for rehabilitation services. Pray for men seeking help to connect with us.

\*\* We need to upgrade transportation. We are looking for a 12 or 15 passenger van with under 100k miles. Either to purchase or by donation. Preferably by donation of course.

\*\* For our country in this time of seeming instability. We are somewhat removed from the direct affects of Covid and civil unrest but ultimately all affected by the national condition.

\*\* For our elderly population, the loneliness and isolation they are suffering.

## ***TLC Interview with graduate Rolando Aguilar***

**Gazette:** What does TLC mean to you?

**Rolando:** TLC is a life-changing place where we can be sober of drugs and a place to get in God's word and just being there with one another knowing that I wasn't the only one with these problems. I learned how we help each other as brothers in Christ.

**Gazette:** So Rolando, what do you feel was the most meaningful part of the program—had the biggest impact on your life?

**Rolando:** Scheduled personal study times were very meaningful to me. Class sessions with different teachers also.

**Gazette:** From a student standpoint, how important do you feel work projects and donations are at TLC?

**Rolando:** Good. I mean we go out into the community and help people with projects in the way we, TLC, are able to. Being able to do it all for the Glory of God.

**Gazette:** What would you say to others struggling with addiction or to their families and friends?

**Rolando:** I encourage anyone struggling with addiction to consider joining the program. It helped me and others that are struggling with addiction to understand we are not alone. I would say to them "I've been there and done that. There is hope for you."

**Gazette:** As a graduate what do you say personally to those people?

**Rolando:** I am doing better and not who or what I used to be. I am now on the right track in life.



**Finances** We probably don't need to say it again but we never stop presenting the need for finances. Things are level right now and you faithful supporters have once again been a blessing to the TLC program and program residents. **As always if you have work projects or referrals please contact Mark at 580 227-6059.**

**Donations** can be made by taking advantage of donation envelopes and mailing to PO Box 88, Fairview, OK 73737, or the "Donate Now" button on our website at **fairviewtlc.net**.

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