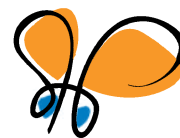


# Wings



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## The Heart of the Matter

*Calvin Jones gives testimony during Epworth Event*

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On the surface, Calvin Jones has the repertoire of a gifted athlete. He played for the Huskers and was a pre-season Heisman Trophy candidate and All-American I-Back. He was also in the third round NFL draft pick for the Los Angeles Rams in 1994.

Calvin Jones said, "I had the whole world in my hands but there was no Jesus Christ. I was a Super Bowl champion. I had played for the greatest coach ever, Tom Osborne, but I was not connected with Jesus Christ. So, I ended up going through drugs, alcohol and bankruptcy."

"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world yet forfeit his soul?" Mark 8:36.

That is the Bible verse Calvin Jones chose to open his keynote address with on Thursday, September 24, to a crowd of more than 340 people at Stone Creek Event Center in McCool. The event was held to raise funds for Epworth Village, Inc., a family-centered therapeutic treatment agency based in York and Grand Island that serves more than 1,000 people each month struggling with everything from behavioral health issues, to child abuse, neglect and educational issues.

The audience was captive, but most attentive to Jones's talk were the group of Epworth boys in attendance. Children referred into the Epworth program come from a variety of backgrounds, some with loving homes who just don't know what to do, others come from severely abusive situations leaving



**Pictured from left are Calvin Jones, Lily Berlie and Tommie Frazier. During Epworth's "Heart of the Matter" event, Lily Berlie, the wife of Rev. Bob Berlie of Ord, presented both men with a "prayer quilt." Each boy who is served by Epworth receives a quilt when they arrive into the program. These quilts are made by caring United Methodist Women and others across Nebraska. This symbolic gesture was made to thank both Frazier and Jones for their support of Epworth and presentations at the event.**

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