

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Buck Griffith, Editor

“Helping make the world better and safer by teaching Christ to those in prison”

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“BLACK & WHITE” MATTERS

This ministry is being deeply impacted by a Texas Department of Criminal Justice regulation restricting items mailed to prisoners. All materials must be on white paper with black ink. This includes envelopes, letters, lessons and tracts. This requirement is costly. All materials must be converted to this format as of March 1. We can still use our original material in many other facilities outside TDCJ. For quite some time, a few other states and individual prisons have enforced this regulation. It does not impact material carried in and out of prisons for classroom use. The argument against colored material has been the ingenious talent of prisoners to use it for tattoo purposes. More recently, it appears to be applicable to the creation of synthetic drugs.



TEXAS INMATE FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

We are grateful to Irma Villarreal for coordinating the monthly support group meeting of TIFA (Texas Inmate Families Association). This friendly group of family members with incarcerated loved ones meets at our office on the second Tuesday of each month. We encourage students in prison classes to inform their family members and urge them to attend. As Irma steps aside, we welcome Mr. Roger Otto! Roger has filled in for Irma on several occasions, is faithful in attendance, and always eager to do what he can to meet the needs of families. Contact Mr. Otto if you need more information or have questions (881-9094 at home or 462-1999, cell).



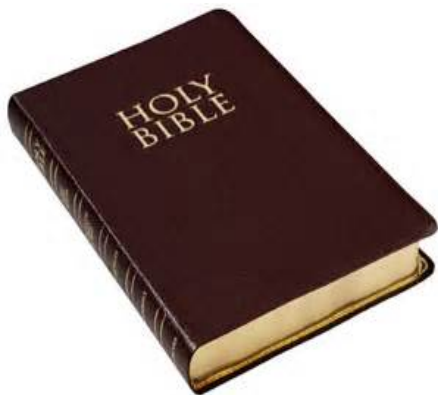
HELP PROVIDE BIBLES

You are aware of our devastating fire in mid-December. This event was the catalyst to stir us up enough to dream of designing, developing and printing a Bible for our general use. By doing so, it will contain important details about this ministry and various avenues of reaching out to fellow strugglers: prisoners, family members, alcoholics/drug addicts, ex-offenders, etc. It can introduce readers to Kings Crossing Prison Ministries, NewLife Behavior Ministries, Quarry Press, Unbound Word, VetNet, TIFA, Baptistries Around the World, R&R Seminars, etc. Wow!

While working out some of the details, we have a good idea of anticipated costs so we can launch our fund-raising drive. It will be as challenging as our Recovery Bible project (“Journey to Recovery Through Christ”) which required a little over \$25,000! This Bible will be the entire Bible whereas the earlier edition was limited to the New Testament plus Psalms and Proverbs. Starting the effort to raise funds now is important because it may take *two years* to reach the goal. The more Bibles we can afford to print at one time will lower the “per Bible” cost of printing so we are not setting a “ceiling” on it!

A few friends and donors have already started sending checks marked for “Bibles” and we will reserve the funds until we have to begin making payments for services rendered. Early expenses will involve the special cover and the first few pages outlining the “many faces” of the ministry.

We also want to at least insert notations throughout the Bible to indicate references helpful to recovery. This Bible will not replace “Journey to Recovery” but will still be helpful since this Bible will be used for “general” distribution to all students. If you keep up with the statistics, you know we provide over 8,000 Bibles annually. We trust this printing will supply enough to last for several years. This means while it will “tax” us to raise a challenging amount today, we avoid having to buy Bibles for years to come!



MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

Memorial Gifts express love to those having lost loved ones. Living Honor Gifts show gratitude for those held in high esteem. We acknowledge gifts to individuals or families when contact information is provided. These gifts keep on helping others through **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries**. This is a lasting way to remember and appreciate the special people in our lives.

Received from:

M/M Frank Maxey
M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Gary Thompson
April Askew
M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Frank Maxey
M/M Buck Griffith

In Loving Memory of:

Lloyd Bergsma
Lloyd Bergsma
Taryn Brooks
Taryn Brooks
Taryn Brooks
Kenneth Daniel
Kenneth Daniel



47TH NATIONAL PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

The Louisville Area Churches of Christ and the Midwest congregation invite us to participate in this June 10-12 event At the Best Western Premier Hotel, 4110 Dixie Highway, in Louisville, Kentucky (502-448-2020). The room rate for the workshop is \$119 per night. *Networking: Creating a Safety Net for Success* is the theme chosen to be developed by outstanding speakers selected from throughout the U.S. Directing this seminar is Jerry Stephenson, a veteran of this ministry who is directing this national gathering for the third time. Registration is \$85 per person. You can reach Brother Stephenson at Midwest Church of Christ, 2115 Garland Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40211 (502) 774-3986 or by email at midwestchurchofchrist@aol.com.

"BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL SEMINAR"

Palestine Church of Christ, 2779 North State Highway 155, Palestine, Texas
Saturday, April 4, 2020, 2 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Raymond Moore (903) 724-5855 or Email: palestinemoore@yahoo.com

Presenter: Buck Griffith, Corpus Christi, Texas

► *The Case FOR It* ► *The Case AGAINST It* ► *Target Audiences* ► *Course Offerings* ► *Wise Use of Tracts*
► *Bible Options* ► *Postage Options* ► *Certificates*

SUNDAY BONUS: 9:30 a.m. "Loose Him & Let Him Go" (Bible Class)
10:30 a.m. "The Reward of No Reward" (Sermon)



3RD ANNUAL "REVIVE US AGAIN"

This outstanding evangelism and church growth workshop is March 25-28 at the Faith Village Church of Christ, 4100 McNeil Avenue in Wichita Falls. This year's theme is: "I Have Decided ... A Call to Fearless Discipleship."

In order to learn more about *HomeMission*, check out their website. John Orr and his dedicated team have done amazing things to assist small congregations in difficult places to grow and flourish. You will be encouraged and enlightened by this event.

Rooms may be reserved for \$77 per night at the Comfort Inn, 4414 Westgate Drive (940-691-1066) or for \$75 per night at Baymont Inn & Suites, 4510 Kell Boulevard (940-691-7500).

For more details and information, call 940-692-0032 or email homemission444@gmail.com.

2019 REPORT

Requests for Baptism: 2,239

Prayer Requests: 2,817

Bible Lessons Distributed: 918,022

Religious Tracts: 806,111

Bibles: 8,451

Correspondence Students: 34,610

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries is under the oversight of the shepherds, Kings Crossing Church of Christ, 5901 Yorktown Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414 (Steve Brashear, Ron Cardwell, Robert Illgen, Rick Legvold, and Jack North).

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