#### "WALKING IN THE LIGHT"

# **Kings Crossing Prison Ministries**

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST Dr. Dale Underwood, Editor

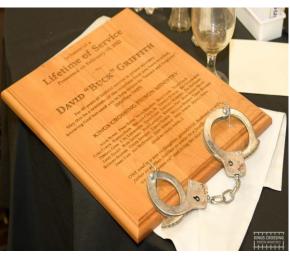
"Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns"



# **Prison Ministry Appreciation Banquet Honors Buck Griffith with "Life-Time Achievement" Award**

In a banquet room packed with supporters, volunteers, and men and women involved in prison ministries around the country Saturday,

February 19<sup>th</sup>, Buck Griffith was presented with a "Life-Time Achievement" award in prison ministry. During the evening, long-time friends and co-laborers made remarks. Unique to the plaque include the handcuffs that both indicate prison work, and the "Loosed and Forgiven" curriculum written by Buck. Further, many names of men and women who Buck has impacted are also on the plaque with the reminder that each is a child, son, or daughter and that we must continue till each has been brought home! Congratulations, Buck! God has used you tremendously. May He continue to use you as you reach out to those in prisons.





Left to right: Karlene Underwood, Glenda Watson, Pat Watson, Raquel Rivera, Gary Thompson

#### Prison Ministry Staff Honored

Glenda Watson- 33 years
Pat Watson- 32 years
Gary Thompson 22 years
Raquel Rivera- 11 years volunteer, 2
years staff
Karlene Underwood- 1st Year

We have a highly skilled and dedicated staff! These people lead and work with our volunteers to reach tens of thousands of people struggling with addiction, those incarcerated, and their families.



Friends and supporters enjoy the banquet and speakers.











### **Buck & Janet Griffith Legacy Fund**

Many of you contributed toward the *Buck & Janet Griffith Legacy Fund* this past month as well as the night of the banquet. \$44,781.86 was in this legacy fund at the end of January, 2021. You gave \$33.983.86 in the month of February. A new total of \$78,765.72 is now there! Praise God and thanks to you we are better prepared for potential difficult times and able to pay for special programs. *Please continue to remember us in prayer. Your prayers are so very important!* 



One of the sweet moments of the banquet was to hear Joshua Spinn (pictured left) share the testimony of his journey finding the Lord through his experiences in the Victoria County jail and Bootie Pearson (also pictured left) teaching, then later transitioning to a TDCJ prison unit where he continued his walk with Christ and a relationship with Buck Griffith and others at KCPM.

Part of the evening was also dedicated to 'roasting' Buck Griffith with a little good nature ribbing and a lot of kind thoughts. Ron Goodman, Dr. H. M. Motsinger, Dr. Don Umphrey (pictured right) and Buck's own children~ Tishanne Carroll and Yancv Griffith (also pictured right) made it a fun and memorable evening.



### **BE RECONCILED**

### NATIONAL PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

2022 NATIONAL JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP FOR THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

HOSTED BY: CHRIST PRISON MINISTRY & EDGEMERE CHURCH OF CHRIST

**DATES: 8-10 JUNE 2022** 

LOCATION: WICHITA FALLS, TX POC: STEPHEN@EDGEMERE.ORG



It will be here before you know it. Be sure to get your registration in for the workshop and your housing accommodations reserved. The Kings Crossing Prison Ministry will once again be in attendance. Some of our staff will be leading classes. It would be great to see a group from the Coastal Bend area at the workshop! A registration form insert is included in this month's newsletter. But, please mail or email your registration to the sponsoring church, Edgemere Church of Christ in Wichita Falls, TX.

### More Support Services Through KCPM: Half-Way Houses for Women

Many of the additional ministry areas KCPM provides have over time grown out of compassion for needs of those impacted by addictive and destructive behaviors. "Little Angels", Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA) 12step groups, and our Baptistries Around the World efforts developed because these needs came with ministering to those in prison. For a number of years we have been developing lists of half-way houses that exist for those needing more than just group meetings to deal with their addictions. There are a number of shelters in major urban areas of Texas. TDCJ maintains half-way houses for those on parole. When people come through our doors, we try to assist them in a number of ways. We now have a new addition to these assistance efforts: a list of half~ way houses/shelters exclusively for women.



## Gifts of Remembrance & Gratitude

Many ministry friends find this a meaningful way to remember loved ones and honor persons who have made a difference in their lives – living or not. Whether a person just passed away or died decades ago, it is a marvelous feeling to know that you or a loved one is remembered.

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