

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST

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“Reconciled and Renewed” Seminars

One of our goals in 2026 has been to bring ***“Reconciled and Renewed” (R&R) seminars*** back as a regular part of our efforts to prisons in Texas. For a number of years, **Pat** and **Glenda Watson** planned these efforts and organized the groups of volunteers who went into prisons to teach. Women’s prisons in places such as Gatesville and Lockhart and men’s prisons in Beeville, Huntsville and other locations got to experience these transformative weekends. Some wonderful servant volunteers helped to make these happen; people like **Ralph Anderson, April Askew, Taryn Brooks, James Curry, Dr. Essie Farley, Cheryl Hinton, Karen Jones, A. J. Mayo, Karen Springer, Nancy Strauss** and **Pam Zapalac**. ***These servants provided a blueprint and paved the road on which we now walk to continue reaching the lost in prisons in Texas!***



Pat and Glenda Watson with Buck Griffith

The COVID virus did harm in a lot of ways, death in some cases and illness for many. Government on federal, state, and local levels shut down access to many services. **R&R seminars** were just one of the excellent efforts that were shut down in jail/prison ministries. Bringing these wonderful opportunities for inmates to have focused time on a concentrated practical and spiritual time has been one of our goals. This was made a little more difficult due to Pat and Glenda Watson’s retirement this past year.



Michael DeShazo, Dale and Karlene Underwood, Jesus Villanueva, Micah and Stephanie Rogers, Tom Hollingsworth and Recardo Reyes after a meal following the R & R Seminar in late March

That is why it was very exciting when we held our first R & R seminar this spring! It took place in Beeville at the **Garza West** prison unit and focused on a Godly response to overcoming substance abuse. More than 120 men attended across three days. The result was not only time in the Word of God, but many expressed a desire to follow up through commitments in baptism and rededication of their lives to Christ!

Pictured (left) is the current crew of servants who conducted our first R&R seminar since we set the goal to bring them back.

While a new set of servants are continuing to prepare and present **R&R seminars**, ***the goal remains the same; “Endeavoring to teach the Gospel to every person everywhere before Jesus returns.”***

A follow up to the Garza West prison unit in Beeville will take place in August (Lord willing) for baptisms and prayer. We will report the results of that when it takes place. We are even now planning our next **R&R seminar**, also in August, which will also take place in Beeville at a prison. We are talking with a prison in the Rio Grande-Valley about scheduling an **R&R seminar** in September. A chaplain at one of the Huntsville prisons is talking with us about scheduling an **R&R seminar** there before the end of the year, as well.

Please pray for and support this effort to reach the lost as God continues to open doors! Praise King Jesus!

CASA RETREAT

Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA)

October 30-31, 2026

Location: Bandina Christian Youth Camp

Cost is \$35 a person

Sign up forms in coming newsletters or contact our office. Whether you are a veteran group leader, a CASA participant, or desire to start a CASA group in your location, this CASA Retreat will equip you and encourage you.

Enjoy great company! Sharpen your iron!
Fill your cup!

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Planting & Watering, But God Brings the Increase!



In prison/jail recovery ministries, we get to preach the gospel to multitudes of people each year, but we do not always get to see the fruit of our labor. When we do get to see the fruit, we feel very blessed. Sometimes we measure success when someone stays in Corpus Christi, attends our support groups, and comes to **Kings Crossing Church of Christ** on Sundays. But, that is not always the case.

Many of the people to whom we preach, baptize, and disciple do not stay here in Corpus Christi, Texas. We do our best to connect them to our brothers and sisters wherever they go, yet in many cases we never get to see what happens to them. That is why people like **Belinda Tovar** encourage us so much.

We encountered Belinda through the **Fortune Friends** sober living home here in Corpus Christi. Belinda spent over thirty years in addiction and twelve of those years she was incarcerated. She attended our Thursday night **CASA** support group for several months before **OBEYING THE GOSPEL!** Shortly after Belinda gave her life to Jesus, she moved to Houston to reconnect with her daughter. I had the privilege in March to visit Belinda and her daughter in Houston. I got to see her faithfulness with my own eyes.



This last Sunday (6/28/26) Belinda Tovar came to Corpus Christi to worship with us and rekindle her relationship with her sister. Watching her break the chains of addiction, surrender to Christ, persevere through trials, reconcile lost relationships, and stay focused on Christ is a reminder that God is bigger than anyone of us! We will always remember watching her come out of the waters of baptism with tears of joy!

Praise King Jesus, God is a good God in Heaven!



Youth Retreat at the Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center!

Our focus often sits squarely on adults. There is nothing wrong with that. After all, approximately 160,000 men and women are incarcerated in Texas prisons and another 200,000 are on parole, probation, or are in the process of re-entering society. Yet, there is an almost invisible population of young people that get little awareness and as a result, less attention- **teens**. In Nueces County there will be more than 345 youth incarcerated or on probation in 2026.

We contacted the **Kings Crossing Church of Christ** youth minister, **John David Alston**, who agreed to build a day retreat for our group of volunteers. Together, we will meet for the day on **August 1st** to spend time together in group activities, Bible study, testimonials, and prayer. We hope to encourage these youth to know there is a God who loves them, that they can walk with Him, and that they can find a way forward out of their current circumstance. ***Please pray that this day has an impact in their lives for Christ. Thank You!***



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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