

“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”

KCPM Annual Fund Drive in Motion

Our *Annual Fund Drive* started on October 1 and will end on December 31. We are motivated with a “Matching Fund” amount of \$35,000. In 2022, with your help we reached \$124,951. Last year (2023) that total grew to \$134,236! Our goal, of course, is to more than reach the previous year’s amount. October, November, and December are critical months for our planning to reach into prisons, jails, and lives in 2024.



In 2024, we are extending the reach of prison ministry work into prisons and county jails in Sinton, Beeville, Kennedy, Hondo, San Antonio, and Houston. There is no way we could accomplish all of that from Corpus Christi. We are in conversations and various stages of planning with men and women in churches in these areas. Our goal is to train and be a resource for teams from these areas to go into these prisons and county jails. Lord willing, in 2024, there will be a physical presence of teams going into prisons and county jails from the Valley, throughout the Coastal Bend, and into San Antonio and Houston. **Without YOUR help, it just would not happen.** So we are watching closely how each month’s totals compare to the same months from 2022. We do not yet have totals for the month of October, since we are sending our newsletter out a little early to make sure we have been good stewards to get the word out about the annual drive. But, we need your help. Also, do not overlook the “electronic” method of giving.

Many donors must wait until December 31 for tax purposes. Some supporters only give on a year-end basis. We don’t like it, but we understand it, and seek to develop more patience from year to year. Much of the delay is related to “required distributions” of IRAs and other tax-related concerns. The more contributions received in October and November lessens the December stress. Year-end donations are a wonderful way to end the year and begin the new one with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. As you are aware, we added Recardo Reyes to our staff in the summer of 2023. By this point in time, many will donate on November 14 to NewLife Behavior Ministry’s “Day of Giving.” While commendable, NLBM is a separate 501 (c) 3. Thank you for your generosity.

TDCJ Announcement Regarding Bible Correspondence

We are delighted to announce that prison ministries are cleared to return to supplying Bible correspondence materials and Bibles to inmates at their units in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. This will resolve the issue of students being able to return “test sheets” for grading and supplying them with “Certificates of Completion” when they complete a course. However, individual letters (not a part of studies or with lessons) must continue being mailed to Dallas where they will be scanned to inmates’ tablets. In such instances, address your correspondence like this:

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Full first name, last name, and number
P. O. Box 660400
Dallas, Texas 75266-0400**

Kings Crossing Prison Ministries is overseen by the shepherds, Kings Crossing Church of Christ, 5901 Yorktown Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414 (Ron Cardwell, Kyde Eddleman, Robert Illgen, Stephen Johnston, Jack North, Richard Scanio)

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I Just Have To Say...



Dr. Dale Underwood
KCPM Director

50th National Prison Ministry Workshop

June 12-14, 2024
Corpus Christi,
Texas

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I am highly anticipating what we will hear and experience when the **National Prison Ministry Workshop** finally gets to Corpus Christi June 2024. There will be some truly valuable perspectives shared by people who have been living what they will share for our benefit.

- Departments of Corrections are continuing to change their protocols to keep out contraband. Some of these officials will be with us to give us insight on how to navigate.
- Many chaplains are not familiar with Churches of Christ. There are skills we need to learn how to work with them.
- Exciting new efforts are underway that can be started where you live.
- New curriculum will be available- fresh off the press.
- Whether you are currently a one-person army or you have several engaged in your local effort, there will be people who just like you have learned what works, what doesn't and what is on the horizon for prison, jail, and half-way house ministries.
- Since May 2021, over 500 have been baptized into Christ in Nueces County jails and half-way houses. Come see how and do the same!



And, if you want a shot of straight spiritual adrenalin- come hear our friend, Freddie Anderson, and others encourage you! Be sure to stay updated with the monthly inserts we are sending out on the National workshop.



Pictured left is **Jesus Villanueva**, **Recardo Reyes**, and **Dr. Dale Underwood** as they are driving back from a recent visit to San Antonio following a conversation with one of the churches there whose members are interested in getting into prison ministry work.

If you go to the **Kings Crossing Prison Ministry Facebook page**, you will find several short videos like this one giving up-to-date

information on new ministry developments as they take place. That same day we attended a men's retreat in Corpus Christi where nine San Antonio church families were represented. Several men from these congregations are also interested in prison ministry!



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.

Received from:

M/M Frank Maxey
M/M Bob Wachtel
Dr/M Dale Underwood
M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Frank Maxey
M/M Buck Griffith

In Memory of:

Johnny Martinez
Bob McKinley
A. C. Stone, Jr.
Bob McKinley
Bob McKinley
Johnny Martinez

Received from:

M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Frank Degollado
M/M Bob Wachtel
M/M Frank Maxey
M/M Bob Wachtel

In Memory of:

Larry Hardin
Marion Pearson
Johnny Martinez
Larry Hardin
Larry Hardin