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Chaplain Support Ministry Newsletter

A quarterly publication of the Fountain Chaplain Support Ministry, a coalition of churches providing chaplain services to residents and staff of the Fountain Correctional Center for Women, Rocky Mount, NC

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REV. COLEY TO BECOME FULL TIME CHAPLAIN

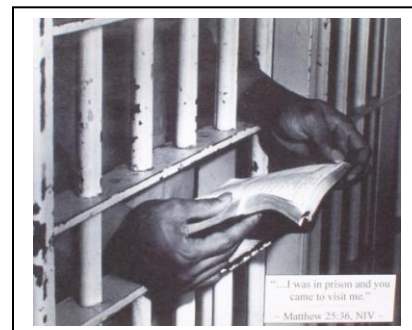
Rev. Jimmy Coley, who has been serving as a part-time volunteer chaplain at Fountain Correctional Center for Women, with limited financial support from the Fountain Chaplain Support Ministry, has announced he will become full time chaplain effective November 1. Chaplain Coley is assisted in this ministry by his wife, Chaplain Ann Coley.

Although the FCSM has not yet reached its financial goal for support of a full-time chaplain, Chaplain Coley has willingly agreed to leave his job in the private sector and devote full-time to this ministry. The Board of Directors has agreed to this plan and will continue to work diligently to support Chaplain Coley in this ministry. We will make every effort to reach our original goal so that Chaplain Coley can be adequately supported.

Chaplain Activities/Accomplishments

During the July-September, 2010, quarter the chaplain's report includes the following activities:

- Processed 366 inmate requests
- Individual pastoral care 230
- Conducted 14 worship services
- Distributed 243 Bibles and 521 other religious materials
- Pastoral visits for staff family member 6
- Bible classes 63



Chaplain Coley coordinated a revival with volunteers from New York for a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning in the auditorium. The services were well attended. Chaplain Coley hopes to expand the visiting privileges for this group from the auditorium to include visiting inmates on the lower yards.

Chaplain Coley reports that FCCW is receiving more inmates with longer sentences, more instances of mental illness, and more with violent pasts. He requests prayers that "God will continue to grant us Godly wisdom and that he would grant us favor with our staff, inmates, and our volunteers."

Wilson Praise and Worship will conduct a Fall revival November 5-7, 2010, coordinated by Chaplain Coley.

Board of Directors

Meet more members of the Board of Directors:



Max Dixon, Vice-Chairman. A graduate of Elon College, Max is a retired manager of human resources and has been a leader in United Way for many years. He was active in organizing the Fountain Chaplain Support Ministry and served as Chairman the first 3 years. Max is an active member, deacon, and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.



Crystal Leigh Shearin, Secretary. Has her Master's degree in speech-language pathology, works with a private practice providing speech therapy for pre-school and school-age children. She has taught Sunday School, sung with the Praise Team, and worked with FCCW ministry in providing drama skits. She serves on the Board of the Junior Guild and is an active member of First Baptist Church.



Martin Zimmerman. Martin has been involved with the Fountain Chaplain Support Ministry since its inception. He is self-employed and runs his own marketing business. Martin has been involved in ministry programs in several other correctional institutions in eastern North Carolina. He is an active member of First United Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

We would sincerely welcome recommendations from any participating church for anyone who might be interested in serving on this Board to assist in this ministry. If you or a member of your congregation would be interested in assisting the Board of Directors in the leadership of this ministry please call Max Dixon at 252-903-7230 (cell) or 252-442-4824 (home) to discuss this opportunity.

What the ministry means:

From an inmate/resident: *"Ministries and Chaplains is (sic) very important in prisons. Inmates need to know we are forgiven and have a chance to better ourselves after our release. We need hope to survive outside these prison walls."* D.C.

From a volunteer: *"Many inmates have expressed appreciation for the opportunities for spiritual growth at Fountain, and for the extensive involvement of the Rocky Mount faith community. Without the guidance and support of the chaplains, the opportunities to connect volunteers to inmates and to provide inmates with spiritual guidance would not exist. Thank you FCSM for making this possible!"* Beth Lewis, volunteer, Church on the Rise.

Is your church participating to the fullest extent that it can? Remember Christ's admonition: **As much as you minister unto these you minister unto me.**