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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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A PLEA FOR YOUR SUPPORT

To: Supporting Churches and Prospective Supporting Churches

From: Fountain Chaplain Support Ministry

Date: September 29, 2009

If you were able to attend the dinner on Thursday evening, September 24, 2009, we hope you enjoyed the occasion and that you received significant information regarding the status of this ministry.

What a wonderful expression of the Christian communities in the area to come together as an inter-denominational brotherhood in obedience to God's will. With such unity and obedience to His will, we can make it possible for the inmates at Fountain Correctional Center to continue to have easy access to the teaching and preaching of God's word.

We are challenging the larger churches in the area to commit \$200 a month for this ministry in 2010. Smaller churches are asked to contribute \$100 a month. For many churches this would be a significant increase.

Some of the reasons we are asking your membership to prayerfully consider this request are as follows:

- 1. Since having received this call from God over three years ago to provide financial support for a full-time chaplain at Nash Correctional Center for Women, the average gift has been \$724 a year (excluding one major contributor who is providing \$13,300). At \$724 it will take sixty-four participating churches to support a full-time chaplain. We now realize, after contacting maybe as many as a hundred churches, we are not going to be able to reach our goal of providing a full-time chaplain without a significant increase in the level of support by contributing churches.*
- 2. The need is for an additional \$25,000 a year over and above current level of support to provide appropriate financing for a full-time chaplain.*

God's people can do this!

Please encourage your church to join other churches to include this commitment in their budgets for 2010.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: If you are not sure whether you are a larger or a smaller church, please consider your congregation to be a larger one and plan to give accordingly.

TESTIMONIALS ON THE CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM:



From prison inmates:

“The Coley’s are teaching us how to be Christian women and good mothers. What they bring to us is pride in ourselves.” T.H.

“Fountain may be a prison, but thanks to the chaplain program we have the opportunity to see our future.” D.D.

Paula Simmons, FCCW staff, describes the Coleys as:
“a woman of virtue and a man of valor.”
 She further stated that: *“no amount of money can pay them what they are worth.”*

The challenge is for the churches in this area to support this wonderful example of Christ ministering to those in need.



Chaplain Jimmy Coley declares: *“I do what I do because I love God....This is a mission field at your back door.”*

Local churches need to heed this local call.



Chaplain Ann Coley admits: *“The ladies at Fountain bless me more than you could ever imagine.”*

This statement comes from a woman for whom inmates/residents declared the highest esteem and appreciation. We need to support the work she and her husband do!



YOUR congregation can be part of this ministry. Please call Max Dixon at 252- 442-4824 (home) or 252-903-7230 (cell) to find out how.

LEADERSHIP NEEDED: 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 Bill Waters at 252-443-2928 (home) or 252-452-0821 (cell) to discuss this opportunity.