



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

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Serving those who serve us. Transforming lives behind the walls

FEEDING THE HUNGRY Shortly after Sheriff Holloway assumed office the Chaplain Division, under the direction of Chaplain David Myers, began a garden project for inmates at the Benton County Detention Center. This picture was taken in early August. Last year the jail garden produced over 5000 pounds of food which was delivered to Helping Hands for distribution to those in need. This year they expect comparable harvest numbers.

The recidivism rate among those who are permitted to work the garden is extremely low. Those tending are coached by certified master gardeners, and some of the inmates, themselves, become certified master gardeners as well.

Volunteers are needed to help coach the inmates in their gardening efforts. If you have a green thumb and a desire to help men find meaning in their lives contact Chaplain Jim by phone, text or email. Contact information is located elsewhere in this newsletter.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES GO TO BCSO CHAPLAIN JO JONES

and her family. Jo's husband, Danny, died as a result of an ATV accident on the family farm in rural Gravette in August.

When one of ours suffers a loss, we all suffer the loss. Danny was such a joy to be around, and those times spent with him were precious. Please keep Jo and the Jones family in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

Psalm 116:15 *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*"



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“IT WAS THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO ME!”

More than one inmate made that comment at both the July and August baptism services at the Benton County Detention Center. One hundred sixty men and women have followed the Lord in baptism this year.



The credit for the success of the jail ministry goes to God, first, and then to the jail ministers themselves. They take time—most of them weekly, some more often—to bring the message of hope to those who, otherwise, might feel hopeless.

In addition to the Bible studies led by our jail ministers, the inmates, themselves, are holding Bible studies and prayer meeting throughout the jail. Revival truly is taking place! Please pray that it continues.

“I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.” Matt 25:35-36 NAS

Looking for a program for your church or civic group? We would love to come share about the ministry Northwest Arkansas Chaplain Ministries provides, and about opportunities where you might become involved. Whether it's a church men's group, a Sunday School class, a civic organization—wherever we can share how chaplains are making a difference—we are ready to tell the story.

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