



The Florida Prison Evangelist



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...He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners..." Luke 4:18

A message from Christopher:

Greetings brethren! First, I am honored to carry this work forward into the foreseeable future. It is nothing short of God's providence how Gary and I became connected. I am blessed to be a part of the team and have Gary as a mentor. Words cannot effectively describe his service so I will just say I am humbled and WOW! I am thankful for Gary and all of you who believe this work to be as important as Gary, our elders, and I do. I hope to meet all of you very soon! Gary and I plan to visit our partner congregations within the next six months. Many great things are happening in the prison ministry. At the time of this writing, I am going into the Regional Medical Center and Union Correctional Institution (UCI) where I lead five classes each week. In addition to this, I see several inmates on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one-on-one spiritual counseling. Additionally, I lead a worship service on Sunday afternoon at UCI. I approach the inmates with love and respect. It is my goal to not only teach them what it means to be a Christian but to also build relationships by sharing myself and allowing them to share with me. Many of these souls are searching for a glimmer of hope and encouragement. This is a great work for the Lord that I pray will continue!

ATTENTION:

In our effort to be good stewards of resources and your support, we ask your help by letting us know if you prefer the following items in print or electronically via email.

- Receipt for contribution / Newsletter / Quarterly Statement

At the end of the year we will reduce our mailing list and exclude those who do not reply.

2021 Benefit Dinner

Join us Thursday, September 30th at 6:30 PM for the Florida Prison Ministry Benefit Dinner at University City Church of Christ, 4626 NW 8th Ave, Gainesville. This year we will be celebrating the 39 years Gary Wyder has given to this inspiring work and welcoming Christopher Carter who will be carrying it forward. The event will include a free dinner, special guest speakers, and a wonderful evening of faith and fellowship. We graciously thank you for any donations made for the benefit of the prison ministry.

RSVP to Pat Wyder at (352) 377-0927, or email her at wyderpat@gmail.com

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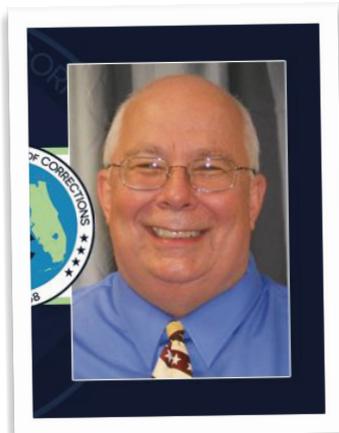


Clint Williams

I lived the life of drugs, women, and partying. I was a functioning addict, I would work and pay my bills, but the rest of my money would go to drugs. Eventually I landed in prison. While in prison, I met a man who came in to minister to inmates which would result in my life being changed. Now I am married to a great Christian woman and have 3 beautiful children. I own my own business and employ men who are coming out of prison. I also volunteer time to go into prisons to change lives!

Christopher Carter

I achieved success according to the standard of society but was consumed with the world and how much I could take from it. I was addicted to money, drugs, lust, power, etc. On June 13, 2016, I became a Christian and have been spiritually growing ever since. In December 2020, I graduated from the Bear Valley Bible Institute and now I am on a mission to help free others from spiritual prison.



Gary Wyder

Gary Wyder has worked with the Church of Christ Prison Ministry since 1982. During that time, he has led precious souls to Jesus and helped thousands transition from a life of sin and servitude to enjoy the freedom that resides in Christ Jesus. His commitment to the Florida Department of Corrections and Christian re-entry programs has been pivotal in the successful restoration of many returning citizens. Among other things, Gary has led weekly Bible studies, conducted one-on-one spiritual guidance and taught New Life Behavior curriculum, a church of Christ personal development series which inmates eagerly anticipate attending. Many inmates had their lives changed through Gary's ministry and several have returned to volunteer alongside him and fellow church members.

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