



# The Florida Prison Evangelist

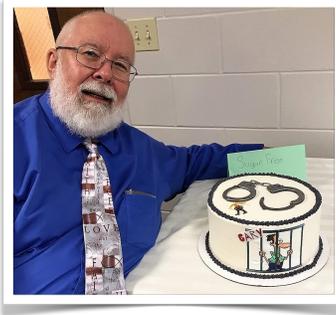


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## 2021 Prison Ministry Benefit Dinner:

This year we highlighted Gary Wyder and those who served with him in this work over the past 40 years. We are truly blessed by all our faithful brethren who help make it possible for the Gospel to spread inside Florida's prison system.



This year's benefit dinner raised \$11,000. We thank each of you for your dedication and contribution to this great work! Please continue to pray for the inmates and those who are ministering to them, and all the families of everyone involved!



## Christopher Carter: Joy and Heartache

Things have been going great in the prisons. Inmates are mostly receptive and I am encouraged. At the Regional Medical Center West Unit I am given the keys and allowed to call inmates to the chapel as I desire. RMC West has really opened up to me. To date, I have helped three souls into Christ! Words cannot express the joy I have contributing to this great work. I hope you share in this joy with me because your partnership makes this possible. I did have some heartache this past quarter. I should have known it was coming, but I was caught off-guard. After I presented the Gospel one evening, an inmate came to me and said he needed to obey. We set the date. On that day I proceeded to study with him before-hand because I wanted to make sure he knew his purpose. I was saddened when told he didn't need baptism for salvation, nor for forgiveness, and he said he was already baptized in the Spirit. I felt as if I took a blow in the stomach. The only thing he and I could agree on is that Jesus is the Son of God and that baptism is commanded. I had to turn him away, while offering more study. He chose to let the Prison Chaplain get him wet. This particular inmate is part of a Calvinist group that I am trying to help. Please keep all of us in prayer!

## Gary Wyder: A Special Request

The World Bible School (WBS) Bible is the number one requested Bible at Reception & Medical Center (RMC) in Lake Butler and is highly sought after by Chaplains. Fifty thousand inmates a year pass through that prison. The WBS Bible is a compact Bible with 144 pages of study helps. The "Going Deeper" Study Notes provide a self-guided tour into the most frequently asked spiritual questions and include WBS Study Notes that integrate with WBS' Bible lessons. These lessons sensitively lead non-Christians to consider Biblical truths. Additionally, this Bible includes a chronological Bible reading plan, a concordance, Bible maps, and a guide to New Testament Christianity. Chaplains are not given a budget for religious materials, but instead rely on donations. Please consider making a donation ([lakebutlerprisonministry.org](http://lakebutlerprisonministry.org)) so we can purchase these Bibles. Many other donated Bibles contain notes with false teachings.

## [lakebutlerprisonministry.org](http://lakebutlerprisonministry.org)

Our new website was created by Jim Meredith of High Springs. I had the pleasure of meeting Jim at the Florida Bible Camp this past April. He and I quickly found common ground in Information Technology. Before our conversation was over, Jim had volunteered to help us bring our website into the 21st century, something we desperately needed. Since our first meeting, Jim has put in countless hours of dedication to this cause and we are happy to announce our website is now published! Thank you, Jim! You are truly a blessing to our ministry!



Jim's professional background involved management and technology positions at numerous companies, including 11 years with Walmart Stores. In 1998, Jim and a business partner co-founded Rosnet.com, a web services company for the multi-unit restaurant industry. Over the next 16 years, Jim guided the company from a barebones start-up to an industry leader, earning a spot on the Inc. 5000 list of America's fastest growing private companies.

Now retired from Rosnet.com, Jim and his wife Erin live and worship in High Springs, where he is preparing to launch a new company providing live streaming services for large events. Jim is a strong advocate for the use of new media technologies - web, video, live streaming and social media – in the church, not limiting their uses to 'services for the saved' but instead harnessing these technologies in ways that will bring more souls to Christ.

### **National Prison Ministry Workshop**

The dates for the next National Prison Ministry Workshop are June 8-10, 2022 in Wichita Falls, TX. The event will be hosted by the Edgemere Church of Christ, located at 4728 Neta Ln. Wichita Falls, TX 76302. For more information contact the associate minister, Stephen Wolf, via email at [stephen@edgemere.org](mailto:stephen@edgemere.org) or by phone at 940-766-0107.

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