



“On Eagles Wings”

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Chaplain’s Flight Plan



Air Chapel teachers encourage prayer, scripture and Christian fellowship as the key to freedom. Sherrill Brooks March 25 Sunday lesson concluded this month’s lesson about prayer. Sherrill used Psalm 23 to illustrate our place with our Lord. Sherrill asked for volunteers to read. The boys volunteer to read and stand when reading.

The cadets are in worship by choice. About 90% of the cadets choose to be in worship.

Literacy is a constant & fundamental work that begins with opening the bibles. “Help each other find the page” are our words that bring scripture and Christian fellowship together. Our departed brother, Roy Kuykendall, would ask the cadets to say “oh me” if they needed help finding the correct scripture.

Mrs. Rena Hudspeth puts rainbow tabs labeling the books in all bibles before a new recruit receives a Bible. Each recruit also receives a Bible case, ‘Prayer of Jabez’ workbook, ‘Armed & Dangerous Straight Answers from the Bible’, ‘Gideon Pocket Bible’, ‘Pray for Our Nation’ book, and a bookmark ribbon with Philippians 4:4-9 screen printing.

We are blessed and encouraged when we see the young men clearly show interest in the biblical words. Our ministry is a discipline that has the beginning in the Word of God. I don’t know of any way to be free, except by knowing God. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us. Forgiveness & moving on is a constant need.

God spoke commands until the universe was complete. “*And that is how the universe was created.*” - Genesis 2:4. Forming a relationship with Jesus is our goal. The young must hear that God loves each one of us. We write the scripture being discussed on the white board with magic markers.

Jesus and his disciples knew how to read and write. Some of the disciples were fishermen by trade. People who navigated the water ways by trade often spoke two or more languages. The disciples wrote the scriptures. The scriptures have appeared in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

Our Christian culture encourages reading God’s word. In early America, the adults wanted schools so the children could learn to read the bible. We can seek and find the same goals as our forefathers, Jesus is the Truth, the Way, and the Life. Jesus is the Light of the world! Our children deserve to know the truth, the way, and the life found in the discipline of God’s Word. Thank the Lord for each one of the teachers who taught us to read!

Our Lord’s Holy Spirit has healed a countless number of wounded hearts, since we began over 14 years ago. “*But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord.*” - Jeremiah 30:17 “*He heals the broken heart and binds up their wounds.*” - Psalm 147:3. I am grateful!

Twenty five hundred years ago Jesus was wounded and died for us. On the third day he arose from being dead, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene. “*Mary shouted Rabboni!*” (in Hebrew this means Teacher) - John 20:16. Easter’s message challenges us to teach, learn, and share the belief “*For God so loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but will have eternal life.*” - John 3:16. Amen.

Serving Christ,

Terry

Chaplain R. Terry Dyer



“*Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*”
Isaiah 40:30, 31

Timothy Project

One of the cadets who graduated recently really seemed to have made a turn-around from when he arrived to when he returned home. While here, he made great strides in his school work, his reading ability, and his attitude as well as being faithful in attendance to the faith based services on Sundays and Wednesdays. As we always do in our Timothy Project follow-up, we called him after he had been home a few days, and he was so excited. He said he couldn’t believe school could be so much fun. Please pray for the young man who wants to begin a new and successful life.

Another young man who completed Boot Camp a couple of years ago, has been faithful to stay in touch with us, and he is on target to graduate from high school this May. To stay out of trouble when he returned home, he got involved in a boxing club and has been very successful in the Texas State Golden Gloves competition. We are so proud of him. There are other stories like these from former cadets, and we pray there will be many more to come.

“*There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not cross-bearers here below.*”

Charles Spurgeon

“*Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everyone, I think is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.*”

Mother Teresa

From the President’s Desk Tommy Hudspeth

For all of the individuals, churches, and organizations that supported the Air Chapel during this past year of 2011, I want to express our sincere thanks. Your financial support has allowed us to provide Bibles, covers, faith based books, scholarships, parties, gifts, and follow-up cards and letters for these wonderful young men in the Grayson County Boot Camp. But equally important is your prayer support as you lift these young men up to our Heavenly Father for their restoration to society as godly young men.

We were excited that one of our volunteers distinguished himself in the coaching field this past football season, and we want to congratulate him for his accomplishment. Randy Hitsman, who has been a volunteer for a number of years, won the 2011 8-man Football State Championship at Caddo, Oklahoma. And, recently, he was selected as the new Head Football Coach at Bells High School here in Grayson County. Way to go, Coach!

The Air Chapel has a new ministry friend that we are delighted to have working with us. Les Castro, of Plano, is certified in prison ministry and has been approved to come into the Boot Camp on various occasions. He has a trained dog, Pepper, that the kids really enjoy, and he is coming back soon with a magician. We are blessed to be able to partner with Les and his ministry.

“*The Center of God’s will is our only safety.*”

Corrie Ten Boom

“*God’s gifts put man’s best dreams to shame.*”

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Volunteer Spotlight

Although Terry Tobias was born in Shamokin Pennsylvania, Terry traveled all over the globe following his father who was in the Air Force. Terry graduated in 1979 from Lincoln Tech of Allentown Pennsylvania with Electronics and Computer Sciences degrees.

Hired by Texas Instruments, Terry move to Sherman Texas and was an electronics engineer for 19 years. Along with five other engineers, Terry left Texas instruments and started DataRx Management in Denison Texas. Terry has been in the pharmacy benefit management business as a hardware, software, network, and Information Technology engineer for 13 years.



Involved with the community, Terry was a BSA leader and Scoutmaster for Troop 12 in Sherman Texas for 12 years. He is now volunteering with Air Chapel Community Learning Center as technical support and photographer.

Terry is currently the Director of Technology for Phoenix Pharmacy Benefit Management.

Air Chapel Service Opportunities

As individuals and organizations learn about the Air Chapel and its ministry, they often ask how they can help. The Air Chapel is an all volunteer, non-profit organization, operating on a very minimal budget, so there are always financial needs. At the present time each cadet, upon arrival, receives a bible and several other books such as the Prayer of Jabez. At Christmas, the Air Chapel gives a pizza party for the cadets and each one is given toboggans and gloves plus other items for the camp such as movies, games, and athletic equipment. Upon graduation, the cadets receive a cross and chain, a music CD, a cap, and their choice of a football, basketball, or soccer ball.

A scholarship program called “Scars to Stars” was initiated a few years back and provides college or trade school help for the cadets if they return home and finish high school with a diploma or GED. Funds are always appreciated there.