



“On Eagles Wings”

Chaplain’s Flight Plan

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Easter Sunday is March 31st this year. Jesus’ most wonderful Miracle should be in every school history book. No one except Jesus Christ has raised himself from being dead. Jesus’ first Miracle was turning water into wine at a wedding. The joy of family is easy to convey to homesick youth in our ministry. The kids miss their family and friends.

The death of a loved one, in my view, is extreme home sickness. Jesus’ mother asked Jesus to take care of the wine. In John 2:1-11 the wine represents joy. The lesson: We can’t have joy without Jesus being involved. Jesus’ Spirit, we call the Holy Spirit, brings great comfort to all who believe!

Some volunteer lay- ministers, have experienced loss of a child. They relate to home sick youth in a more understanding love. Love is in many forms.

The love of volunteers can inspire fellowship, unique worship and hope to youth who have lost their love and spirit. To this end, the young people have their lives saved! In Jesus name!

So Jesus’ death on the cross and more important His Resurrection can still, save lives! We ministers of this Fellowship, are blessed to witness lives being saved!

There is physical evidence that Jesus Christ was crucified, died and on the third day he arose from being dead. Jesus gave himself up to be tortured and killed for us.

Much more evidence than this spotlight allows, is written about Jesus’ Resurrection from the dead. Scriptures: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24: John 20.

I pray that all will celebrate our own victory over death, given by our King Jesus!

“For God loved the world so much that He gave His Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him Shall not die but have eternal life.” John 3:16

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.

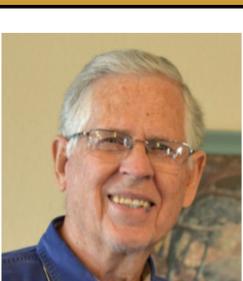
Another young man who completed Boot Camp a couple of years ago, has been faithful to stay in touch with us, and he is on target to graduate from high school this May. To stay out of trouble when he returned home, he got involved in a boxing club and has been very successful in the Texas State Golden 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.

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

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

From the President’s Desk

Tommy Hudspeth



Each week, when I look at the young men who have been sent to the Boot Camp from their respective towns and cities, I am often reminded of the Parable of The Prodigal Son in Luke Chapter 15. While there are differences in their story compared to the parable, particularly in how it begins, the similarities far outweigh the differences. The parable has also been called by other names such as the Parable of the Lost Son and the Parable of the Forgiving Father, which indeed adds meaning to the story.

While these cadets did not begin their journey to the “far country” with their part of the family inheritance to use in riotous living, the fact is, in most cases, there was no father in the picture at all. So, the result was slowly straying into the “far country” without the support of a strong family to help them make good decisions rather than poor ones.

When the “prodigals” show up at the Boot Camp, our mission becomes one of love and encouragement with the goal of helping them “come to their senses” (15:17) and come home to their real father, our Heavenly Father, who will always be there for them and will never let them down. The picture of the father’s excitement for the lost son’s return in the giving of the robe, the family ring, and the celebration feast, indicates his acceptance back into the family. When one of these cadets returns to his Heavenly Father, God proves His acceptance by giving him His Holy Spirit, the angels in heaven rejoice, and the young man prepares to take his place at the feasts of all feasts, the “wedding supper of the Lamb”. (Rev. 19:7).

We are pleased to add a new feature to our newsletter, one which describes the Wednesday night volunteer ministry and the exciting things they are doing with and for the cadets. Welcome aboard friends!

“The gospel is not a secret to be hoarded but a story to be heralded”

Vance Havner

Volunteer Spotlight



Volunteers for many years with the Air Chapel, Sherrill and Royce Brooks have had quite an impact on its mission and resources. Royce is the “outdoor guy”, building ramps and stairs to the Air Chapel building as well as once taking on the job of moving an inherited gazebo down a FM road to its current location on the Air Chapel grounds. It is quite a story and even made the local newspaper.

Sherrill was a volunteer art teacher for the Boot Camp cadets along with some local at-risk youth for many years. She started in a trailer until the Air Chapel acquired its current building, and with the help of Duane and Jonel Walsh and Barbara Riza, the kids enjoyed great food and spiritual encouragement each evening.

Sherrill is one of the Sunday morning teachers at the Boot Camp and says, “I love sharing God’s word and telling His stories. We get to pray with the boys and share what God has done for us. I pray our faithfulness will make a difference in the boys’ lives.”

Congratulations, Royce and Sherrill, for a job well done!

U-Turn on Wednesday Nights



There are many exciting things going on in all the ministries at the Boot camp. God is using the church volunteers, Christian D.I.s, staff members, and the prayers of supporters, to help these boys turn from Death to Life!

Many of them recognize that they are on a path to destruction, but unless they are shown the path to life - they could go their entire lives without meeting their Savior.

Wednesday nights, we really try to stress music that is relevant, a message that is practical, and to make the Bible less intimidating. Our goal is get them to see church is a place for sinners to go and heal. Church is a place where you can be real. Church is the family that God can use to fill in the blanks they have in their own family lives. We want them to become familiar with the Word of God so that they do not feel like a foreigner in a church in the free.

We are becoming much more effective in our follow up with the graduates and are striving to place the boys with local churches and mentors. We are seeing God really at work and it is just confirmation that He will continue the good work He began! One of the cadets who graduated last year was baptized this weekend and I got to be there! Several others have gone on to get involved in local churches and are actively growing in their relationships with God. There is no limit to what can and will do through these boys lives - thank you for your prayers and support!

Tawni Hodge - U-Turn volunteer coordinator

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.