

Since 1984: *Reconciling persons to God, families and society*

WELCOME: DR. DALE UNDERWOOD

Dr. Dale Underwood will officially become President of Family Upreach, Inc. (dba: *NewLife Behavior Ministries*) on January 1, 2023! We have eagerly anticipated this transition since his arrival in July 2021. Karlene, Dale’s wife, is also a valued member of this team. In this short time, they have earned our love, admiration, and respect. This is a perfect fit for their many talents. Their life and work experiences have brought them to this place. Dale’s leadership abilities will lead us to unprecedented new heights.



Family Upreach had its beginning in Dallas (Texas) in 1984 due to the nurturing vision of Dr. Hillery M. Motsinger (friends call him “HM”). Like Dale, HM is multi-gifted. He pursued a successful career in education and as a family therapist. He often described NLBM as “a curriculum-based ministry.” His first NLB course is “A Sense of Self” and remains one of our most used series. HM knows how to lead students through a self-discovery process that leads them to improved behaviors. He served as our President for 18 years, from inception in 1984 to 2002.

When Buck Griffith became President in 2002, the central office relocated to his hometown of Corpus Christi. This is the home of Kings Crossing Prison Ministries. Buck, however, first became involved in jail-prison ministries in 1971 in Dallas County Jail. He first met HM when HM was the administrator of Dallas Christian Schools and brought a singing group from there to Burbank Gardens Church of Christ in nearby Grand Prairie (where Buck preached from 1969-1977. Buck & Janet returned to Corpus Christi in 1977 where Buck preached for 25 years for Kings Crossing Church of Christ (formerly *Windsor Park*). Although he will remain involved fulltime in the ministry’s day-to-day activities, Buck’s 20+ year tenure leading NLBM will end where Dr. Underwood’s takes off on January 1.



Hopefully, Dale& Karlene are picking up on our not-so-subtle hint to unpack their boxes and settle in to stay on this job for at least the next 20+ years.

One of Dale’s new duties is to publish this newsletter so, he can tell more of his life’s journey in future issues. If you are a longtime reader; we have shared much of it in earlier editions. Most recently, Dr. Underwood was Executive Director for Gulf Coast Trades Center in Huntsville (the only program of its kind in Texas, working with adjudicated youth). This work is similar, but the misbehaving “kids” in our situation are no longer minors. Dale has previously served fulltime as a youth minister and traveled extensively with the *Sounds of Glory* gospel quartet. He has experience in program and fiscal management, grant-writing, emergency planning, community involvement, and human resources. Family Upreach, Inc. is excitedly looking ahead to being the beneficiary of the many talents of this godly couple. **Welcome!**

IN LOVING MEMORY ~ IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach expresses gratitude to those remembering loved ones and honoring those cherished with gifts. These remembrances allow souls to be taught how to transform destructive behaviors into positive ones.

Received from:

Wanda Nite
M/M Don Crofton
M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Don Crofton

In loving memory of:

Bill Jones, Jr.
Pat Carroll
Marlene Glasson
Taryn Cayley Brooks

Received from:

M/M Don Crofton
M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Bob Wachtel

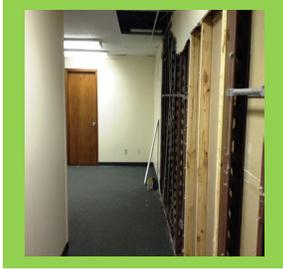
In loving memory of:

Barbara Chandler
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2022 DAY OF GIVING



First, we say “Thank You” to those that supported us financially on another successful “Day of Giving” on November 8th. We cannot “officially” announce a specific total given because that information has not yet been released by Coastal Bend Community Foundation. We will be receiving it soon since the “Check Presentation” date has been set for December 13th. But we already know two facts: (1) We exceeded all previous totals which is a very good thing and (2) We did fall short of our *target of \$100,000*. We will soon share more observations pinpointing steps we need to take to improve going forward. Again, *thank you for your support*.



OFFICE SPACE ADDED

We previously announced that a small adjoining office space became available and was added to provide for future growth. This ministry has been blessed to steadily grow over the past 20+ years here. Under the leadership of Dale Underwood, we can expect more of the same. We are more excited than ever over what God has in store for us in days ahead. We promised photos of this added space. You can now get a visual idea of it. The

reason we diligently sought this adjoining space is the ability to move throughout our complex back and forth to this area. Thus, a door was put in at the end of a previously “dead” spot. It allows privacy when desired but has a door entering the outer hall into the common area where restrooms are available. It has two offices of the same size with a spacious storage area for supplies. We are grateful to God and supporters who stand with us as we prepare for the future. The cases of paper you see will soon be used to produce more student workbooks and Bibles to be distributed in jails and prisons. The other office is identical to this one.



ANOTHER NEW NLB COURSE IS ON THE WAY – “12 STEPS TO A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD”

We are delighted to let you know that we will soon be offering another NLB course, **Twelve Steps to a Closer Walk with God**, written by Dr. Donald Umphrey. Of course, the workbook version has been in existence for years, but Don has agreed to now incorporate it into another NLB tool to facilitate recovery from addictions. It will appear in the same 13-lesson format as our other fifteen NLB courses. This means NLB will offer three recovery courses plus, related materials like the “Journey to Recovery Through Christ” Bible and numerous brochures. The other two NLB courses are Christians Against Substance Abuse (CASA I) and Christians Against Sexual Addiction (CASA II). Also, Don has an extremely insightful blog accessible through the NLBM website. Don is the owner of Quarry Press that publishes several other books and **NextStep Recovery** is the term used to describe his recovery tools. NLBM has been blessed in many ways since Don and his wife, Kim, chose their permanent home in Corpus Christi where they are members of Kings Crossing Church of Christ. They are both actively involved in church work and Don teaches classes at Kings Crossing and in Nueces County Jail. He is the key component in showing the Hollywood movie based on the 1984 book on the life of the late Clyde Thompson who was called **The Meanest Man in Texas** in what NLBM has dubbed **Meanest Man Weekends** inside jails and prisons.



TRIBUTE TO DON & LINDA CROFTON

This plaque was presented on December 4, 2022, to Don & Linda Crofton, longtime members of our Board of Trustees on December 4, 2022, at Kings Crossing Church of Christ. Don has been Treasurer and Linda our Secretary. Much of their time has been devoted to helping NLBM in a multitude of ways. They are not being allowed to retire as board members. However, on January 1, 2023, NLBM will begin using a professional accountant to relieve Don & Linda of that heavy responsibility. Many of you are aware of Don’s advancing

handicap status and Linda is his primary caregiver. Words fail to fully express our deep appreciation for them and sacrifices they have lovingly and willingly made on behalf of *NewLife Behavior Ministries!*

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

At this time annually, NLBM is blessed with *special contributions by December 31* from friends that missed the Day of Giving and/or needed to wait on tax-preparers to let them know the amount they can contribute. We understand and appreciate their generosity. It will aid us for tracking purposes if you note “Annual Fund Drive” on the *memo* line. This helps us be current on 2022 bills and enables us to start the New Year with gusto. *Thank you for doing this!*