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THE GIDEON PROJECT UPDATE: WALKER HILL

Dale Underwood, President

Walker Hill, our first candidate for the Gideon Project, has advanced into the next phase of the program. Mr. Hill has made great strides since arriving in Corpus Christi on the first of December. He has established strong relationships within the church, served in the prison ministry in various ways, taught a youth Bible series at church, baptized three men at the county jail, and has now transitioned into a full-time job doing what he loves—"working with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities."



Recardo, Walker, and Don leaving Nueces County Jail after Walker baptized three inmates.

We can attest to one thing—*Mr. Hill is not afraid of work.* If anything, he may eventually transition to a similar situation that allows him *more* time to serve the Lord. Walker has so many skills that this is indeed a real possibility.

The end goal is for Walker Hill to become self-sufficient and maintain his lifelong recovery while being a faithful Christian who uses his God given gifts for the Kingdom! We are three months into the program and Walker is right on track. God is good!



Walker Hill teaching a youth Bible class on Sunday morning during the month of February.

THIS "OPEN HOUSE" IS DIFFERENT

We are always eager for folks to visit our office complex at 3833 S. Staples, Suite S-101. We have hosted numerous events to make this happen but with minimal success. So, on Sunday, April 7, immediately after Bible classes, folks are invited to a luncheon at the Kings Crossing church building in Fellowship A. In a sense, we are bringing the our "house" to the church in a variety of ways: video, testimonials, display booths, etc.



50th National PM Workshop



June 12-14
Corpus Christi

IN LOVING MEMORY ~ IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach expresses gratitude for remembering loved ones and honoring those cherished with gifts. With these remembrances, souls are being taught to transform their lives and discard destructive behaviors through the awesome power of Jesus.

Received from:

- M/M Frank Maxey
- M/M Bob Wachtel
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- M/M Dale Underwood
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In loving memory of:

- Christine McKinney
- Glenda Johnston
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- Robbie Rackley
- Glenda Johnston

APRIL IS “ENDOWMENT FUND” MONTH

Our “Endowment Fund” is still relatively young but thanks to generous donors and rising interest rates, *it is growing!* Contributions come in throughout the year, but we make a special PUSH each year **during the month of April** to bring it to the attention of all. The purpose of an endowment fund is to provide a strong foundation and insure the long-term stability of the ministry. Some donors prefer giving to this fund because the benefits last decades as opposed to a drive that supplies a vehicle, computers, Bibles, and similar short-term projects. The “Endowment Fund” is the perfect place to designate funds from the annual “Required Minimum Distribution” from IRAs. We checked a few days ago and found that the balance has grown to \$54,393.77! We “conservatively” expect to add another \$10,000 after April. Help us continue to grow our “Endowment Fund.” When sending a check, we ask that you indicate on the “memo-line” that *your gift is intended for the Endowment Fund.*



Display Spaces for the National Prison Workshop

If you have a ministry display and desire a space, please call Ricardo Reyes (325-263-8688) to reserve one of the limited 8-foot spaces remaining. There is no charge but on a *first call—first done* basis. Most displays will be located against the back wall of the main auditorium. This allows maximum exposure. However, the person(s) in charge must turn off audio transmissions and not continue conversations while classes or other presentations are in progress.

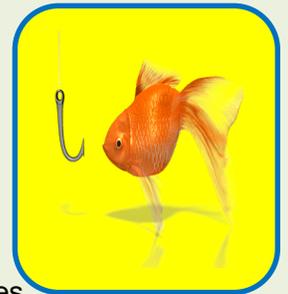


We are thankful for the 18 displays of outstanding ministries that will serve to educate attendees of materials and services available to enhance their ministries.

“FISHING FOR FISH”

Some workshop guests will stay over the weekend to relax and take in the sights of our *tourist* city. There is “special” fishing experience Saturday morning. The boat, captain, tackle, and bait is provided.

However, we ask that you not break the law. So be sure you have a current Texas fishing license! You can take care of this at any local Walmart in a few minutes.



You are welcome to donate unwanted fish to recent releasees from jails or prisons.

The “SEEKER” Series Update

We are constantly updating the NLBM curriculum to keep it current and improve its effectiveness. Once this is done, we try to replace “old” ones. If YOU are a license-holder to the earlier version, please call Raquel Rivera at 361-855-3372 or email nlbcasa@yahoo.com to receive the new version on a flash drive (at no cost to you). Since whatever NLB curriculum in circulation is a reflection on NewLife Behavior Ministries, we want instructors to be using the most current versions.

Our most recently updated course is “The **Seeker** Series.” We believe this course is our best *evangelistic* tool, but many have found it to be especially difficult to grade due to the questions or “blanks” scattered throughout each of its thirteen lessons. When students have *filled in the blanks*, graders must subjectively determine a grade although the responses may not be *technically* or *fully* what we desired. All other NLB lessons end with a ten-question quiz with four “multiple choice” responses. The right answer is clearly either “A, B, C or D” and each is worth ten points. This speeds up and simplifies the task of the grader. It also aids the student since many find it difficult to spell and write or print (legibly) what they desire to say. It is not our intention to give anyone a “failing” grade. Thus, a simple “A, B, C or D” answer makes it so much easier for them, too.

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