June 2021



Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

WE LOOK FORWARD Buck Griffith, President

Finally, we have wonderful news to share about the long-term future of the ministry. As most of you know, we have been searching for the person of God's choosing to eventually succeed me as President. You can read the whole story provided in the enclosed announcement. The shorter version is that **Dale & Karlene Underwood** are on their way to Corpus Christi!

Dr. H. M. Motsinger founded Family Upreach, Inc. in 1984 and served as its President for the next 18 years (1984-2002). It was my privilege to succeed Dr. Motsinger in 2002. Dr. Underwood will go through the same process as I did, beginning with being added to the board of trustees. His projected date of succeeding me will be January 1, 2023. By that time, I will have served 20 years. Using the past as the standard, Dale must serve for 24 years!

Since Family Upreach, Inc. does not have employees, the staff are paid by Kings Crossing Church of Christ. Kings Crossing Prison Ministries started in 1977 and has experienced dynamic growth through the years. When the NLBM office combined with that of Kings Crossing in 2002, it afforded the ministry better tools with which to work (the NLB curriculum). Dr. Underwood's first task will be to succeed me as the "Director" of Kings Crossing Prison Ministries on January 1, 2022, following a short adjustment period.

We hope to see Dale and Karlene IN the office by the end of July. Karlene will also be employed as Dale's "Administrative Assistant." Praise the Lord! For more details, read the attachment.



Endowment Fund

Thank you for supporting us in the April push for our Endowment Fund. Due to your generosity, we were able to add another \$8,000. A few years ago the fund was kicked off with about \$10,000. Then, it doubled and is now at \$30,000! The Endowment Fund insures the future and long-term stability of Family Upreach, Inc. Gifts are welcomed at any time but we will be making another "push" in April of 2022.

IN LOVING MEMORY • IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach, Inc. expresses gratitude to those that choose to remember loved ones and honor those they respect by donating generously to this good work. In this way, others – even strangers – receive God's message of hope and redemption.

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In loving memory of: Anonymous Pinky Bates Buck & Janet Griffith Jim Benskin Bob & Maggie Wachtel Iim Benskin Bill Glasson Don & Linda Crofton Buck & Janet Griffith Ruby Fry John Henry Pruitt Iim Benskin



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Trustees serving Family Upreach, Inc.: James L. Burrus, Don & Linda Crofton, James Curry, Lyndah Drum, Buck Griffith, Eric Jackson, Dave Olson, Gaylord Sturgess, Barbara Tubbs, Craig Tucker, Gary Wyder

"NETWORKING: CREATING A SAFETY NET FOR SUCCESS"

(Theme Texts: Luke 5:1-11 and Acts 10:9-25)

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

6:30 p.m. Welcome by Jerry Stephenson followed by Roundtable Discussion (J. B. Sweatt II, Former Warden, Kentucky Department of Corrections, Moderator; Larry Chandler, Warden, Southeast State Correctional Complex; Amy Robey, Warden, Blackburn Correctional Complex; Marty Johnson, Administrator, Division of Reentry Services; Gregory Powell, Case Manager, Louisville Metro Government Lived Experience)

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Devotional & General Sessions

10:00 a.m. – **Workshop A**

"Training & Assisting Inmates to Identify Services Needed to Address Their Addiction" (Gary Wyder, Lake Butler Church of Christ, Lake Butler, Florida)

11:15 a.m. - Workshop B

"Training & Identifying Females to Address Addiction" (Mae Holland, Swope Parkway Church of Christ, Kansas City, Missouri)

Box Lunch

(Buck Griffith, Christians Against Substance Abuse)

2:00 p.m. - Workshop C

"Building a Community of Inmate Support within the Prison" (James Williams, Chaplain, Alabama Department of Corrections, Northwest Church of Christ, Huntsville, Alabama)

3:15 p.m. - Workshop D

"Reaching Youth Before Incarceration" (Reginald Watkins, Southside Church of Christ, Rogersville, Alabama)

4:30 p.m. – **Wrap Up**

"Creating a Safety Net within Churches of Christ"

6:00 p.m. - Southern Box Dinner

Virtual Concert & Workshop Recognitions

(Chris Jackson, Jackson Street Church of Christ, Nashville, Tennessee)

Friday, June 11, 2021

Devotional & General Sessions

10:00 a.m. - Workshop A

"Helping Families Connect to Community Resources During the Absence of the Inmate" (Willie Jackson, Swope Parkway Church of Christ, Kansas City, Missouri)

11:15 a.m. - Workshop B

"Visible & Invisible Parts of the Process" (Reggie Bronson, Gray Road Church of Christ, Cincinnati, Ohio)

Box Lunch

(Richard Patton, World Bible School Presentation)

2:00 p.m. - Workshop C

"Training to Use the NewLife Behavior Curriculum" (Buck Griffith, Kings Crossing Church of Christ, Corpus Christi, Texas).

3:15 p.m. – **Workshop D**

"Assisting Inmates & Families to Network to Resolve Mental Health Issues" (Thomas Snow, Executive Director, Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry, Nashville, Tennessee)

4:30 p.m. - Wrap Up & Close