

Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

COVID CLAIMS TWO NLBM BOARD MEMBERS

We have been gradually impacted more and more because of Covid-19 since March of 2020. Our families, friends, local congregations, businesses, prisons, and neighborhoods have been forever changed. Within thirty days, Family Upreach lost two of its Board of Trustees: James E. Curry and Gaylord B. Sturgess. Our prayers are with their wives (Linda and Sharon) and families. Both men contributed significantly to “reconciling persons to God, families and society” through *NewLife Behavior Ministries*.

Gaylord Sturgess was the longest continuously serving member of the Family Upreach board. He and Sharon generously contributed to this work with their time, energy, talents, and financial resources. When we needed a hymn, Gaylord would rise to the occasion (singing with the *Gospelaire*s quartet for years). He helped keep meetings “light” with his unique style of humor, a story, view of life, its challenges, etc. Gaylord’s faith was always brightly glowing. Tackling any obstacle was begun with prayer and trust in God. He will be deeply missed.



James Curry was evangelistic to the core. He had served both as a full-time missionary and prison minister. The first National Jail-Prison Ministry Workshop (1974) is due to James’ passionate leadership. As a trustee of the NLBM board, he served both as Chair and Vice Chair and presented NLBM with a professional binder of meeting minutes annually. James was not content with attending board meetings. He visited inmates one-on-one, attended national workshops and often took part in *Reconciled & Renewed Seminars* inside prisons on special weekends.

These men are not replaceable. They remind us of how truly “special” God made each of us. Family Upreach will go on and others added to its board but that is not the point. James and Gaylord would tell us to embrace who we are in Christ, individually gifted by God, and responsible for helping shape His world as we live day by day. We are thankful to God, these men, and their families for sharing them with us for a little while. They are now at rest, and we rejoice with them over their *victory in Jesus*.

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 to this good work. In this way, others—even strangers—receive God’s message of hope and redemption.

Received from:

- M/M Buck Griffith
- M/M J. T. Curry
- M/M Don Crofton
- M/M Alan Vandereuent
- M/M Brian McIntosh
- Tommy LaLonde
- Oma Griffith
- Michael Blake
- Dustin Ledbetter
- New York Avenue Church of Christ
- M/M Buck Griffith

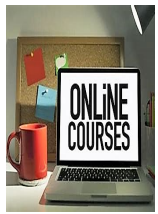
In loving memory of:

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- Jack Graham

- M/M Lynn Brownlee
- Nina Chance
- Connie Bray
- Stephen Loveless
- McKinney HS Class of '65
- M/M Buck Griffith
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- Gaylord Sturgess
- Corene McGehee





ONLINE NLB STUDIES



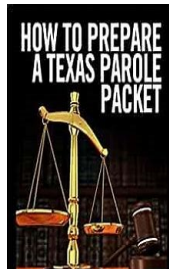
Dr. H. M. Motsinger has dreamed for years of offering the NLB courses Online – “free” for all to study. This is a reality with Course I – “A Sense of Self” available on the NLBI website and coming soon to the website at Saturn Road Church of Christ. NLBM will add both links to its website. While few prisoners have internet access, most will have it upon release and can urge loved ones to study in this way *right now!*

“Day of Giving”

We are excited to once again be invited to participate in the “Day of Giving” hosted by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation in November. The “Matching Fund” amount and date will be revealed in next month’s newsletter. Your help is vital to our success.

Re-Entry

This is a field of study we have been asked to explore by leaders in corrections for a long time. One of the many blessings of having Dr. Dale Underwood on our team is the ability to tap into his rich experience in this field. We are asking Dale to write a NLB course on this crucial topic. Some of the material will address incarcerated students while the rest deals with concerns that can be faced only upon release. Ideas, suggestions, and questions will be directed to him.



Family Upreach is looking for more “Regional Directors” in California, South Carolina, New York, Iowa, West Virginia, and Arizona.



“RECIDIVISM RESEARCH” STUDY REVIVED – HELP!

We are grateful to Bill Brewer, Marshall Danby, Ralph Anderson, and others who have worked diligently on previous NLB “Recidivism Research” efforts. We have learned more about the process and continue to improve in quality, accuracy, and thus, helpfulness to fellow users of the NLB curriculum.

We are requesting the help of NLB instructors in Texas prisons only at this time. We need the names, ID numbers, and graduation dates of those completing at least one “live” NLB course. We would appreciate knowing “which” course has been completed. Since there are significantly more male prisoners, we are especially interested in receiving this information about *female* students. This type of research requires time and painstaking work. We will release results as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this effort and for your prayers.