

“12 Steps to a Closer Walk with God”

Dr. Don Umphrey is best known for his book and movie chronicling the life of Clyde V. Thompson, *The Meanest Man in Texas*. But



Don has an outstanding recovery workbook by the above title that is ideal to be made into a NewLife Behavior course. A few years ago, Don & Kim relocated to Corpus Christi from Dallas and Don has been sharing his wisdom

and experience with others, especially those who are prisoners. At the workshop, Don will discuss how to use this material in a group setting and one-on-one.

Display Booths for Exhibits

We expect to “max out” space for exhibits fast so, please reserve your spot(s) soon by contacting Recardo Reyes. These areas are like a class session in that we learn so much about what each other is doing and pick up ideas to enrich our local ministries. We thank each for coming and sharing. There are “new” exhibits every year and others who never miss a workshop. *Plan to come and share!*

“The Value of Written Curriculum”

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Dr. H. M.



Motsinger who founded Family Upreach, Inc. (dba: *NewLife Behavior Ministries*) in 1984 and wrote its first course, “A Sense of Self.” Look at what that led to . . . a 16-course curriculum! Dr. Motsinger will share with us the value he saw when

he began doing this 39 years ago. In 2007, H.M. founded *NewLife Behavior International* to expand the use of NLB curriculum outside

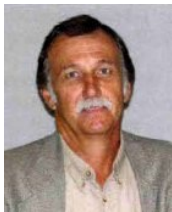
the borders of the USA.

“Prison Ministry Changes”

You are probably thinking, “What’s new?” It is true that things are constantly changing in this ministry. But we have asked Steve Handley, a veteran of many years, to share how his work has stayed the same – yet “changed” – after no longer mainly working *behind the walls*. People do *prison ministry* in different ways. Each avenue is very important, valuable, and makes a huge difference.



The Value of Leadership Involvement



Dan Spaeth, elder at Central in Victoria (TX), will address the importance of the leadership engagement. Involvement began in teaching weekly at the Stephenson Unit (Cuero) with the preacher, Cole Mealer, and Mark Spaeth. Fellow elder, Dan Marshall, joined the team and now services are offered at a halfway house in Victoria. A ladies’ team is perched and ready for the county jail.



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All workshop events will be at the church building except for the Thursday evening banquet at the

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Here Are a Few Expected Guests

Corpus Christi Mayor, Paulette Guajardo, will be present to extend a warm welcome to guests to the city. It is a bustling city of 323,000. The Port of Corpus Christi is 5th largest in the U.S. in tonnage, home of the Texas State



Aquarium, U.S.S. Lexington, and home of the “Hooks” (Texas League baseball team owned by the Houston Astros).

C. F. Hazelwood, **Deputy Director of Religious Services (TDCJ), Rehabilitation Programs Division**, will be with us for this historic event. We are honored

by his presence. We want volunteers to meet C. F. and recognize his strong leadership support for what we are doing.



Our Local County Sheriff

Sheriff J. C. Hooper was elected in November 2020 as Sheriff of Nueces County. As is our custom, we met with Sheriff Hooper and congratulated him. He expressed gratitude for our presence in his jail and pledged his support to keep having inmates’ spiritual needs met. His actions have backed up those words. We look forward to introducing Sheriff Hooper to our workshop guests.



Get Ready: Freddie Is Coming Back!

Yes, Freddie Anderson has committed to be here “in person,” alive, and well. 2024 will be the 5th time to host the annual workshop in Corpus Christi. On each occasion, we have invited Freddie to be one of our



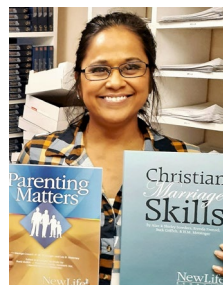
keynote speakers. He never disappoints us. He has directed the Huntsville Institutional Ministry in Huntsville (Texas) since Luke Curtis passed away December 24, 1990. He started as a TDCJ correctional officer.

Update on the Workshop Steering Committee

Since the June (2023) event in New Orleans, notes from that planning session have been distributed and the steering committee has already had three Zoom meetings. Dr. Dale Underwood is coordinating this group to brainstorm ways to maximum the benefits of such a nationwide gathering. The committee is not a closed group. If you have ideas to share, call Dale (936) 581-5166. 10:00 a.m., November 14, is the next scheduled session.

Sober-Living Options

You will hear much at the 2024 workshop that concerns aftercare, re-entry, and transitional living, especially for those seeking to survive alcoholism and addiction. One of these includes the “Oxford House” residential program – an expanding sober living option in most states. We will be blessed to have Raquel Rivera sharing her extensive knowledge, experience and training in this area.



The “National Directory” Tool

A new flash drive of the *National Directory of Churches of Christ & Individual Christians Involved in Jail-Prison Ministries* will be ready for those in attendance. The 2024 edition will be an “updated” networking tool after a year of intense effort to gain accurate information. It will help if every person who is in receipt of this brochure voluntarily submits “corrected” data plus, tells of others known to be involved in this great work.

One Year Later

We expect to see and hear an annual report from David & Jamie Green, coordinators of the **2023** Workshop, on the progress of The



Fort in New Orleans. A conference highlight was the gifted panel of re-entry professionals working together to improve the re-entry process in Louisiana.

We commend them for their selflessness and willingness to assist The Fort and similar programs in other places.

Project Rescue

Ronnie Crocker and his team are doing great work helping Christian addicts recover in a structured setting in Decatur, (AL) at *Project Rescue*. This is a tremendous option for congregations throughout the country. It is not “free” but well worth the investment to stop the destructive cycle of chemical addiction. Ronnie will be at this workshop to tell us more about this program.



The Value of County Jail Ministry

Many are valiantly at work in local county jails across America. Too many overlook this open door to make an immediate difference in their community. Some would *how* and understood the many blessings in store for those who do it. Men and women in our local congregations can have a powerful impact. We look forward to hearing about these things and more from Gary Thompson at the workshop. You will hear the excitement in his voice as he relives real-life experiences.

