

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

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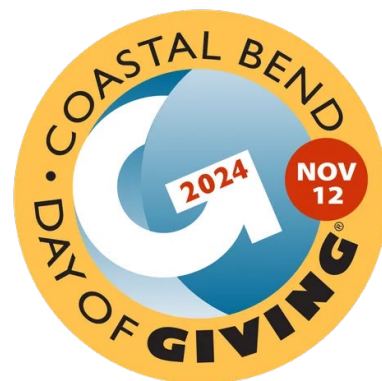
BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

December 2024

Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

REPORT 2024 FINAL TALLY: DAY OF GIVING "MATCHING FUNDS" DRIVE

Family Upreach, Inc. (dba: NewLife Behavior Ministries) expresses our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped us "make the match" of \$24,000 on this year's Day of Giving, November 12, 2024! We thank the Coastal Bend Community Foundation for hosting this huge event. The Day of Giving brought in a total of \$4,275,104 to aid over 60 non-profits this year. The "matching funds" were made possible with help from 22 area funders. This was NLBM's 9th year be included as one of the grateful recipients.



This one-day "online" giving opportunity started with gifts as small as \$10. Some donors started saving to give on this day 12 months ago. Some began by putting loose change in a jar each day. Many contributed with their time and effort—volunteering to encourage their friends to help by making phone calls to them, emailing reminders, putting posts on social media, and much more.

Then, on Tuesday, November 17, representatives of each non-profit gathered to have their names called out and stepped forward to receive their check. After verifications, processing fees, and a few minor reconciliations . . . NewLife Behavior Ministries received a check for \$82,245! Thank you for your generous support. Now, let's start putting those pennies away each day for 2025.

A MAN AMONG MEN—ROBERT ABNER "BOB" WACHTEL

Bob came to Windsor Park (Kings Crossing) Church of Christ with his wife, Betty, and children in 1956. They soon were serving others. Bob worked hard at work and church: Bible teacher, deacon, elder, fulltime prison minister—resigning only to help with Betty's cancer. After her death, he kept working in prison ministry. He found a new life and ministry partner, Maggie McNeil, and tied the knot, June 1, 1996. Bob was a tall, muscular man. A master bricklayer, men worked under him in this hot, humid, South Texas sun. Buck Griffith calls Bob "a man's man." Especially in prison, he drew attention and respect (was a MP in Germany). He liked to teach Christian Marriage Skills with Kenneth Cudd. Combined, they had 146 years of marriage. Both have passed to their rewards. Footnote: Applications to teach this class are being accepted but only serious candidates need to apply [married at least 50 years].



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 behaviors.

Received from:

- M/M Buck Griffith
Dr/M Dale Underwood
Maggie Wachtel
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Dr/M Dale Underwood
Betty Hamilton

In Memory of:

- Ron Pinion
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Ron Pinion
Naomi Maxey
Naomi Maxey
Stephanie Cordara

Received from:

- M/M Buck Griffith
Dr/M Dale Underwood
Dr/M Dale Underwood
M/M Rick Wheeler
Lynn Gentry
Dr/M Dale Underwood

In Memory of:

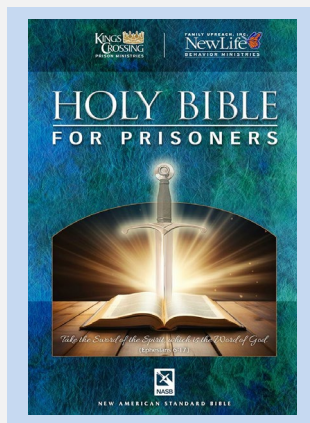
- Naomi Maxey
A. C. Stone, Jr.
Jere Stone Lemmer
Bob Wachtel
Don Gentry
Gary M. Underwood

THE PRISON BIBLE

Although the pre-publication date Expired, we are still seeking gifts to pay the big printing bill which will be due by February 15, 2025.

Then, those already paid for during the pre-publication period (June 15 -December 31, 2024) will be sent and invoiced for *shipping*.

One case holds 12 Bibles (weight: 30 pounds). We ship UPS. *Bibles are heavy but we only ask to be reimbursed our actual cost which is a discounted rate.* The only other way to reduce the shipping cost is if you want to come pick them up. In that case, we can hold them up to 30 days.



TRACTS THAT ACCOMPANY FIVE NLB COURSES

We thank Marshall Danby for reminding us of the value of including the teaching tract we have currently available for the following five courses:

Parenting Matters
Christian Marriage Skills
Attitudes & Behaviors
Christians Against Substance Abuse
Managing My Anger

The tract can be kept by students to read later. It reminds the student of the lesson taught and it teaches further on the same subject or theme. They are brief and lightweight to also become a piece to insert with lessons being supplied to students studying by mail—without increasing your postage cost significantly.

You can find these tracts listed on our “Product List.” You can also find them on the Order Form on our website: www.nlbm.org. All 13 tracts are available on a separate flash drive for each course. An individually numbered license—like those provided for the NLB courses. It will give the license-holder permission to make unlimited copies for a one-time minimal fee of \$50. You can pay online at the website or send a check, noting the tract sets desired.

A limited number of these are available today in English and Spanish. We constantly continue to translate more and more into Spanish while our Lord delays His return. Pray for this ministry.

51ST NATIONAL JAIL-PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

June 11-13, 2025

Midwest Church of Christ

2115 Garland Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40211

Theme: “Redemption Meets Recovery”

Best Western Premier Airport Expo Center

Speakers: John “Pooh” Malone (256) 874-5457

Booths: Debora McGill-Registration (502) 930-2005

Thanks to those contacting NLBM recently for information to include us for a percentage of assets upon death.

AT THE CLOSE OF 2024

This year (2024) has been challenging, exciting, and satisfying. Still, there is much work to be done. It is hard to let go of 2024! Just as it was difficult to adjust to the slow down and heartaches of covid, we are overwhelmed in this post-covid era. Everyone appears to be restarting at once in gusto. It is refreshing but we resemble that old saying: “The faster I go—the *behinder* I git.”



It is inaccurate to describe this atmosphere as discouraging because of partners like you. You keep us uplifted by your willingness to jump in and help. We have more volunteers than ever but keep begging for more! As fast as we go through one open door, two others fly open. We *do* wonder when or **IF** there will be a ceiling?

Our task is to keep putting one foot in front of the other and see where God takes us. One thing is now clearly in focus. We cannot do this ourselves. There is not enough of us and the clock runs out plus, our storage is out of space with limited volunteers to ship the materials requested into fields near and far. In 2025, you will see and hear us crying out to the Lord of His harvest to send more reapers. The seed is being abundantly planted and watered. More workers are required to mature new believers—helping them grow and find

God’s place for each in His kingdom so young Christians will flourish serving others. As we say in recovery: we *keep it by giving it away*. Thank you for your compassionate prayers and support.

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