



Christian Jail Ministry Newsletter

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CJM Volunteer Recognition Banquet

On April 5th, about 100 people attended the annual CJM Volunteer Recognition and Fund Raising Banquet at Chapelgate Presbyterian Church. It was most uplifting spiritually. The picture below shows some of those attending.



The banquet is always a great opportunity to meet the people involved in various parts of CJM's ministry. Many find it a joy to meet others doing the same thing that volunteer is doing.

This year there something new at the banquet. Posters with information about different volunteers and what they do in this fruitful ministry and how it impacts them. The picture below shows the posters presented at the banquet.

Each and every person involved in this important ministry plays a vital role. The roles of some are obvious to all, and the roles of others are known by only a few.



The offering at this year's banquet was somewhat less than at last year's. CJM's finances continue to be very tight, and we ask that you join us in prayer that we may properly discern God's guidance in how we deal with this situation. We also hope you will ask the Lord if He wants you to help more in this area than you have been doing. We believe that God will bring forth the needed funds from His people.

We had planned to have the Associate Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants share how God was using them and blessing them through this ministry, but circumstances kept three of the Associate Chaplains and one of the Chaplain Assistants from the banquet (sometimes our plans do not work out), but God touched our hearts richly as Associate Chaplain Irwyn Ince and Chaplain Assistant Gerard Washington and two volunteers (Geneva Colbert and Randall Harley) shared their experiences with us. The Covenant Baptist Church Praise Band provided great music during the meal and led us in songs of praise later. As always, Dee Whitehead and her folks did a great job of hosting and feeding us. We appreciate the way Chapelgate Presbyterian Church made its facilities available for our banquet.

CJM Volunteer Orientation and Training

The Howard County Detention Center (HCDC) requires all volunteers who are involved in programs inside HCDC to receive specified training and orientation. This training and orientation is provided once a quarter. Christian Jail Ministry (CJM) couples its training for volunteers with the HCDC orientation and holds it the afternoon of the day when the HCDC is presented in the morning.

The next orientation and training session will be **9 am – 3:45 pm Saturday, May 3rd**. This training is free, but advanced registration is required by the end of April. We need time to prepare the handout materials. To register, give us your name, contact information, and that you wish to attend the May 3rd session by calling CJM (410-997-0253) or sending an email (cjm@christianjailministry.org).

We trust that if you register for the orientation and training you will attend. If something should prevent your attendance, please notify us as soon as possible so that we do not waste time and resources preparing materials for an absent you. We appreciate your cooperation in this.



These are the folks who attended the previous orientation and training session in January (with HCDC Training Coordinator, Captain Baldwin, second from right in the front row). Orientation addresses HCDC policies and procedures related to religious programs at HCDC and descriptions of current programs conducted at the jail.

The training presents Biblical principles and practical guidance that will help volunteers to be more fruitful and effective in ministering to inmates.

The orientation and training is not only free, it also does not impose an obligation on those who take it. Some attend because they want to become part of the ministry to prisoners at HCDC. Others attend merely to learn more about ministry to inmates. We welcome both kinds of folks. **We look forward to seeing you on May 3rd!**

Welcome New Readers!

We welcome sixteen new recipients of the newsletter. These folks attended the CJM Volunteer Recognition Banquet and requested that they be added to the monthly distribution of this newsletter.

You may know folks who would enjoy getting the CJM newsletter each month. If you do, just tell them to send an email to cjm@christianjailministry.org and ask to be put on the newsletter mailing list. Then they will receive the newsletter each month and the 2 or 3 special mailings we do during the year (like the special announcement about the banquet).

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