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Chaplain Help Ministry News

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for Correctional and Rescue Mission Chaplains & their volunteers

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What's Current From Aurora Ministries

"For Christ's love compels us..." 2 Cor. 5:14

August, 2010

Upcoming Training Opportunities

This map shows the next five training opportunities that have been planned to help equip you.



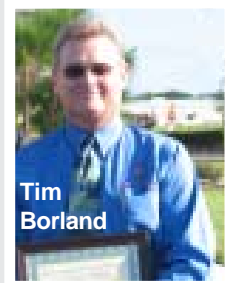
Support for the Continuance of Aurora's Chaplain Help Ministry

Since its beginning in 1983, Aurora's ministry of biblically helping correctional and rescue mission chaplains and their volunteers has been mainly funded by one major donor. This has been a wonderful thing. Countless lives and ministries have been helped to the glory of God. Now, after 27 years of faithful support, that donor is no longer able to support the ministry as they have.

The continuance of the Chaplain Help Ministry in 2011 will be dependant on the Lord working through other donors. We will move forward as the Lord supplies. It has been a while since we have had a three day Seminar in S. California. If you are interested in this Seminar and do not want us to possibly cancel it, prayerfully consider helping to support it by sending a gift to Aurora noted for "Chaplain Seminars 2011." In this day of adversity we want to train you to "Stand Firm for the Gospel."

Aurora Chaplains Academy Grad to Speak in Alabama

At our next three day Chaplain Enrichment Seminar scheduled for Nov. 11-13, 2010, at Camp Baldwin - which is close to Mobile, Alabama, we want to stress the theme "Giving Inmates God's Word." Our main speaker will be **Dr. T. Scott Christmas** from Jacksonville, Florida. He is an excellent choice to speak on this theme because God has used him to plant a church solely around giving people God's word. In addition we will feature one of our recent graduates from the Aurora Chaplains Training Academy, **Tim Borland**. A major part of Tim's ministry for over 10 years has been teaching inmates to study the Bible for themselves. These men will be a true blessing to attendees.



Tim Borland

When you as a Chaplain or volunteer sign up to attend by sending us a Registration Form (printable from our web site link to Enrichment Seminars) we will send a brochure like the one pictured to the left. It will give you a



schedule and directions to the facility pictured at the right. All the rooms in the **Magnolia Lodge** pictured above, will be hotel style rooms because we want you to bring your spouse along so that they can learn what you are learning and feel more a part of the ministry.

- When inmates know how to study the Bible for themselves, they are better equipped to withstand the many heresies and false religions they will encounter in jail and prison.
- Aurora will give you a Certificate acknowledging your participation and some good books for your study.
- There will be rich times of prayer and fellowship as well as a special session for wives that do not go into the facilities with their husbands.

Chaplain Enrichment Seminar

Thursday - Saturday
Nov. 11-13, 2010
Giving Inmates God's Word
(2 Tim 4:2)

featuring
Dr. T. Scott Christmas
Author, Teacher, and Pastor
Grace Community Church
Jacksonville, Florida

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Also in this Issue: • An excerpt from a Chaplain's Corner message on racism • How to get what was taught at our North Carolina Seminar

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Dealing With Ethnic Hatred

Currently, our Chaplain's Corner at www.ChaplainHelp.org is aimed at helping you deal with ethnic hatred or "Racism" in correctional facilities (and other places also) with a two-part message during July and August 2010. Here is an excerpt from July.

"... the current climate in America and more specifically - in places of incarceration, has made this particular sin a hot issue. In other words, there is an ongoing increase of this problem in our society right now. I know many people (adults 30 years old and upwards) who have said to me that they feel racial tensions are worse now than ever before in their own lifetime. When you look at this problem biblically, at least four issues are contributing factors: bad theology, a lack of forgiveness, fear and pride.

Matthew 22:34-40, ... reads:

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

37 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' (a quote from Deuteronomy 6:5)

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

In verse 37, the word Jesus used for "mind" means the mind as a faculty of UNDERSTANDING. The original word is made up of two words, "through" and "mind." In other words: to PONDER THROUGH THE MIND. So, the first and foremost commandment of God (verse 38) contains a command to put through the mind the nature of God, or to understand Him. He reveals Himself through creation and to a much greater extent in the Bible. According to verse 37, understanding God is a part of loving Him. We get a proper understanding of Him only in the Bible.

Verse 39 is linked to knowing and loving the true God, and His first or priority commandment in verse 37. This link is in the words "the second IS LIKE IT." But HOW is the second great commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves LIKE loving God with all our heart, soul and mind? And who does God mean by the words, "your neighbor?" The word "like" in verse 39, means corresponding to something. The sense is IF YOU UNDERSTAND GOD WITH YOUR MIND AND LOVE HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART, THEN YOU SHOULD LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR LIKE YOU LOVE YOURSELF.

Then, just who is my neighbor? The root of the Holy Spirit given word is "near." So, this word came to mean anyone near in location to us. Strong's Concordance gives this as one of the definitions of "plosion" (neighbor): "according to Christ, ANY OTHER MAN IRRESPECTIVE OF NATION or religion with whom we live or WHOM WE CHANCE TO MEET."

Then it is our Creator's command - that we love every other person regardless of ethnic background that we chance to encounter! We will want to do this if we love and understand Him. We must have a correct theology of God to do that. He loves our neighbors and therefore each one of us must love them also."

At ChaplainHelp.org you can download and listen to the two messages on "Dealing With The Current Issue of Racism" by clicking on the link to Chaplain's Corner. Click on Text or Audio Message Archive.

Black Mountain Seminar Report

Black Mountain, NC - From June 10-12 Aurora sponsored its 48th Chaplain Enrichment Seminar at the YMCA's Blue Ridge Assembly pictured below. Chaplains from five states attended. They enjoyed the teaching of Pastor Carey Hardy. The message titles and Scripture texts they were based on are listed below on the sample label of the MP-3 CD recording of all the messages presented at Black Mountain. You can also ask us to send you the MP-3 CD or you can listen to it by going to our web site, www.ChaplainHelp.org and clicking on the link to "Enrichment Seminars."

After you open that page, you will see a heading that says "**past 2010 & 2009 Enrichment Seminars: [Pictures Gallery and Audio Recordings.](#)**" Click on the blue link and then on the link just below "**Seminar #2: June 10-12**" and then on the arrow adjacent to the message you want to hear.

Here are a few comments made by some Chaplains at this Seminar:

"You always teach us sound doctrine and have affordable prices."

"I am recharged and encouraged to intentionally disciple inmates for a lifetime of service to Jesus."

"I have been a volunteer chaplain for 13 years. This is one of the best Seminars that I have ever attended."



SAMPLE LABEL

DISCIPLING INMATES

Chaplain Help Ministry - a division of Aurora Ministries www.ChaplainHelp.org

June 10-12, 2010 at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mtn., NC

Nine Sessions on a single MP-3 disc:

Session #

1. "The True Gospel" - Romans 5:1, Carey Hardy
 2. "Battle for Progressive Sanctification" - Rom. 7, Carey Hardy
 3. "Discipling Christian Inmates, Pt. 1" - Philemon 8-14, Rich Hines
 4. "When Sin Happens" - James 4:1-3, Carey Hardy
 5. "Discipling Christian Inmates Pt. 2" - Philemon 15-21, Rich Hines
 6. "Practical Sanctification" - Rom. 6, Carey Hardy
 7. "Serving The Lord" - Col. 3:22 - 4:1, Carey Hardy
 8. "Dealing With the Past" - Rom. 1:25 & Selected Scriptures, Carey Hardy
- Questions and answers with our speakers



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