

FIT Spring Fundraiser Raises \$3,225.00!

The FIT Board of Directors would like to thank those who contributed to our fundraiser. Those who contribute to FIT contribute to reaching underserved people who need Christ in their lives.

Due to the effectiveness of our ministry the inmate Peer Facilitator population is exploding! This is wonderful, but our need for volunteers to go in, support and facilitate needs to explode as well.

If you would like to become a FIT leader and member, click on the link below.

<https://100hour.org/leadertraining1.html>

The next leader training will be held on August 2nd from 9 AM to 4 PM.

An Inmate Writes

To Whom It May Concern,

Coming to prison stripped me of everything, and I can now say that after taking the Family Integrity Training course, Coping with the Losses of Life, with Mrs. Norine and Ashley, I now have great clarity on the different types of losses. I've learned new coping mechanisms while digging deep within myself. I scored a 647 on the Change Scale, and I now know what I need to work on to create a positive change within me. Now I will have faith like Job and thrive at this opportunity. I will no longer suppress my feelings or believe the lies about me. I am more than my mistakes and I will finish this race and continue laying my foundation even when I leave these gates. Thanks for your time, knowledge, attention, plus love that you shared with us. I pray God continues to use you all to pour into us. I appreciate everything. Thanks.

New Peer Facilitator Training Timeline Adjustments

As the number of Peer Facilitator applications increased, it was felt that new timelines needed to be implemented in order that the necessary requirements were met and a Facilitator Trainer could be sent out to screen and train the applicants. A new form has been created in order that the Administrator or Chaplain could fill out and start the process in a more orderly manner. A Chaplain's Nomination Form is now available at the FIT office and can be requested by phone or email. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Psalm 119:67-68 & 71 "Before I was afflicted I went astray but now I obey your word. You are good, and what you do is good: teach me your desires. It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."

I was "skyping" (free voice and video on the internet) with a relative yesterday and he was sharing with me how depressed he was because of the pain he was having from the physical therapy on his surgically repaired shattered ankle. Furthermore, he was concerned with how much of an effect the damage would have on his ability to continue the mission work he felt God has called him to do.

This particular relative has a special place in my heart and I felt terrible for him. We discussed the faithfulness of God and how God can heal his ankle and continue to show him the way to fulfill God's plan for his life. We agreed prayer was in order and faithfulness from us in relying on God's word.

During our conversation, my relative mentioned a church member whom he had not seen at the latest church service. The reason he was concerned is she has been in a wheelchair because of Polio, for the last 50 years, since she was a young adult. My relative thought it was possible she didn't have transportation to church so he called her and reminded her that he was always available to give her a ride.

You may be wondering where I'm going with this, stay with me, lol.

The natural progression of my relative and conversation was to discuss the Christian attitude, positive and cheerful demeanor of a woman who has been in a wheel chair for the vast majority of her life. Little did she know that **"her affliction became a blessing to my relative."** His problems with his ankle became so trivial compared to her lifelong trial.

The lesson becomes, when affliction comes into our life do we allow it to become a blessing to those around us simply by the way we handle it? God didn't say He would take us around the fire, He said He would take us **through** the fire. Darkness comes to all of us, in one form or another, it is then that we make the decision to give it to our God, or wallow in our misery.

People in our lives are always watching us, how we react to our experiences, negative and positive. Are you a blessing to help someone else see the working of your faith in God in your life or just another poor soul overwhelmed with life's trials and tribulations without a spiritual foundation to know that God is always with you?

May/June Anniversaries

Linda Chislom	May 2	Ivette Ramos-Celestrin	May 3
Ronald Stricklin	May 3	Suanne Wilson	May 4
Thomas Morgan	May 4	Scott Newman	May 4
Daniel Rogers	May 4	Steven Kennedy	May 6
Angela Harris	May 7	Amber Copley	May 7
Russell Yoon	May 7	Linda Mejias	May 11
Michael Zarle	May 13	Fred DeMouey	May 13
Joseph Sheehan	May 18	Marsha Blackford	May 18
Arlene Vann	May 18	Romonda Chappell	May 18
Makeba Alston	May 18	Steven Hill	May 18
Catherine Morales	May 19	Anne Williams	May 26
Sherill Thomas	June 24	Alicia Jones Phillips	June 29