

Dear Grace Prison Ministries Partners,



It is our prayer that you are well and being blessed by God. We wanted to take the time to thank you for your thoughts, time, prayers, and financial support in 2015. Without your support many lives in the justice system would not have been changed.

Everything we have is a grace gift from God. That includes our time

and finances. Many of you have lived in that reality by supporting Grace Prison Ministries.

We only have a short time to make an impact on history so please continue to support us through your prayers, your time, and resources. Let's continue to make a difference. Only that which is done for Christ will last!

Keithian L. Starling
President & Founder



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Sufficiency of Grace

Careless drivers often push their automobiles beyond their designated capabilities, and the poor vehicle chugs and chugs until the motor finally dies. Daring and foolish engineers will put too much pressure on their boilers, or try to force more power from an engine than it can provide. But our Master guarantees that tasks shall be balanced with the precise strength we possess. He knows our frame: He remembers that we are dust (Ps. 103:104). He will not be less merciful to us than the merciful man is to his beast. He knows the exact pressure we can stand for He has made us; He knows the utmost load we can lift, and will not suffer us to be tried, tested, above what we are able (1 Cor. 10:13). He is Faithful Creator, because He is an abiding Sustainer.



Announcement!!

Grace Prison Ministries announces a partnership with Tyndale Theological Seminary in Hurst, Texas. Now, it's possible to earn a Bible School, graduate, or seminary degree at no cost while still incarcerated.

The program requires access to MP3 players and financial resources to purchase course materials i.e. books, writing utensils, paper, and etc. Grace Prison Ministries is establishing a "Grace Fund" to make sure those without financial support will still have an opportunity to know God more intimately and prepare for a life time of Christian service. We need your financial support, seeing that we operate on voluntary



contributions. Grace Prison Ministries does not solicit funding which can make carrying out our mission a challenge. Please continue to pray for this program which can impact the World!

OUR MISSION

Grace Prison Ministries Mission Statement in fulfilling the twofold mission of the "Great Commission" (Matthew 28:19-20) is as follows:

1. **EVANGELISM** - This includes winning the unsaved that are incarcerated but not limited to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through:
 - a) The presentation of the simple gospel message of faith alone in Christ alone for salvation to those incarcerated and abroad.
 - b) We will make the gospel as clear as possible, relying on the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the decision to believe or reject to the individual.
 - c) We will use no gimmicks to win people to Christ.
2. **EDIFICATION** - Bring to spiritual maturity those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation by teaching them the word of God so that they too can function as part of the body of Christ in furthering evangelism and edification. We do this in the following manner as God provides:
 - a) We provide Bibles as God provides to those who don't have one.
 - b) We teach sound doctrine in the prisons, in a local church setting, and through prison conferences.
 - c) We provide resources like Biblical books, recorded and written lessons.
 - d) We direct the believer to a local church upon release from prison.

In conjunction with these two primary missions, we also have the following objectives:

EQUIPPING - Start Bible Institutes in prisons providing resources for training, so the serious students of the Word of God can be trained for local church service and missionary work abroad especially in the prisons.

Assisting the needy as God provides and directs us - This may include but is not limited to:

- a) Provision of food
- b) Provision of clothing
- c) Transportation

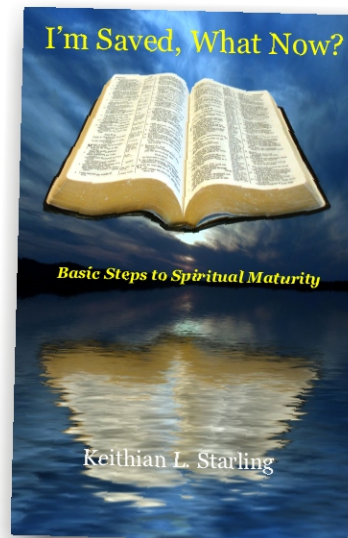
“You cannot build Christian Character through human energy. Christian Character is produced by the Holy Spirit in the Believer not by the Believer.”

Keithian L. Starling

Courage Under Adversity

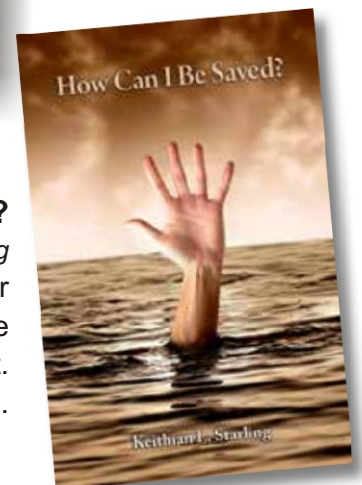
David, a 2-year old with leukemia, was taken by his mother, Deborah, to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, to see Dr. John Truman who specializes in treating children with cancer and various blood diseases. Dr. Truman's prognosis was devastating: "He has a 50-50 chance." The countless clinic visits, the blood tests, the intravenous drugs, the fear and pain--the mother's ordeal can be almost as bad as the child's because she must stand by, unable to bear the pain herself. David never cried in the waiting room, and although his friends in the clinic had to hurt him and stick needles in him, he hustled in ahead of his mother with a smile, sure of the welcome he always got. When he was three, David had to have a spinal tap--a painful procedure at any age. It was explained to him that, because he was sick, Dr. Truman had to do something to make him better. "If it hurts, remember it's because he loves you," Deborah said. The procedure was horrendous. It took three nurses to hold David still, while he yelled and sobbed and struggled. When it was almost over, the tiny boy, soaked in sweat and tears, looked up at the doctor and gasped, "Thank you, Dr. Tooman, for my hurting."

(Monica Dickens, Miracles of Courage, 1985.)



I'm Saved, What Now?
by Keithian L. Starling
A basic step by step guide for new believers.

How Can I Be Saved?
by Keithian L. Starling
A simple and clear presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A tool for evangelism.





STATEMENT

Prison and jail ministry reaches men when they are vulnerable. There is something about being at rock bottom and having all control stripped away that stirs up a cry in a man, a torment that tears through an otherwise unyielding shell from the inside out. And when men are desperate, it is prime time to saturate them with truth. They are in an attitude of listening and this opportunity is not afforded us every day. Further, they are going to listen to someone and soak up something. Let that be truth! Let it be grace. Let it be compassion and forgiveness, encouragement and gospel-centered exhortation.

In my daily goings around Nashville, I have heard my name called on multiple occasions and turned to see faces of the formerly-incarcerated. Some I recognize and some I admit I've already forgotten. But in either case, these men take the opportunity to say "Thank you guys for coming into the jail. The services really made an impact." Seeing these men in the middle of their daily schedules, holding down jobs as humble members of society and practicing a slow and steady faith in the midst of temptations and challenges, that's what makes an impact on me.

Josh Ingram
G.P.M. TEAM - Jail Volunteer



OPERATION IMPACT LIVES PRISON CONFERENCE 2015 REPORT

To: Brother Keithian

*This conference has been a blessing to me. I learned what a man supposed to be. A true biblical man is supposed to be a leader, provider, lover, and protector of his family. I learned to always be concerned about what pleases God. Always be a man of integrity. Jesus Christ is the perfect blueprint for spiritual maturity. Thank you and the guests, speakers, and singing group. You all were a great blessing. It has opened my heart to seek God, and rely on the Holy Spirit. Being a leader starts with allowing the Holy Spirit to lead my life, and walking in divine love. Keithian, keep me in your prayers. You have been very encouraging, inspiring, and a big help in my life. God has been at work in you and through you. You are a great teacher. I'm so tired of living a self-centered life. Keep allowing God to use you.
Thanks,*

Keithian,

I just wanted to take a few minutes to thank you for the conference this weekend. I really enjoyed everything, and gained some good insight on being a man and leader. I also enjoyed your teaching on leadership from the book of Joshua and Judges. I like what you said about a to be a good leader you must start first with allowing God's Spirit to lead you. I am trying to allow the Holy Spirit to lead my life so I can become the man God has planned me to be. The tools you gave this weekend will help me much on the way. It is great to know that there are people out in the world who love me, and care that I make it. Thank you for all you have done in God's strength. God Bless You!!

Painting the Barn Door Red

When I was a boy on the farm, my father once told me to do a certain thing one day that I really did not like to do. He went to town, and I noticed that our barn door needed paint. I knew where there was a can of red paint and a new brush. I tried my hand at painting that door. I did a good job, but when my father came home, well—I do not need to tell you about it! It was not a precious memory! I performed a service, but I did not do the thing that my father left for me to do. So with the Christian: he will be rewarded, not for doing the thing that he wants to do, but for doing the thing that Christ left him here to do—to fulfill the great commission.
—*The King's Business.*



Letters from the Inside

Keithian (and others at Grace Prison Ministries),

Thank you for the opportunity to study the word of God with your ministry. I have grown a lot in my spiritual life and personal relationship with my savior Jesus Christ! Keithian, mean a lot to me, I've known you for 3 years now and you have been there for me during some very bad times in my life (the loss of my son). Thank God for your strength and witness of God. Please keep on doing God's work, because it really matters to us and is making a difference in our lives. I am really looking forward to receiving that study Bible.

Hello Mr. Starling,

I just wanted to tell you thank you for sharing the wonderful message you gave us at Ware State Prison. I was here when you were in F-Building. October 2015 was a great month in the history of Church service here at Ware. I was overwhelmed to see you and hear the simplicity of the word of God. It excites me when I think about you being incarcerated here before and through the Power of God you are where you are now. I can't forget the fact that you offered us the opportunity to get a theological education. I seek to be a better communicator of God's word. I was born in a small city in Kenya where 60% of people never held the word of God. I am ready to start any time. God bless. Come back again, and pray for your strength.

Your brother in Christ

Dear Pastor Starling

About a month ago you spoke at a church service here at Ware State Prison. You spoke from Ephesians and made me understand who I am in Christ, and what I was chosen for. It was with a sense of pride that I watched a man who has been through the struggle that I'm facing and eloquently present God's word plainly. Until my deliverance comes I will put my effort towards living in the

will of God. I am writing to get information on the seminary training. I would like to leave here with some training that can lend me some credence as I enter into service to God.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. I would love to sit down under another one of your teaching sessions. I hope your schedule allows you to put Ware State Prison on your calendar for the coming year.

Grace Prisons Ministries president and CEO Keithian Starling came into my life when I was fourteen at a Christian youth camp. I went to that camp to see some old friends, make my mom think I was a good kid, and sell some drugs in that area. However I met Keithian Starling and heard his testimony which has forever changed my life. For the next five years I was either living for the world, in trouble, or totally devoted to Christ. The lack of consistency and immaturity in my life was clear and unacceptable as a believer in Jesus Christ. I looked at Keithian's life and seen a man of devotion and integrity and desired more than anything that consistency in my life. I developed a daily routine and learned the basics of the bible (eschatology, theology of Sin, Trinity, characteristics of God, Etc.).

I contacted Keithian and Grace prison ministries a year ago desiring more advanced learning so I can be equipped for service. I was informed by him of G.P.M partnership with Tyndale and the Millennium Scholarship and was highly interested. I applied at Tyndale and was accepted. I have been a student for a year now at Tyndale cloud campus, , and have received high marks on course work. I came into this desiring God and his word and when you desire God and obey his word he will give you the desires of your heart. I love Tyndale and am so thankful to Keithian Starling and Grace Prison Ministries for changing my life and for the opportunities that are in the future.

In Him,

Chad Snyder

G.P.M Student in Training

Our Obedience (1 John 2:5)

Our Love for Others (1 John 4:20)

Our Love Not for the World (1 John 2:15-16)



Evidences of Our Love for God

Why Should We Praise God in Word and in Practice?

Have you sat in a quiet place lately and pondered what God the Father through Christ has done for you? When we stop and ponder on what God has done in grace for us through Christ, we should give an outburst of praise.

I believe that it would make a difference in our lives if we meditate on scripture daily pondering the riches we have in Christ. This meditation will solve the complaining we do, the selfishness and ungratefulness in our attitude and actions. It will also give us peace knowing that God has provided all of our deepest need and will provide for our earthly needs. If he did the most for us, will he do any less? Paul's letter to the Ephesians talks about some of those riches we have in Chapter 1-3. As Paul pondered the grace of God his outburst was: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*" (Ephesians 1:3)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.....

Paul normally in most of His letters after his greeting would give thanks to God for the readers of his letter (Romans 1:8; 1 Cor. 1:4; Philippians 1:3; Colossians 1:3), but in this letter and 2 Cor. 1:3 he changes the order. In this epistle, after his greeting he declares that God is praised for what he has done in blessing believers in Christ.

This construction Paul uses was a form said to have been taken over from Jewish synagogue worship, and commonly called the berakhah (the

Hebrew word for "blessing"). We see the berakhah form in Psalms 66:20, Psalm 41:13 etc. The apostle Paul Christianizes the wording, identifying the one to whom blessing is ascribed as "**the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**" In the Greek text v.3 is the beginning of a long sentence (1:3-14), and in this sentence he gives praise to God the Father for blessing us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

In this sentence we also see how each person of the trinity played part in the believers salvation. We see God the Father in 4-6 electing and predestinating the believer before the foundation of the world. He chose to Holiness from amongst those destined for His eternal damnation those who in time would believe in Christ, and determined that their destiny would be adoption into His royal family. Through this adoption we inherit all that God and Christ is and has for all eternity.

In verse 7-12 God the Son redeems the believer through His blood, providing the forgiveness of sins, and paying the debt for our sins. The Believer in Jesus Christ is released from the penalty of sins because Christ paid the debt. On the basis of His work you are forgiven of past, present, and future sins.

In 13-14, God the Holy Spirit seals the believer for eternity. The indwelling Holy Spirit is the seal of the Believers eternal security. You can never lose your salvation, because you can never lose the seal (the Holy Spirit). See also John 10:27-29, Ephesians 2:8-9.

The word translated blessed here in Ephesians 1:3 is the verbal adjective

eulogetos meaning blessed, praised, to bless, from the Greek verb **eulogeo** meaning to *speak well of, to praise*. It indicates saying something commentary. We get our English word eulogy from this Greek verb. If you ever heard a eulogy in a funeral service there are people who stand up and say commentary statements about the deceased.

It is said that verse 3 is the main sentence of the eulogy or the summary of the whole eulogy. God is praised for blessing believers in Christ with spiritual blessings.

In the Old Testament God is praised for His benefits as seen in:

• **His Care for His people Israel**

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation." (Psalm 68:18)

"O God, Thou art awesome from Thy sanctuary. The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people. Blessed be God!" (Psalm 68:35)

"Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders." (Psalm 72:18)

• **His provisions**

"Blessed be the Lord, Who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He promised through Moses His servant." (1 Kings 8:56)

• **His response to prayer**

(Gen. 24:10-27)

• **His deliverance from enemies**

"Blessed be God Most High Who has delivered your enemies into your hands." (Gen. 14:20)

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see also: Exodus 18:10; 2 Sam. 18:28; Ps. 41:13; 124:6

• **His deliverance from evil**
(1 Sam. 25:32, 39).

• **God is also blessed for who He is**
(Ps. 72:19; 89:52; 106:48; 135:21).

Praise to God was a component of Jewish prayer and synagogue worship. In the New Testament **eulogetos** always refers to God, and used eight times (Mark 14:61; Luke 1:68; Rom. 1:25; 9:5; 2 Cor. 1:3; 11:31; Eph 1:3; 1 Peter 1:3). He alone is worthy of praise, honor, appreciation, and adoration seeing that it is He that has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Zechariah blessed the Lord God of Israel for the Promise of salvation from sin (Luke 1:68), and as the eternal Creator says Paul, "Who is Blessed forever" (Rom. 1:25). Paul now declares, "**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**". God the Father is praised by Paul for blessing believers with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Spiritual blessings are distinguished from material blessings here. Every good gift comes from God but Paul make emphasis on the spiritual blessings believers have in Christ which is far greater than any material blessing.

The Grounds for Praising God

(1:3b)*Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heaven lies in Christ*

Here Paul expressed the grounds for praising God the Father by the participial clause "who has blessed us". The word translated *blessed* is functioning as an aorist active participle from the Greek **Eulogeo**

meaning "speak well of, praise, to bless. **Eulogeo** is the same stem for *eulogetos*. **Eulogeo** can carry with it many ideas depending on the context and the function of the word in a sentence. **Eulogeo** occurs 461 times in the LXX, when God is the object of being blessed by a person, the idea in that context is that of giving praise to Him for His benefits (Ps. 68:19, 35; 72:18; 119:12; 144:1; Zech. Ruth 4:14; 1 Kings 1:48; 5:7; 8:56; 1 Chron. 29:10; 2 Chron. 2:12) When a person is the object then it is God blessing them with benefits such as happiness, success, and increase in earthly possessions (Genesis 27:4, 33, 34; 49:28; Ps 5:12; 65:11).

In some contexts blessing can refer to someone asking God to bestow special favor on a person such as success (Numbers 6:23, 24,27; Ps28:9). In contrast to asking him to expose them to destruction (Lev. 26; Deut 27-28; Ps. 37:22).

The New Testament carries the same different ideas of being blessed by someone. We see God the Father and Jesus Christ as the object of being blessed (Matt. 14:19; Luke 9:16, Matt. 21:9). We also see Individuals being blessed by others (Luke 1:42; 2:34; Heb. 7:1; 11:20, 20), We see People blessing and doing good to those who curse them (Rom. 12:14), Jesus Christ blessed people or calls for God's power and enablement (Luke 24:50, 51), and God's blessing or providing benefits (Matt. 25:34; Luke 1:28, Acts 3:25, 26, Gal. 3:9, Eph. 1:3, Heb. 6:14).

In the present context the idea of **Eulogeo** is that God the Father has provided benefits to us. The "us" refers to Paul, and the recipients (believers). Believers in Jesus Christ are the objects of God's benefits. God the Father is praised because of His

benefits. Since believers share in these benefits they should respond to those benefits with praise to God in word and practice as does the Apostle Paul.

What have believers been blessed with?

(1:3c) *Believers have been blessed with every Spiritual blessing in Christ.*

Here Paul is speaking of the action of the Father in blessing believers with every kind of spiritual blessing in Christ. The noun **eulogia** translated "blessing" is related to the word **Eulogeo** discussed above. Here the reference is to the benefits bestowed by God the Father on the believers in Jesus Christ. These benefits are said to be spiritual and are to be distinguished from material blessings. Paul gives detail in the following verses (4-14) on the spiritual blessing given to believers in Jesus Christ, beginning with God's election before creation, His predestination, His adoption, His redemption through Christ's work on the cross, and the sealing of the Holy Spirit. The adjective **pneumatikh translated spiritual** is from the Greek **pneuma** meaning spirit, wind, breath. It is referred to in scripture as:

- 1) the air in John 3:8a.
- 2) Breath, that which give life to the body as in Matt. 27:50; Luke 8:55
- 3) spirit, as the part of the human personality which is distinct from the body, and soul as in 1 Thess.5:23.
- 4). a spirit, referring to incorporeal immaterial created beings possessing higher capacities than man as in Acts 23:8. Also known as angels. Elect or fallen angels.
- 5) Spirit of God, referring to the Holy Spirit in scripture who communicates

and imparts things that are spiritual.

It is in the context of 5) that Paul uses **pneumatikh**. Believers have received blessings from the Father mediated by the Holy Spirit. Many of those blessings we see in 1:4-14. We also see throughout the Old and New Testament the Holy Spirit at work in the life of the believer.

It is the Spirit of God who was the mediator in the giving of the Law which is spiritual (Rom. 7:14). He gives us spiritual revelation (Col. 1:9), it is the Spirit that impart spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:1-11; 14:1); the Spirit enables the believer to sing spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19), It the Spirit who is building a spiritual house amongst believer so they can offer spiritual sacrifices to God (1 Peter 2:5).

Paul also uses **pneumatikh** when giving a contrast between the spiritual man who have the ability to discern all things, and the natural man who is not able to understand or receive the things pertaining to the Spirit of God being without the Holy Spirit (2:14-16).

He also uses **pneumatikh** referring to the spiritual body (resurrected body animated by the Spirit of God making it fit for heaven) in contrast to the natural body (fit only for this life on earth) (1 Cor. 15:44).

God the Father through the Spirit has given the believer every Spiritual blessing in Christ. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ the Spirit of God is living in you (1 Cor.6:19) and you are blessed beyond all you can imagine.

The Spiritual Blessings is said to be *in the heavenly places in Christ*. This phase further elaborates on the source of spiritual blessings, which are not only from the Spirit but also from the heavenly places.

Here in the present context the reference *heavenly places* is the abode of God and Christ. Christ has been exalted to the right hand of God the Father above all power and rule, and believers are raised to the place of glory being in Christ. It is from this position of glory that believers are blessed by the Father because they are in Christ.

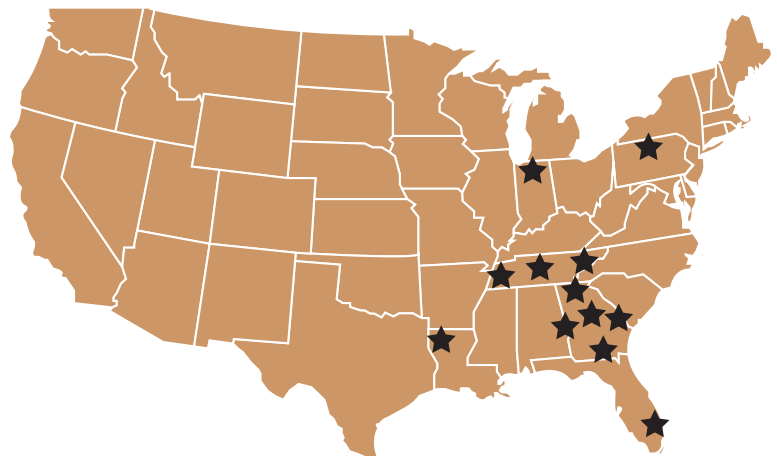
Spiritual blessings are from heaven as opposed to this earth. These spiritual blessing mediated by the Holy Spirit is only for those in Christ by Faith.

In conclusion, the Father has blessed believers with everything spiritual blessing Mediated by the Spirit of God. These blessing has there source in God and is in contrast to that which is material. Everything the believer need for the spiritual life have been granted from the Father mediated by the Spirit of God through Christ work on the cross. The Father is praised for His riches in Christ, and now believers are to appropriate these blessing by faith, and speak, and live as blessed Children.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord; Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His glory and excellence. (1 Peter 1:2-3)



Our Presence



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Giving consists of more than finances. It includes time. Prayer time and time spent in various ministries. It's also vitally important to know who you are giving to and how the gift will be used. Those giving to Grace Prison Ministries via prayer, time, and finances can rest assured their gifts will be used to promote Jesus.

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God wishes ALL to come to a belief in His Son Jesus Christ. Also, God judges a nation based upon the lifestyles of the believers. America has a serious problem with prison population and recidivism rate. It has been proven inmates who learn to pursue Christ have a much greater chance of becoming productive members of society along with representing Christ. Since our ministry is to reach inmates for our Lord, we feel your gifts will be well used.

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While Grace Prison Ministries doesn't "solicit" funds, we think that it is important you know that just as we covet your prayers, we also are very thankful for your material gifts and want to assure you we don't waste them. We spend everything we have on reaching prisoners for Jesus Christ which in addition to fulfilling God's command to "go and tell" will also add to the core group of believers and may help save our nation or at least stave off the coming judgment. We pray God will motivate you to support us in every way.

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**Ernest Smith
G.P.M. Team**



Grace Prison Ministries Weekly Schedule, Nashville, TN:

Monday	1:00pm - 9:30pm	Correctional Development Center
Tuesday	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Hills Detention Center
Wednesday	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Metro Detention Center
Friday	8:30am - 10:30am	Criminal Justice Center
Saturday	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Criminal Justice Center
Sunday	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Criminal Justice Center

8 Standards of Financial Accountability

1. Grace Prison Ministries will seek to honorably and faithfully execute the stewardship of all provided resources to the glory of God.
2. Grace Prison Ministries will maintain its 501(c)(3) tax status with the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service(IRS), assuring full deductibility of gifts which meet IRS Requirements.
3. Grace Prison Ministries will use gifts for the purposes designated by donors. When undesignated, gifts will be used for current Grace Prison Ministries priorities.
4. Grace Prison Ministries will promptly issue receipts for every donation, with necessary information to satisfy all IRS requirements.
5. Grace Prison Ministries will not solicit for funding but will share our ministry objectives with interested organizations or individuals and leave the decision to support us to God and the individual or entity
6. Grace Prison Ministries will not release, sell or otherwise distribute mailing lists to any organization, and will maintain confidentiality of all donor records to the greatest legal extent.
7. Grace Prison Ministries will make quarterly financial statements available to donors upon request, and will answer all inquiries from donors promptly.
8. Grace Prison Ministries expenditure budgets and salaries will be approved by its Board of Governors.

No one has ever become poor by giving.
-- Anne Frank

Grace Prison Ministries 2015 COMPLETED SCHEDULE



MAR 1

INDIA MISSION TRIP
Start BIBLE INSTITUTE
Postpone to 2016

MAR 14

OPERATION IMPACT LIVES
CONFERENCE
Metro Detention Center, Nashville, TN

APR 12

LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE CHURCH
Deerfield Beach, FL

JUN 15

FYC YOUTH CAMP
Lakeworth, FL

OCT 7

LOIS DeBERRY SPECIAL
NEEDS PRISON
Nashville, TN

OCT 11

WARE STATE PRISON
Waycross, GA



Keithian has been part of Albany Bible Church for many years. He came to us when he left prison to begin his new life as a child of the King. He attended Bible Classes faithfully

until he began Grace Prison Ministries, and continues to be an important part of our church family.

In October of 2014 he allowed me the privilege of helping with the Inmate Bible Studies in the Prisons where he teaches classes. Interested inmates receive printed lessons with questions to be answered and returned to me to be graded and returned with encouraging comments. Over the past year we have had fifty-two men participate in the classes and two have completed the study, with several more very nearly finished.



These detailed studies of twenty-five lessons outlining the Christian Way of Life come from **"The Basics, A Categorical Bible Study"** written by **Gene Cunningham**. The aforementioned study material is a great resource for introducing new believers to the basics of the Christian faith. It requires dedication and concentration with the result that the new believer will become qualified to represent Jesus to the world around us. As I have reviewed and commented on the lessons I receive from these men, I have been blessed, encouraged and challenged to study along with them.

Please pray along with us for the many temptations they will face as they reenter the work force. Keithian has follow-up programs in place to aid them and plans to support the education of those who may wish to answer the call to the ministry other forms of full time service. As with any new endeavor, funds will be needed and you will be given the opportunity to help. You won't want to miss the opportunity to become part of this important ministry by your prayers and gifts!

In His Great Grace,
Janice Minton
G.P.M Team

Grace Prison Ministries At-A-Glance

Grace Prison Ministries Inc. is a Christian, grace-oriented, nonprofit organization incorporated in Tennessee which focuses on changing the lives of prisoners and their families through evangelism and sound Bible teaching.

GPM travels to jails, prisons, and youth detention centers throughout the United States; evangelizing individuals with the message of Jesus Christ at four to five institutions per month. This activity is important because the message of Jesus Christ brings hope, forgiveness, and change to those incarcerated. This way, those incarcerated can become law-abiding citizens and good role models in our society. Upon our visits we provide Bibles for those in need of Bibles. In conjunction with the above activities GPM has the following ministries which are designed to bring glory to Jesus Christ and edification to believers:



Discipleship by mail



Grace Prison Ministries

Discipleship through Mail

The Discipleship through Mail outreach is designed to equip new believers in the basic fundamental doctrines for living the normal Christian life. Bible lessons and resources are mailed to individual students in various prisons, jails, and youth detention centers, providing them an opportunity to learn and grow at their own pace. These lessons are reviewed and then mailed back to the students with comments that will provide a greater understanding of Bible truths. Upon completion of the basics, students are rewarded with a study Bible, which is hard for some to get in prison.

Operation Impact Lives

Operation Impact Lives is a group of believers partnering to impact the lives of prisoners. O.I.L. is comprised of pastors, evangelists, and church leaders. Periodically, conferences are held in prisons, jails and youth detention centers where pastors, evangelists and passionate believers join together to fulfill the great commission (presenting the Gospel and equipping the saints). We take the gospel, sound Bible teaching, and resources to them which gives prisoners hope, purpose, and a new way of thinking.



Operation Impact Lives

Grace Refuge Transition Facility

In an effort to assist recently released inmates, GPM offers temporary housing, food, clothing, and limited transportation.



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Charis Bible Institute

Grace Prison Ministries partnering with Bible Training Centre for Pastors formed Charis Bible Institute in June 2011 which seeks to extend non-formal theological training free of charge by forming Bible institutes in prisons for those growing to maturity in Christ and have expressed interest in getting training for local church ministry and missionary work aboard. The best pastor, evangelist, and teacher is one who came from that culture and properly trained. We are now extending our service to churches.

Spreading the Word

GPM welcomes any invitation to come spread God's word and to share what God is doing through GPM. Keithian and the GPM team are willing to travel to any state to disseminate His message to those who are lost and without hope and those interested in learning about this ministry. Every day that is given to us is an opportunity to share His word and make an impact in the lives of the others. Preaching and teaching opportunities are not limited to youth detention centers, jails and prisons. Keithian has also taught at churches, conferences, youth camps, schools, retirement homes and hospitals. We need your continued support both in prayers and financial contributions.

Thank you to all who have shared with this ministry in the dissemination of the word of God. This is a grace ministry. We trust God to meet our needs as they arise. Please learn more about our ministry on our website www.graceprisons.org.



Keithian at a Nashville Jail



Charis Bible Institute

Financial Policy: Grace Prison Ministries is a Christian non-denominational, mission minded, and Bible teaching non-profit tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). All contributions to this grace ministry are tax deductible. G.P.M. offers its services free of charge. We trust God to meet the needs of this ministry. We do not solicit funds but operate entirely on voluntary contributions. When understanding the need to reach lost souls with the good news and sound Bible teaching motivates you to contribute, you have the privilege of giving and sharing in the dissemination of the Word of God. This is a grace ministry.

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Urgent! Prayer Requests

- ❖ Believers to be revived all over the world
- ❖ More open doors for prison and jail ministry
- ❖ Open doors for sound Bible Training schools in prisons
- ❖ Guidance as we seek to spread the gospel and truth
- ❖ More laborers who are filled with love and passion for the lost
- ❖ Strength and health for Keithian and all who serve the Lord through Grace Prison Ministries
- ❖ More monthly support to continue our mission endeavors
- ❖ GPM weekly prison Bible studies
- ❖ Funds to support those serious believers transitioning from incarceration
- ❖ Doors to open for jobs for those being released from prison and jail
- ❖ Safe travels as we take the gospel of Christ and truth around the country and where ever God opens the door
- ❖ Provisions to continue to provide Bibles for those we serve