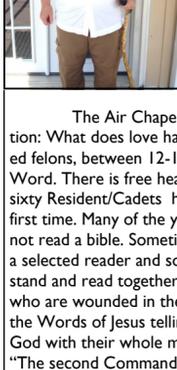


“On Eagles Wings”

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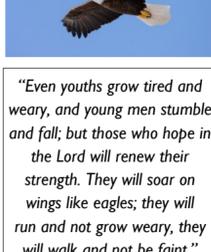
LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH



“But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” — Matthew 22:34-39

The Air Chapel Worship Team will answer the question: What does love have to do with us? Young men, convicted felons, between 12-17 years, will be attentive to God’s Word. There is free healing love available. Most if not all the sixty Resident/Cadets heard God’s command to love, for the first time. Many of the youth have not heard of Church or have not read a bible. Sometimes the cadets raise their hands to be a selected reader and sometimes everyone in Church will stand and read together. Reading God’s word heals the boys who are wounded in their hearts and spirits. They are hearing the Words of Jesus telling about a Command of Love, to “Love God with their whole mind, heart and soul.” And Jesus added, “The second Command is like the first, to love our neighbors as ourselves.” Love of family is the most prayed about subject for incarcerated youth.

Young people are not taught about God’s Word in public school, even though schools were first started to teach God’s Word. America’s early settlers wanted their children to know life navigation skills that only come from the Holy Bible. For us, God’s Word has a place on Sunday morning where youth, 12-17 years who are convicted felons, worship. Jesus is the Way to God The Creator. Yet, The Father’s Grace, given freely how He chooses, allows us eternal residence in Heaven.



“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40:30, 31

Timothy Project

As usual, when these young cadets return home, there are stories of success and then, unfortunately, stories of disappointment. One of the former cadets, with help from the “Scars to Stars” scholarship program from the Air Chapel, has completed his welding certification at Grayson College. But he enjoyed school so much, he continued on and is very close to graduating with an Associate Degree. At that point, he wants to transfer to Southeastern University in Durant and complete his baccalaureate degree.

On the other side, we recently received an e-mail from the grandparents of a former cadet, and their grandson has gone back to drugs and moved back in with a mom who will not be the influence the young man needs. The Air Chapel is making an effort to contact the young man and encourage him, but it is difficult to do everything we would like to do when they live some distance away. He was active in the faith based services when he was here and a very bright young man. Please pray that this young man will turn back and put his hope in the Lord, the only real answer to his need.

“If you judge people you have no time to love them”
Mother Teresa

“Life is short and eternity is long. Isn’t it only reasonable that this short life be lived in the light of eternity.”
Charles Spurgeon

From The President’s Desk

Tommy Hudspeth

For all the individuals, churches, and organizations that supported the Air Chapel during this past year of 2014, I want to express our sincere thanks. Your financial support has allowed us to provide Bibles, covers, faith based books, scholarships, parties, gifts, and follow-up cards and letters for these wonderful young men in the Grayson County Boot Camp. But equally important is your prayer support as you lift these young men up to our Heavenly Father for their restoration to society as godly young men.

The Air Chapel has a new ministry friend in Jacob Worth, a senior at Texoma Christian School, who will be assisting in producing and delivering our newsletter, “On Eagles Wings.” With his help we hope to send the newsletter more frequently and keep our friends informed of the activities, projects, and needs of the Air Chapel as we seek to serve the young cadets more effectively.

We would ask your prayers for one of our dear brothers in Christ and in the Air Chapel ministry, Bruce Powell. Even though recently losing his wife, Bruce continues to minister weekly to the cadets in the Sunday morning services. We have highlighted this wonderful gentleman in the newsletter and thank him for his years and love and service.

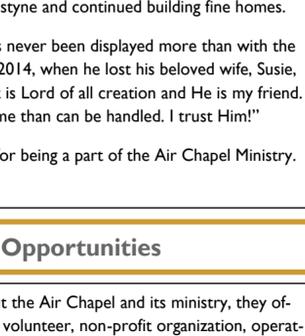
Thought of the Day

“Carry the cross patiently and with perfect submission, and in the end, it shall carry you.”

Thomas A’ Lempis

Volunteer Spotlight

What a pleasure for our newsletter “On Eagle Wings” to highlight Bruce Powell, a businessman and ordained minister, for outstanding volunteer recognition in this issue. Bruce has been involved with the Air Chapel ministry for almost 10 years and has had a tremendous influence on the young men in the Grayson County Boot Camp. After his parents divorced when he was 9 years old, Bruce, his brother, and his mom moved back from California to Amarillo, Texas to begin a new life. It was not easy, but out of the trials came a beautiful testimony of God’s faithfulness that extends even today. Bruce was in oil refining for a number of years before starting a custom home building business. In 1998, he move to Van Alstyne and continued building fine homes.



Bruce’s testimony to God’s faithfulness has never been displayed more than with the death of his son in 2012, and then in November of 2014, when he lost his beloved wife, Susie, after 50 years of marriage. Bruce says, “Jesus Christ is Lord of all creation and He is my friend. He has promised to never place more burdens on me than can be handled. I trust Him!”

Thank you, Bruce, for a life well lived and for being a part of the Air Chapel Ministry.

Air Chapel Service Opportunities

As individuals and organizations learn about the Air Chapel and its ministry, they often ask how they can help. The Air Chapel is an all volunteer, non-profit organization, operating on a very minimal budget, so there are always financial needs. At the present time each cadet, upon arrival, receives a Bible with a camouflage zippered cover that is his to keep. At Christmas, the Air Chapel gives a party for the cadets and presents gifts to the company such as movies, games, and athletic equipment. In July, the Air Chapel has a “Salute to Veterans” party where the veterans share their experiences with the cadets and patriotic songs are sung together. Upon graduation, the cadets receive a cross and chain, books, scholarship information, and their choice of a football, basketball, or soccer ball to take home.

A scholarship program called “Scars to Stars” was initiated a few years back and provides college or trade school help for the cadets if they return home and finish high school with a diploma or GED. Funds are always appreciated there.

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