

Oil Patch Chapel Ministries

Individual Care in a Big World



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Our Mission:

- to develop relationships with . . .
- to be a support system for . . .
- to meet physical and spiritual needs of . . .

Individuals working in the oil industry.

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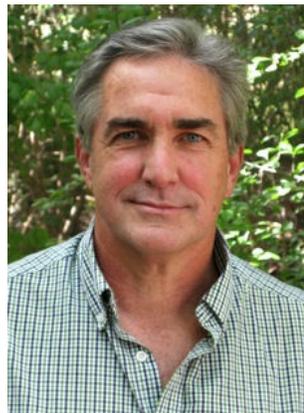
A Fast Changing World ... A Never Changing God!

75,000 individuals working in the oil industry have lost their jobs! Although that is alarming, **God still has a plan** and Oil Patch Chapel Ministries is on the front lines. Calls from strangers needing shelter, meals, gasoline, a listening ear, parts for their cars, and a night's lodging are just a few of the requests when we answer our cell phones. We meet their need and then give an Oil Patch Bible and share the Good News of Jesus with them.

Because of people like you, churches, associations, Sunday School Classes, and Oil Service Companies who give generously monthly, we have not turned a single request down. **Thank you for your caring and sharing.** And thank you, Oilfield Christian Fellowship, for continuing to publish *God's Word for the Oil Patch Bible*.

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God Calls us to join Him in His work! New Team Members:



Andy Cherry of Porter, TX

Through the influence and witness of a godly Sunday School teacher, Andy accepted Jesus into his life at the age of nine. At eighteen, he knew he wanted to spend his life telling, teaching and preaching about Jesus and His wonderful Good News. He obtained a B.A. in Christianity and Speech from Houston Baptist University and in 1984 received a Masters of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. For 39 years, he has served in all positions of a local church, from Youth Minister

to Senior Pastor. He and his wife of 35 years, Brenda Gail, have two sons: Andrew, and his wife Haley, and Brandon.

Mark and Mary Beth Glasson of Corpus Christi, TX

The Glassons have been happily married for nine years and attend Yorktown Baptist Church in Corpus. Mark doesn't get many weekends off to worship with his wife on a regular basis because he is a shift worker. But he is always

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Mark & Betty Glasson, continues . . .

looking for opportunities to share Christ and find ways to convey His love for Jesus to others. After graduating from High School in Taft, he left home and started working. Although he attended the Presbyterian Church during his younger days, one afternoon in 1977, he felt the overpowering desire to become a Christian. His entire life changed that day. He still has a deep desire to witness to those who do not know Jesus personally.



A Typical Day in the Life of an OPCM Team Member!

I was getting ready to take extra Oil Patch Bibles to Grumpy's Motor Inn in Flatonia when a call from an unemployed Oil Patch hand from Midland came in. He had lost his job in Midland and could not find work in our area either. He needed a bus ticket to get back home. The pastor at a local Flatonia church was contacted and purchased him a ticket.

In the meantime, I went to Shiner to pick up another unemployed Oil Patch hand. I took him to his third counseling session in Gonzales. His attitude is improving.

Then I drove on to Hallettsville to drop off a copy of *Thirty Days and Ways to Missions*, for a Christian lady, at Ugly Dog Hog Hunting supplies.

Next I stopped at the Lavaca County jail to mingle and support the families there for visitation. Lots of Oil Patch Bibles have made their way into those cells and are being read.



As I headed back to Flatonia, a Baker Hughes pick-up pulled alongside me. The driver rolled down his window and held up an Oil Patch Bible and asked if I knew where he could get more. I said, "Yes, follow me" and I pulled over. He had picked up a Bible in a motel in Cotulla (Yeah, Peanut!) and showed it to his boss in Bryan. His boss wanted more Bibles. He stopped me because he saw the Oil Patch sign on my jeep door.

(Selfie of Baker Hughes driver & Robert Fowlkes)

I continued on my way to Grumpy's to pick up the stranded man and drive him to the bus station in Weimar. We prayed together and he thanked me for everything, including restoring his faith in humanity. I told him to thank God, as it is a Jesus thing.

Wow, talk about a terrific Tuesday this was one!

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man, all the things God has prepared for those who love Him. 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NAS)

- Robert Fowlkes

We give THANKS for . . .

- ⇒ Protection as we travel the Oil Patch of Texas.
- ⇒ Provisions to share with those in physical and spiritual need.
- ⇒ People of passion to minister to those in the oil patch.
- ⇒ Divine Direction and wisdom in making decisions.
- ⇒ *God's Word for the Oil Patch Bible* that is changing people's lives .

Volunteers NEEDED in . . .

- ⇒ West Texas
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- ⇒ Along Interstate 35 (Roy Sledge is covering part of this area)

to place Bibles in foyers of hotels.



An Ever Expanding Ministry!



This month, **Debbie Fowlkes** spoke at FBC, Cotulla to the women gatekeepers at their monthly luncheon.



Hollas and Nelda spoke the following week at the men's luncheon at FBC Cotulla. (**Pastor Loren Fast** standing by Hollas.)



Steve Faulkner presented the Oil Patch Chapel Ministries display at the Missions Banquet, First Baptist Church of Round Rock.

(l to r) **Jim Teague, John Bird, Nelda & Hollas Hoffman** attended the OCF Leadership Retreat at Last Wagon Ranch, Montgomery.



At the invitation of **John Bird**, President and Co-founder of Oilfield Christian Fellowship, Hollas and Nelda attended the Leadership Retreat for the National Presidents of the Oilfield Christian Fellowship. These were some of the most dynamic and inspiring men in leadership roles of our day. Their love for the Lord, their families, one another and their work were evident in their words, actions and deeds. Thank you, friends, for your encouragement, example and enthusiasm for Kingdom work.