

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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March Winds are Blowing!

There's a mighty rushing wind blowing through the Oil Patch in Texas!

While traveling in a rain storm in Austin the cell phone rang. As usual, it was someone we had never met: Michael Brick, a reporter from the Houston Chronicle. He requested an interview with us. That Sunday our story appeared on the front page of that paper. Others (Midland, San Antonio, and the

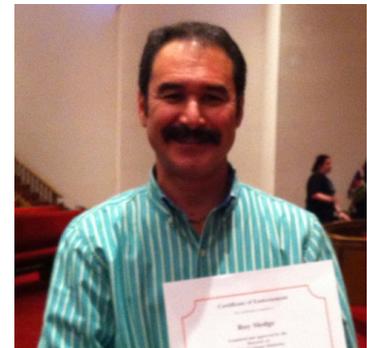


Washington Times) picked up the story about the way the **Holy Spirit** is passing through the oil patch of Texas. It is this **mighty wind** touching and changing lives!

God is calling out individuals to just listen to the hurts and needs of others. When they know you care, that **mighty wind** becomes the still small voice of

God and He receives all praise. Only God could make arrangements for the ministries of the Oil Patch Chapel to appear in the Houston Chronicle and the Washington Times!

Like our call from Michael, Roy Sledge (*photo below*) of Portland received a call from a stranger. This caller was staying in a hotel where Roy places Bibles. He had to stay the night because the helicopter bringing him in from the platform had the rear propeller go out. No one was hurt; only detained. While waiting, the man discovered **God's Word for the Oil Patch Bible** on a table in the hotel lobby. He wanted Roy to sell him a case of Bibles and Bible studies. He wanted to take them back to the platform and give them to his fellow workers. Roy had both and took them to him immediately.



You might say the **March winds** blew this man's helicopter in so that he could find the Bible and studies for which he had been seeking.

Informational Gathering



Steve and Esther Trout planned an informational/fund raiser dinner at First Baptist Church in Portland. Forty plus guests gathered to hear the Oil Patch Chapel Ministry story.

John Bird (*on left*), who conceived the idea for the custom Bible; **God's Word for the Oil Patch**, and President/Co-founder of the Oilfield Christian Fellowship shared recent adventures in the oil industry. John shared his personal story about how God inspired him to make this special Bible a reality.



Pastor Ron Earley, FBC Portland, (front left) and Greg Garby, President of Corpus Oilfield Christian Fellowship (right)



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For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, (Hebrews 4:12a NIV)

It is the same with my word, I send it out and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish what I want it to and it will prosper everywhere I send it. (Isaiah 55:11 NLT)

Knowing how important it is for **God's Word** to be spread throughout the world, we are grateful to have access to such a powerful tool to share through Oil Patch Chapel Ministries.

Part of the 40+ who came to hear the Oil Patch Chapel Ministries story



Please Pray For . . .

- ⇒ Our meetings/luncheons with gate keepers
- ⇒ The new team members God has sent
- ⇒ Attentive ears to God's leadership
- ⇒ Those Divine appointments God has prepared for us

You Can Help By . . .

- ⇒ Praying
- ⇒ Sharing who we are and what we do through Oil Patch Chapel Ministries
- ⇒ Inviting us to your group to tell how God is using our team to share His love with others (979-743-5840)
- ⇒ Building a relationship with an oil field worker or family

New Team Members

Brandon and Melissa Wilson live in Tyler, Texas

Brandon has recently lost his job in the oil field. Melissa home schools their 5 children. They are members of Friendship Baptist Church in Gladewater where they are actively involved. Melissa leads the women's ministries and both are strong witnesses of God's love.



George and Traci Llanes live in Garwood, Texas.

George is currently working in South Texas in the oil fields around Cotulla. His passion is ministering in the workplace. With the support of his wife of 24 years, George serves the Kingdom of God wherever he is planted.

Stories from the Oil Patch . . .

Steve Trout has been invited to lead monthly Bible studies and conduct safety meetings once a month at a trucking company in the Corpus Christi area.

Pete Navarro is planning a cook-out in the Pleasanton area for the residents of the Man Camp where he leads Bible studies.

Hollas Hoffman and **Jene Dreyer** visited the new facility for Wrangler Trucking Company. They took donuts and talked to Jessie, the dispatcher. Since a picture of our brochures at their office was in the Houston Chronicle, Hollas took the paper for them to see.



Pete Navarro (left) on a site near Pleasanton sharing God's word!

Stan Hays is now on location in Gonzales County. He has begun construction on a new salt water disposal plant.

Thank You for your prayers for **John and Becky Salmon**. John is recovering very well and is now back at Wrangler and on the job.