

Oil Patch Chaplains News

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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One Year Anniversary Celebration



Over 150 individuals joined Oil Patch Chaplains as they celebrated the first year of service in the Oilfield. It was a time of sweet fellowship and sharing how God is gathering His children to work and plant seeds of love in His oilfield. A special "Anniversary Celebration" Newsletter will be coming soon.

Our Team Just Keeps on Growing . . .



Robert and Debbie Fowlkes are members of FBC, Schulenburg. Robert is a retired truck driver who is now self-employed. He holds Bible studies at two nursing homes every Sunday. In addition, he serves as a Deacon in his church and on the School Board. When he has spare time, he goes fishing and hunting. He also has trained for Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief.

Debbie just retired after 36 years in the field of education. She is trained and serves with Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief. Upon retirement, she started a restaurant business. Debbie and Robert both belong to primitive (pre 1840) camping organizations and both used to 'mud race!'



Terrell Elliott is a member of FBC, Portland. He is a Sunday School teacher and leads impromptu Bible studies at his church. As a police officer, he is trained and serves on crisis intervention teams. Terrell has opportunities to minister to individuals working in the oil fields when they get arrested.

Please Pray For . . .

- ⇒ People of passion to join in this awesome ministry
- ⇒ Volunteers to help deliver the pallet of Bibles
- ⇒ Secretary to work in office one day a week

Ways You Can Help . . .

Be a Volunteer

Be a financial supporter

- \$48 provides a box of business cards
- \$60 provides a tank of fuel
- \$60 provides magnetic signs for vehicle
- \$120 provides a case of Bibles (24 Bibles)
- \$303 sponsors a new chaplain (shirt, magnetic vehicle sign, business cards, case of Bibles and training manual)
- \$4,800 provides a pallet of Bibles (48 cases plus shipping)

Oil Patch Chaplains Training

Our South Texas Eagle Ford Shale Chaplains-in-training met in Sandia for the second training session. It was the first time for several to meet and the fellowship was great.



Chaplains Chat . . .



Well, it's been a full year and the Lord has truly blessed well beyond our fondest expectations! With growth, there are challenges.

When we order Bibles now, we have to order a pallet at a time. That is \$4,800 and we still have to get them delivered to Gonzales. We need volunteers to periodically drive to Houston to bring them back to Gonzales. "I see all those hands out there volunteering!"

Who will go? If you have a pick-up truck and a willingness to help, we can provide your fuel. I might even ride with you. Let us know if you would like to help.

Our numbers have swelled to 38 volunteers this year and we have great expectations for the years ahead. By the way, we now have a Board of Directors. Our first meeting was September 2. **Our Directors are Jene Dreyer, Todd Craven, Steve Faulkner, Debbie Fowlkes and Cheryl Dickerson.** As I always say, "Surround yourself with great people!" That's just what we have done!

Keep us in your prayers as we strive to reach men, women, boys and girls for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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