

Welcome New Mentors: During the past two months we have gained four new mentors – **Don Holden** from Woodland Park Baptist, **Jack Muller** from Lookout Mountain Pres, **Kendall Ray** from Northshore Fellowship, and **Harold Thrower** from Oakwood Baptist. We continue to grow with a total of 115 active/inactive mentors from 37 churches...may God be praised!



May Fellowship Breakfast. Please join us for our May Fellowship Breakfast on **Saturday, May 21st** from **8 to 10 AM** at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge (6521 Ringgold Road, Chattanooga, TN). This is a buffet style, self-pay breakfast. Mentor **Rick Howard** will be our speaker at this event. He will be sharing his thoughts on the prison ministry and its impact on his life. Put this date on your calendar and join us for an exciting time of fellowship. Please invite visitors to catch the vision of mentoring and bring your wives as well!



DON'T FORGET! - **Indigent Care at Walker State Prison.** As always, we will be taking up donations (both items and money) at our Fellowship Breakfast for the indigent care program at WSP. Chaplain Stroop needs approximately \$350 per month to fulfill this ministry. Specific needs include *toothpaste, toothbrushes, toothbrush covers, shampoo in clear bottles, bars of soap, soap dishes, lotion, baby powder, and deodorant*. Please bring such donated items to the breakfast or get them to your Group Leader.

Latest Edition of “The Walker Talker:” We have received the March edition of the monthly newsletter of Walker State Prison (WSP) called “**The Walker Talker.**” We provide all these newsletters on our website... just look at the bottom right-hand side of the home page under “*Walker Talker Newsletters*” to find all the issues. As you read thorough this latest March edition, can you identify this familiar face at Walker – a United States Navy veteran who served on the USS LaSalle?



Upcoming Events: Please keep these special events on your calendars;

- **Fellowship Breakfast** – Saturday, **May 21st**, 8 – 10 AM @ Wally’s Restaurant in East Ridge
- **2016 Memorial Day Event** – Friday, **May 27th**, 9:30 AM - This year’s theme is “*Giving Their Lives – Extraordinary Men of Valor*” and will feature a keynote guest speaker and several musical performances from Walker residents, the Walker Concert Choir, and more. Also on display will be the ¼ size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, created last year by the residents of WSP.



Wives may attend it they have an approved GCIC form on file at the prison that is less than 12 months old. Registration required by **Friday, May 13th**, to attend. You may register by either using our website “Sign-Up Sheets” or contacting Doug Craven at (423) 902-2004.

- **New Mentor Training** – Saturday, **May 28th**, 8 AM -12:30 PM – First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga
- **No Mentoring Sessions** – Monday, **May 30th** & Tuesday, **May 31st** – 5th weekday in month
- **Father’s Day Celebration** – Friday, **June 10th**, 12:30 PM – This inaugural event entitled “*Forever Our Fathers*” will include guest speakers, spoken words, musical performance, short skits, and a “Forever Our Fathers” salute. Guests are to arrive between 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM. Wives may attend it they have an approved GCIC form on file at the prison that is less than 12 months old. Registration required by **Friday, May 27th**, to attend. You may register by either using our website “Sign-Up Sheets” or contacting Doug Craven at (423) 902-2004.

Link to our website - <https://wspmentoringministryevents.shutterfly.com/>

Mentor Reminders:

A. New entry policies – During the past few weeks we have seen some dramatic changes to the entry procedures at Walker SP. These are occurring across the state of Georgia and are not unique to Walker. Please be patient as these new procedures are “ironed out” and realize that we are “quests” of the prison and must abide by all the rules and regulations that they require. Some of the recent changes that we all must remember;

- 1. You must have a card issued by your doctor if you have any metal implants that will set-off the metal detector. Failure to have such a card may prevent entry.**
- 2. Your GDC volunteer photo ID badge must have a valid expiration date. Should you try to enter with an expired badge you may be declined.**
- 3. Medications, lip balm, cough drops, sore throat lozenges, etc. may not be taken into the prison unless prior authorization is obtained. If you try to take such items inside you may be asked to leave them in your car OR denied access. Prior authorization can be obtained via your group leader.**
- 4. You must be listed on the proper weekday on the entry list at the bunker. Failure to notify your group leader of a proposed weekday change may result in denied access when you try to enter the prison. You are only authorized to enter on a particular weekday.**

B. Prayer: Please keep the following mentors & their families in your prayers;

- 1. Dan Webb** – Dan, a Monday mentor, is currently in a hospice facility as he struggles with brain cancer.



- 2. Wade Priddy** – Wade, a Tuesday mentor, is returning to Afghanistan as a civilian advisor to that country’s military organization.



Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. (Psalm 34:3)

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