

New entry policies – We continue to learn more about the enhanced entry procedures at Walker SP. As noted before, these changes are occurring across the state of Georgia and are not unique to Walker. We must be patient as these new procedures are “ironed out” and realize that we are “guests” of the prison and must abide by all the rules and regulations that they require. The most recent items that we all must be aware of are;

1. **Clothing worn into the prison must meet the GDC visitation dress code. Recently a mentor was not allowed to enter the prison because his pants (blue jeans) had a quarter size hole in them. Please be aware that holes in your shirts or pants are not permitted.**
2. **Your name on your identification, either GDC volunteer photo ID badge or driver’s license, must match the name that we’ve given the prison to include on their entry authorization list (“bunker list”). Some of you may have provided us “nicknames” and we, in turn, have provided those “nicknames” to the prison for their entry authorization list. You may not be allowed to enter the prison if your identification does not match the name on the prison entry authorization list.** We are reviewing our records and asking the prison to double-check any names that might be creating this issue. Please let us know if you feel that your identification may cause this problem.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May Fellowship Breakfast** Please join us for our May Fellowship Breakfast this coming **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.

- **New Mentor Training** – Saturday, **May 28th**, 8 AM -12:30 PM – First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga – This training is for individuals that are interested in becoming mentors OR wish to learn more about our prison ministry. Please encourage any interested individual to attend.
- **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 if 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/>

Position Available at Walker State Prison:

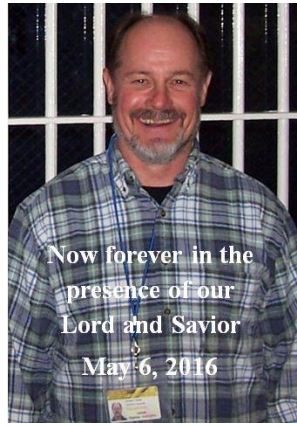
A position is available at Walker State Prison. Mentors and/or family members are encouraged to review & consider this employment opportunity. See the link below to apply.

Vacancy Details for Position# 00116232

JOB CODE	TITLE	POSITION #	POSITION	POSTING BEGIN	POSTING END
HCP100	Behavioral Hlth Counselor 1	00116232	Unclassified	5/11/2016	5/25/2016
Jobcode:	HCP100				
Jobtitle:	Behavioral Hlth Counselor 1				
Job Category:	Counseling				
Entry Salary:	\$24,771.59				
Pay Grade Max:	\$43,350.29				
Minimum Qualification:	Bachelor's degree in a related field from an accredited college or university OR Certification as an addiction counselor from the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association (GACA) or equivalent certification.				
Preferred Qualification:	One year of experience providing individual and/or group counseling/case management services for a caseload of clients in a clinical setting.				
Note:					
Location Name:	Walker State Prison				
Address1:	97 Kevin Lane				
Address2:	P.O. Box 98				
City:	Rock Springs	Zipcode:	30739		
County:	WALKER COUNTY				
Contact Name:	Cynda Sims				
Contact Phone#:	706-764-3603				
Contact Fax#:	706-764-3604				
Contact Email ID:	cynda.sims@gdc.ga.gov				
Comments:	This position is open to internal and external applicants. Entry salary will be \$27,472 annually.				

<http://www.gdcjobs.com/jsp/vacancysummaryframe.jsp>

An Appropriate Eulogy for a Mentor



The following was written by the mentoring partner of Dan Webb upon learning of his passing;

“It has been difficult the past few days. Dan was so very dear to me, and he will be greatly missed. I do find comfort in the fact that I know Dan is with Jesus in heaven...no more sickness...no more tears. He made a tremendous impact on my life. Dan became the feet, hands, and mouth of Jesus for a lowly prisoner like me...showing me in a very real way that in Christ, there is true forgiveness for us all. I will forever be grateful for the unconditional love that Dan showed to me for over four years. He has truly left me with a fine example to go out and live my life by. Heaven has received a mighty fine saint, and this world grew a little bit dimmer. May the angels rejoice with joy!”

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

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