

WSP MENTOR MESSAGE #53

December 2018

FINAL CALL! WALKER'S GOT TALENT The men of Walker State Prison (WSP) will proudly present "Walker's Got Talent" on **Friday, Dec. 7th, from 9 to 11:30 AM**. They are inviting you to join them for music, poems, skits, and more! All mentors and their wives* are invited. To attend, **you must be registered by this Saturday, Dec. 1,st** by contacting Doug Craven by e-mail (dccraven@epbfi.com) or phone# (423) 902-2004.

** wives must have an approved GCIC on file that is less than 12 months old – GCIC form can be found on our website & should be completed and submitted to Doug Craven*

FINAL CALL! HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER A "Dessert Buffet" fundraiser is being organized to raise funds for the HOME Project (indigent offenders) and the overall Walker F&CB program. This event at the prison is set for **Friday, Dec. 14th**, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM (**please arrive by 5 PM**) with **a minimum donation of \$10 per attendee** (to be collected upon arrival). Those attending will be treated to an evening of desserts (cakes, pies, fruits, ice cream, coffee with an array of flavored creamers, and soda). The Walker F&CB Program's A Capella Choir (The "Walkapellas") will perform a "Holiday Concert" for the participants. Additionally, there will be various Arts and Crafts items (clocks, paintings, etc.) given away as door prizes.

All mentors, wives, family members, and guests* may attend. To register, you must contact Chaplain Jeremy Stroop by e-mail (jeremy.stroop@gdc.ga.gov) or phone# (706) 764-3610.

Registration must be submitted by this Saturday, Dec. 1st.

** attendees must be at least 18 years old and have an approved GCIC on file that is less than 12 months old – GCIC form can be found on our website & should be completed and submitted to Chaplain Stroop*

NOTE – SPECIAL NEED: Since this is a "fund raising" event, the prison is hoping that all aspects of this event will be donated. There is a special need for forty-five (45) sets of **white Christmas lights, 100 ft long each**. These are **needed by Dec. 1st**.

If you can provide some or all of this need, please contact **Ryan Clark** – phone# (706) 764-3929 or e-mail (ryan.clark@gdc.ga.gov)

NEW MENTOR TRAINING Remember, there will be a training event for men interested in becoming mentors at WSP. The training will occur at First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga this **Saturday, December 1st**, from 8:00 AM to ~12:30 PM. Please invite or encourage any godly men that you know to attend this event. Contact Alan Bonderud (cell# 423 903-3700) for further details. Remember, we still have over one hundred (100) men at WSP that are wanting a mentor.

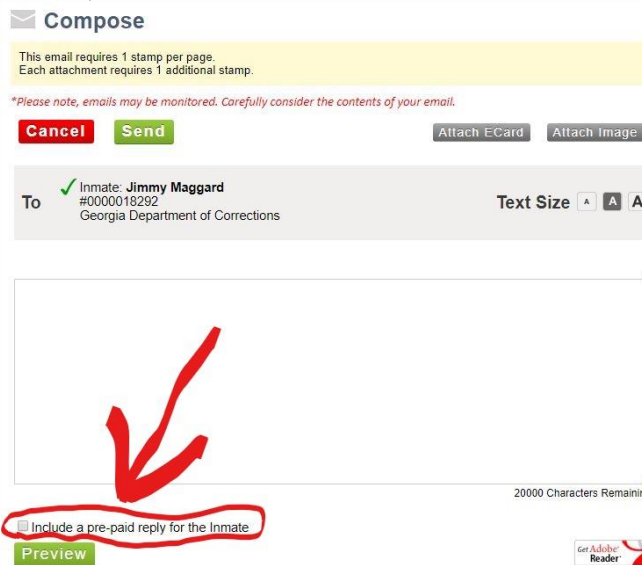
CHRISTMAS BAGS – Due to your gracious support, we will once again be providing a special Christmas for those who can expect little or nothing this holiday season. Christmas bags will be given to the ~150 indigent offenders at **WSP** who have no money coming in nor family members who send them money.

Tom Hays currently has five (5) individuals who have volunteered to hand out the bags, but he will accept any additional assistance. Distribution will occur at the prison on **Thursday, Dec. 13th**. **IF** you wish to help Tom in this effort, please contact him at phone# (423) 645-3244.

We also need badged mentors this year to help distribute Christmas bags to prisoners at **Hays State Prison** on **Friday, December 7th**. Please plan to arrive at Hays in Trion, Georgia, between 7-9 AM. Volunteers may be outdoors giving Christmas bags to over 1,000 men, so dress appropriately if you can help out! In the past, we have finished around 3 PM, but volunteers are able to leave as needed. For more information contact Rev. Randy Jackson at cell phone# (423) 432-6899.

ATTENTION – Within the last few weeks, we have learned of our failure to always follow the prison policies. Please remember and note:

1. Do **NOT** record the name of your mentee or an offender on a submitted Donation Form. Follow the policy for “Loaning Material to Your Mentee” (available on our website) and work through your group leader.
2. Do **NOT** transfer stamps via JPay to your present or former mentoring partner. We are only authorized to check the box at the bottom of the “compose” page to provide a single pre-paid reply (see below).



REMEMBER - **No Mentoring Sessions** – Monday, **Dec. 24th** (Christmas Eve), Tuesday, **Dec. 25th** (Christmas), and Monday, **Dec. 31st** (New Year’s Eve)

Link to our website - <https://wspmentoringministryevents.shutterfly.com/>
Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. (Psalm 34:3)