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2013 A YEAR OF BEGINNINGS



WORKSHOPS ARE ON THE HORIZON

There are only **7 weeks** to go before the **8th Annual NLBNOA Jail and Prison Ministry Workshop** at the **Prattville Church of Christ in Prattville, Alabama**. **Deadline** for early registration is **February 14, 2014**-only 6 weeks away. This Workshop is coming together nicely with an array of gifted speakers.

This workshop is important for new jail and prison ministers who have not had the opportunity of attending an NLB workshop in times past. **Dr. HM Motsinger** and **Buck Griffith** will be providing training in the use of NEW LIFE BEHAVIOR materials. Certificates will be presented at the close of each training session. You will have an opportunity to attend a training session on Friday afternoon and on Saturday morning in case you are unable to attend classes on both days. (For more details go to pages 5-8).

Prattville is conveniently located off of Alabama Interstate 65 between Montgomery and Birmingham Alabama. There is a vast variety of hotels and restaurants within minutes of the Workshop.

The **41st Annual/National Jail/Prison Ministry Workshop** is only **22 weeks** away! This Workshop will be hosted by the **Gray Road Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Ohio**. The Workshop itself will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Deadline** for Special Group hotel rates is **May 12, 2014**-only 19 weeks away. (For more details go to page 10).

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Total Baptisms in 2013

Headlines in 2013

Prattville Workshop

Cincinnati Workshop

COMPLETE GUIDE OF MINISTRY RESOURCES

This year has seen many changes and challenges as well as monumental achievements. We now have a library of Reference tools for use in Jail / Prison Ministry at our disposal. All of the tools can be found in archived issues of **THE NETWORK** newsletter that can be found on our state website:

www.alabamanlbnetwork.org Here is a quick reference guide:

2012

August-Prison Ministry throughout the State-team members and facilities served

September-DOC Youth Services Facilities listing with team members involved

November-A How To Issue-How To Incorporate Bible Correspondence Courses

2013

March-HOW IT ALL BEGAN- 16 Congregations Involved in Prison Ministry

April-HOW IT ALL BEGAN-Brotherhood Transitional Homes and Programs

MINISTRY RESOURCE CATALOG

- ADECA- www.adeca.alabama.gov
- Agape Bible Studies Online- www.agapebiblestudiesonline.org (created by Ray Cox)
- HOUSE TO HOUSE / HEART TO HEART Publication- www.housetohouse.com
- Nations University-Degrees offered in Religious Studies- www.nationsu.org
- New Life Behavior Course Materials and Family Outreach- nlbcasa@yahoo.com
- World Bible School Courses both Online and Booklet form- www.worldbibleschool.org

BAPTISMS FOR 2013

Cullman Co. Jail-87

Decatur Work Release-13

Etowah Co. Jail-129

Elmore Co. Jail-1

Geneva Co. Jail-5

Lauderdale Co. Jail-34



Easterling CF-Kilby CF-Red Eagle-165

Lauderdale Co. Jail-34

Limestone CF-37

Madison Co. Jail-62

Project Rescue-11

Walker Co. Jail-6

2013 NEWSLETTER HEADLINES

January-40th Annual National and Prison Ministry-Special Issue THEME: Growth Through Prison Ministry

February-THE LORD ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS-Ray Cox has outlived The Doctors Once Again!



Rainbow's Hispanic Ministers



Rainbow Iglesia De Cristo is Born– Rainbow Congregation has added a Hispanic Worship Service to meet twice a Year

March-HOW IT ALL BEGAN-16 Congregations Beginnings in Jail/Prison Ministry



April -HOW IT ALL BEGAN– 4 Brotherhood SOBER LIVING FACILITIES

Highlights From Rainbow congregation's first Bilingual Worship Service

May-ALBERT RAY COX PASSES FROM THIS LIFE-May 28, 2013

Featured Articles: A SAINT GOES HOME and MY FIRST 40 YEARS



TRAGEDY HAS STRUCK RAINBOW OF HOPE-Betty Hale in Critical Condition
Betty Hale spends several months in UAB Medical Center

ITS DUCK SEASON-Duck Dynasty's Phil Robertson speaks at Benefit for Rainbow of Hope

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HELPS
ONE OF OUR OWN-Gloria McMasters
has a new home



2013 HEADLINES (continued)

June- WORKSHOP IN FLORENCE GREAT SUCCESS-260 Attendees 17 States

Highlights From the 40th National / Annual Jail / Prison Ministry Workshop- 57 Speakers taught 86 classes

NLBNOA Business Meeting-THE NETWORK newsletter returns to bi-monthly

NLBNOA Business Meeting Set for August 17, 2013 at Roebuck Pkwy

NLB BUSINESS MEETING:

41st National / Annual Jail / Prison Ministry Workshop to be held at the Gray Road congregation in Cincinnati Ohio June 2014

42nd National / Annual Jail / Prison Ministry Workshop at the Highland congregation in Memphis Tennessee June 2015

RAY COX presented plaque posthumously for his Vision and Creation of NLBNOA
Kathy Overbey accepted the award for Ray.

August- NLBNOA CELEBRATES 7 YEARS

Two New congregations join NLBNOA Jail / Prison Ministry-The Collegedale congregation and the Hamilton's Cross Roads congregation

2500 people attended the Duck Dynasty Rainbow of Hope Fund-Raiser in Gadsden

SPECIAL EDITION-TRIBUTES TO RAY COX

October- TWO JAIL / PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOPS in 2014

8th Annual NLBNOA Jail / Prison Ministry Workshop Feb 21-22, 2014 at the Prattville congregation in Prattville Alabama

41st National / Annual Jail / Prison Ministry Workshop June 11-14, 2014 at the Gray Road congregation in Cincinnati, Ohio

JACK OF ALL RELIGIONS-Tony Ferrari-obtains degrees, certificates, and diplomas in several major religions while incarcerated



NEW LIFE BEHAVIOR NETWORK OF ALABAMA ANNUAL WORKSHOP

February 21-22, 2014

THEME: “BACK TO THE BASICS – GALATIANS 5:22”

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness...”

Love-For the Lost and Prison Ministry
Patience—As we deal with the “System”
Kindness—Toward the Inmate
Faithfulness-In your ministry

The Kick-Off is Friday February 21st with Registration from 11-12:45pm
(Registration forms are due by February 14, 2014)

If you have any questions please contact: Geoff Gibbs gibbsg@hotmail.com

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

We are excited to be hosting the NLBNOA 8th Annual Jail/Prison Ministry Workshop. We would like to extend to you a special invitation to join us for this event. It will be held February 21-22, 2014 at our church building. We have a great line-up of speakers: Buck Griffith, Dr. H. M. Motsinger, Matthew Conley, Kyle Massengale, Sam Drake, Joe Walden, Stan Dean, and others. The various speakers will be presenting ways to improve and grow our jail and prison ministries.



(L to R) Ronnie Crocker, Buck Griffith, H M Motsinger, Matthew Conley, Sam Drake, Joe Walden and Stan Dean

Ronnie Crocker will be our Key Note Speaker for Friday Night's Banquet. Ronnie has over 25 years experience helping those who are in the throws of addiction find a new life in Christ Jesus. Ronnie and his wife Jeanie along with Charles and Martha Baggett operate Project Rescue. Project Rescue is a Recovery Center and transitional home for men. Ronnie is a much sought after addictions/recovery speaker.

Craig Hill will also be one of our speakers. Craig helped spearhead our Jail and Prison Ministry program here at Prattville, but has relocated to Opelika, Alabama. We know you will be blessed by hearing him and feeding on his passion for the ministry.

You will walk away inspired and energized for winning lost souls. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Bring someone with you who is interested in being a Prison Minister but has not yet gotten involved. We look forward to seeing you at the Workshop!



Craig Hill



Men from the Prattville Church of Christ

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, February 21, 2014

12:00 - 12:45 PM *Confirm Registration*

1:00 - 1:10 PM *Joint Assembly/Welcome*

1:10 - 1:50 PM *NLB Update-Joint Session—Buck Griffith, NLB President*

1:50 - 2:00 PM *Break*

2:00 - 3:00 PM *Speaker – Joint Session*

3:00 - 6:00 PM *Break/Hotel Check-in*

6:00 - 8:00 PM *Banquet*

7:00 - 8:00 PM *Keynote Speaker Ronnie Crocker*

Saturday, February 22, 2014

7:00 - 7:45 AM *Late Arrival/Registration* *Continental Breakfast*

7:45 - 7:55 AM *Assembly/Welcome*

8:00 - 8:45 AM *Break-out Sessions [1] (4 tracts planned/session - one for Women)*

8:45 - 9:00 AM *Break*

9:00 - 9:45 AM *Break-out Sessions [2]*

9:45 - 10:00 AM *Break*

10:00 - 10:45 AM *Break-out Sessions [3]*

10:45 - 11:00 AM *Break*

11:00 - 11:45 AM *Closing Joint Assembly John Gallagher, NLBNOA State Director***

No Lunch will be served***

REFLECTIONS OF RAY COX

In **January** 2013, we were all shown God's providence in Ray Cox living past several deadlines that doctors had given Ray Cox by which to die. This writer would call them deadlines instead of months to live. Deadlines can always be extended into the future to give more time for a task that is not yet completed.

Ray Cox was a man that we were not ready to give up-a task on this earth that would never be completed to our satisfaction-because he is still needed and still missed in ways that each individual who was touched by him can express.

Some were called to ministry by him. Others were mentored by him. Others were taught by him both through correspondence, and in classroom situations-whether workshop, planning session or business meeting. Ray envisioned a world where all men are created equal and everyone gets a second and even a third chance. Ray wanted those in jail and in prison to know that they were valuable to God, and for God.

Ray created NLBNOA by being its life-blood and sustainer. Since his passing in May, we have all had to find new ways to sustain ourselves and to keep the WORK alive. Reading and re-reading archived issues of his newsletter THE NETWORK will keep us focused. Ray has left us with a wealth of information on which to sustain ourselves and to go into the next chapters of our lives as prison ministers. *We encourage you to download archived articles from the NLBNOA website www.alabamanlbnetwork.org and place them in binders for you and for your congregation.*

The last articles Ray penned can be found in the **February** and **April** 2013 issues. Ray co-wrote an article with Martel Pace outlining the beginnings of the Work at the University congregation in Montgomery. Ray also co-wrote an article with Marshall Underwood about the Work in the Mobile area. Ray also wrote the article about the beginnings here at Rainbow.

Ray's final passion was shown in his controversial vision of millions of illegal immigrants being given legal status. He wrote in **February** newsletter, that legalization would bring about the opportunity of using translated NLB, World Bible School, and the Rainbow Correspondence System curriculums to teach the English language and to bring souls to the Lord. The Rainbow Iglesia de Cristo was one of Ray's visions that he saw come to life. We have had Hispanic Worship Services here at Rainbow since January of this year. Ray was in attendance when Rainbow had its first bilingual Worship Service back on **March**. There were 400 in attendance!

September 19, 1927-May 28, 2013



41st Annual/National Jail & Prison/Ministry Workshop



**“The Elephant in the Room” Luke 10:31
June 11-14, 2014 in Cincinnati, Ohio**

HOSTED BY: The Gray Road Church of Christ

**WHERE: Crowne Plaza Hotel on Chester Road
Cincinnati, Ohio**



**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: Please call the hotel directly at 613-772-2765
for their special group rate of \$99/night.**

**Be sure to mention National Jail/Prison Ministry Workshop when you
place the call. ****The deadline for special hotel rates is May 12, 2014******

Registration fee: \$60.

Please mail checks to:

**Gray Road Jail Team
PO Box 12038
Norwood, OH 45212**

**Payable to Gray Road Church of Christ, reference National Jail and Prison Ministry
Workshop.**

The fee covers the Banquet meal and Workshop materials. The remaining meals are not included.

**If you have any questions please contact us at grayroadcocjailteam@yahoo.com or visit
www.nationalprisonworkshop.org**