
Alamance Orange Prison Ministry



"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3

It is with great joy to give you a snap shot of several accomplishments AOPM has seen and some things to expect as we enter into the fall of 2019. This is an abridged newsletter, and the full one can be found on our website at aoprisonministry.org

Pecan Sale

AOPM's annual pecan sale has started. The pecan fundraiser is the biggest single source of income for AOPM each year, and is critical to making sure our ministry is fully funded and can continue to support the chaplain in doing all the wonderful things you are seeing in this newsletter. Without your generous support, none of this would be possible.

The easiest way to order pecans is on our website, where you can place and order and pay for it all online. You will need to pick your pecans up at the Peace Center located at the Orange Correctional Center on November 16th between 8am and 10am. We hope you will be able to make a purchase and help support the ministry in this vital fundraiser



Sunday School Highlights

Yates Baptist church

Over the course of six months, Yates Baptist church with Pastor Ingram has passionately and faithfully entered into the facility twice a month to help provide and lead Sunday school. When God first brought this vision to me of having a Sunday school, I shared it with the men at Christ the King and they were overjoyed about the opportunity. In moving forward and after much prayer God brought Pastor Ingram and his blessed congregation to help build the foundation. The men have grown spiritually and relationally with each other and with Yates Baptist church. On the last session we shared Holy Communion to seal out time together. Below you will find pieces of a letter that Yates Baptist church member, Ms. Australia has shared with me.

In August, Yates Baptist church has temporarily ended their time at Sunday school but continues to serve in other ways at the facility. They will return in the beginning of the new year. To continue in providing Sunday school, Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries (DBOM) with the Methodist church has started in September. So far the men are enjoying their

Ready Singers

The Ready Singers continue to inspire communities, churches and organizations everywhere they go. The Ready Singers have at least one to three engagements per month, but many times are consistently invited somewhere every other week.



If you have never witnessed the gifted choir and the exceptional musicians, there is still time. Join us for worship on Sunday's to get the full choir or attend one of the events outside. You will be blessed and leave uplifted. Below you will find various pictures from Serving and singing at the Ronald McDonald house in Durham, to singing at various churches.

Duke Divinity Intern, Darwin Perry

For the 2nd time we welcomed an intern from Duke Divinity School. Philip Zoutendam, was our first and now Darwin Perry. He shadowed me and assisted me in several programs and in ministry. Some of the classes he led was Race, Gender and Incarceration and the other focused on Christian Leadership. Both classes was a great success. *The first course gave several men a chance to debate amongst their peers on such topics such as Prison reform or should Prison's be abolished. This course caught the attention of community leaders, judges and DA's who became Judges for the final debate.* It was a great joy working with Darwin. He brought great fellowship and encouraging words to the men. He made a tremendous impact on the men and the facility. He still volunteers and is looking to become a sponsor. He is also working to bringing more Divinity students into the facility. Darwin still has a few years left at Duke Divinity but I look forward to working with him in the future.



Christ The King Christian Church

To further help prepare the men for a stronger transition back into society, faith is of top priority. God has formed this congregation inside the facility. A congregation that is nondenominational where Jesus as our ultimate Pastor. I have learned that when someone is given responsibility and availability in the congregation we not only grow in relationships with one another but also grow spiritually. Our goal is to help all grow in the life as a Christian no matter where your location is. But this growth is not only for those on the inside but also for those on the outside. The opportunity is available for those in the surrounding communities to join this congregation that is one of a kind. *In fact, last month we had the amazing joy to welcome our first two members from the outside. Mr. and Mrs. Curmon. They joined our congregation with great joy. The men were ecstatic and we gave Mr. and Mrs. Curmon the right hand of fellowship.*

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done.

We have several churches join us for worship throughout each month. If you would like to host a service, or join this church, please let me know. This congregation is open to anyone and everyone. If you would like to join us for worship, we have services every Sunday at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Worship Service Sunday 6:45 pm
Sunday School 2nd and last Sunday at 5 pm.

Christmas Toys and gift bags

There is a busy schedule of activities during December at OCC. Some of these are traditions that have been ongoing for several years. Now, many of you have been involved in making the activities possible. Perhaps one of the most meaningful to the men and their families is the TOY PROJECT. For those who many not be familiar with this project, churches and individuals donate new toys for the men to pick-out and give to their children during family visitation at Christmas. The unwrapped toys should be delivered to the Peace Center between **Nov 27-30**. Please call and ask to speak to the Chaplain before dropping off. toys and gifts are for children from infants to age 16.

Lastly, the gifts bags are given to all men at the facility. We need **220** bars of soap, lotion, shampoo and condition, baby powder, toothpaste, toothbrush and deodorant. If you are able to help in providing these gifts, please let me know by **Dec. 7**. Thank you in advance for helping make Christmas more meaningful for these men and their families.

Important Dates To Remember

Nov 3	Pecan Orders Due
Nov 13	Thanks giving meal
Nov.16	Pecans pickup 8-10am
Nov 27-30	Deliver toys to Peace Center