

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

Thank you for your continued support! It is because of your prayers and generosity that we can help to meet the deepest needs of the incarcerated. Because of you, AOPM is able to provide a full-time chaplain to Orange Correctional Center, Josh LeRoy.

Greetings! I hope that everyone is having a wonderful and restful summer. We here at OCC have had an eventful summer, thus far. I'll dedicate most of the space within this newsletter to update you on recent happenings within the fence. Two weeks ago, we had a facility wide cookout hosted by our Yokefellow volunteers. A couple of pictures from this event are included at the end of this newsletter. All residents and staff got plenty of delicious food, which included hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, watermelon, and homemade desserts. An especially big thank you is due to the folks who cooked out in the heat, as well as to our friends from Re-entry House Plus, who provided the hot dogs and hamburgers. As always, Janie Glasgow was the primary organizer of this event. We couldn't have done it without you, Janie!

We are currently preparing for our third annual Something to Say Art Show, in conjunction with Margaret Lane Art Gallery. Art from OCC residents will be featured at Margaret Lane Art Gallery beginning the last week of September. Original poetry from the men will also be featured. A special thanks goes out to Sally Freeman and the good people of Eno Friends Meeting for helping to procure the necessary art supplies to make this event possible.

As I may have mentioned in a past newsletter, we have recently resumed our Sunday night services at OCC. A diverse group of churches and individual volunteers have come to help conduct these services. I have seen for myself what a profound encouragement these services have been for our men. Getting to worship with folks from the outside, being prayed over by seasoned leaders within the church, and hearing the Good News preached from a variety of voices has a significance for the incarcerated that is difficult to measure.

We thank all of the churches, volunteers, and other supporters who continue to make this ministry possible, by God's will. As most of you know, the state of North Carolina does not provide financial support for chaplains of minimum-security prisons. All of our resources come from people like you, so thank you for your tangible expressions of generosity!

Chaplain Josh LeRoy



“I am pretty certain that without shared social devotion one’s solitary experiences of God wither into a form of withholding, spiritual stinginess, the light of Christ growing ever fainter in the glooms of the self.”

-Christian Wiman