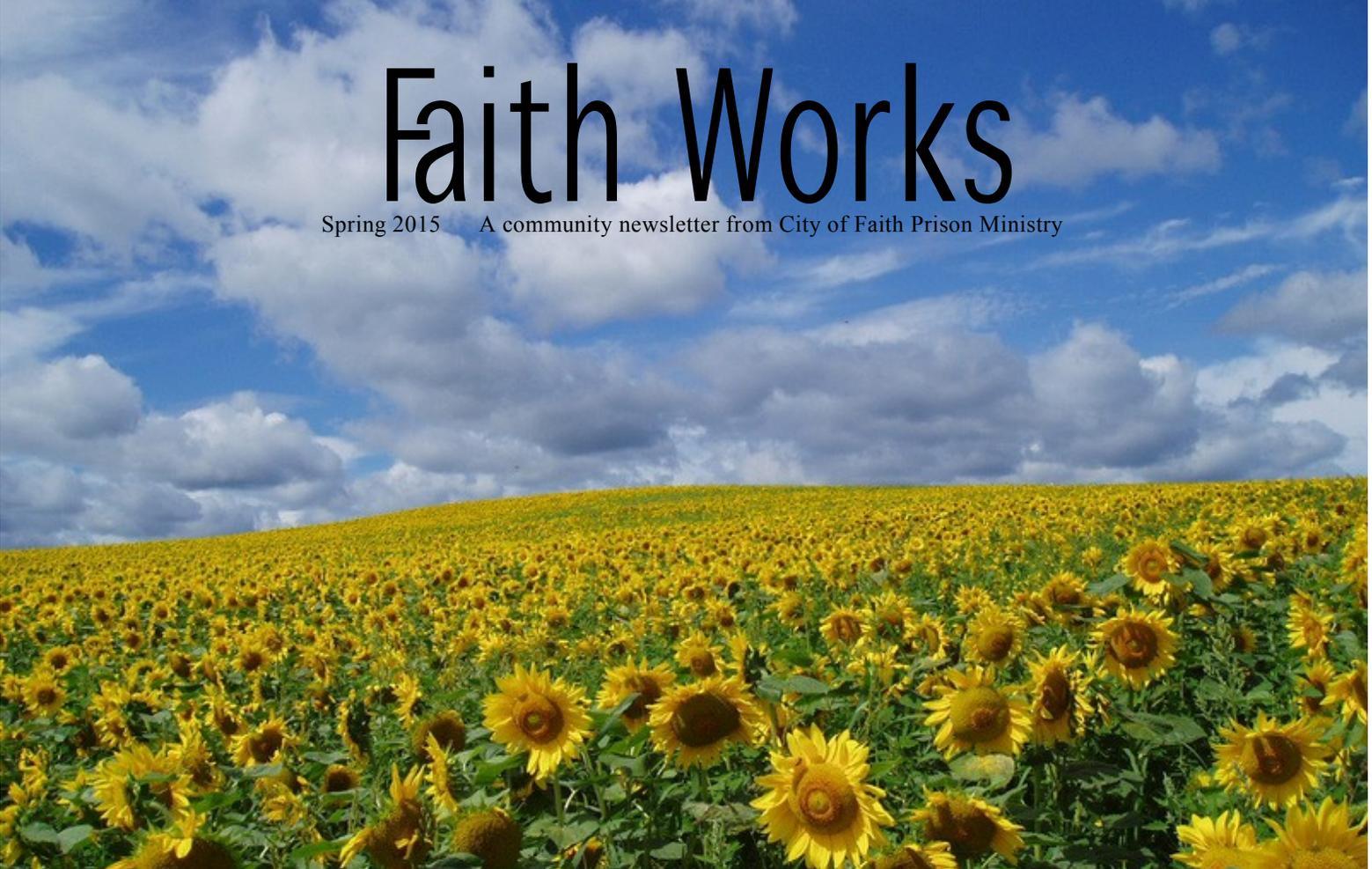


Faith Works

Spring 2015 A community newsletter from City of Faith Prison Ministry



Upcoming Events

LR Animal Village

- Every Saturday
- Cleaning kennels, etc
- friendsoftheanimalvillage.org

COF-LR CRAB

- Second Monday monthly
- Community partners discuss City of Faith & community projects

Real Talk

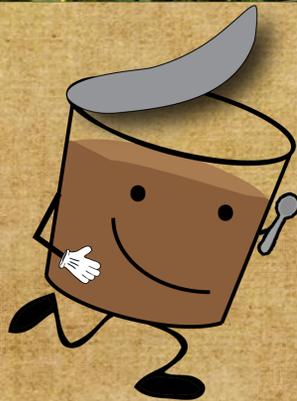
- Tuesday nights weekly
- Monroe Men's Group

2015 Pudding Cup Run

- June 20, 2015
- Partnership with Midtowne Church

Silver Linings Christmas Project

- December 9, 2015
- Partnership with City of LR Alert Centers Facilitators
- Christmas for 200 senior citizens



Pudding Cup Run

On your mark! Get set! GO!!! It's time once again for the Pudding Cup Run. City of Faith is partnering with Midtowne Church of Benton, AR to sponsor the 2nd Annual Pudding Cup Run. The race benefits the COF-LR Silver Linings Christmas Project and the ongoing Backpack Ministry at Midtowne Church. Last years inaugural race hosted over 120 runners in 3 races (1 mile Fun Run, 5K, & 10K). Runners from all over Arkansas participated in the races. "We were so thrilled with the turnout. We have never hosted a race before and

prayed people would think it was a fun race," stated Deputy Executive Director Terry Williams. The race was able to raise \$9000 in sponsorship donations and race entry fees. The 2015 PCR will feature more fun activities for families and racers as well as swag for all runners. Sponsorships and racing spots are still available. To register today, please visit www.puddingcuprun.com Any potential sponsors should call Allen Winkler at 501-615-1090, ex 113.



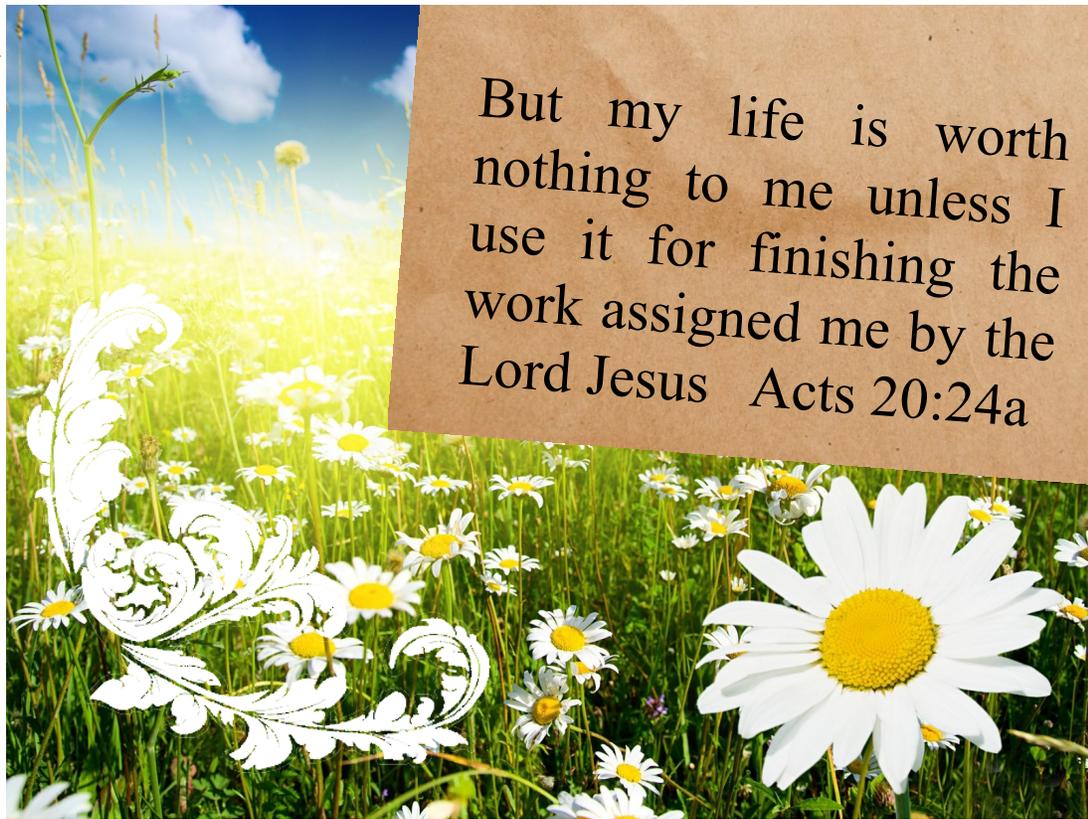
City of Faith-LR Administration Building—Update

City of Faith-Little Rock will be moving most of their administrative staff into a new building around the 1st of May. “We just can’t contain ourselves! All the staff have started picking out decorations for their new offices. It’s just an exciting time!” said Terry Williams. The new building will house 9 of the 12 current administrative staff as well as include training facilities for staff and residents. Each staff member will have their own office to conduct business as well as specialized rooms for visiting agencies to meet with their clients. COF-LR will be hosting an Open House at the end of June to welcome everyone to see the new building.



City of Faith-LR Full Monitoring

All City of Faith locations undergo a minimum of 4 annual reviews from the Bureau of Prisons. These reviews consist of inspections in the following areas: cleanliness of the facility, overall wellbeing of the residents, case management, subsistence compliance and collection, and training of staff. COF-LR underwent a review in March and passed with **zero deviations!** "I love my staff. Each and everyone of them. They make me so proud. I count each and everyone of them as part of my family. We couldn't do what we do without each one of our family," boasted Terry Williams.



PARTNERING WITH COF MINISTRIES

Through the donations of our generous neighbors, City of Faith Prison Ministries has been able to fund many community projects over the past several years. Thousands of children have received Christmas presents, hundreds of seniors had a warm Christmas meal, and many heard the message of Jesus Christ. City of Faith business operations are funded by federal and state contracts so for that reason, 100% of YOUR donations go directly into our community projects. Donations are tax deductible and may be sent to 1401 South Garfield Drive, Little Rock, AR 72204 or you can utilize direct draft each month or quarter directly to City of Faith (you can find these forms at our website). YOUR contributions are greatly appreciated.



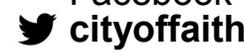
Volunteers Corner

Since the founding of City of Faith in 1986, City of Faith company-wide has logged over 10,000 hours of community service hours to over 5 different cities. Below is City of Faith-Little Rock's current volunteer hours and volunteer dollar value:

- Jan - 212 hours, \$4,013.16**
- Feb - 143 hours, \$2,706.99**
- Mar - 201 hours, \$3,804.93**

**volunteer dollars based on Bureau of Labor*

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Tribulation Food

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Deputy Executive Director
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A few weeks ago I embarked on a study of the book of Revelation. I'll go ahead and admit to you that it was a purely selfish undertaking due to the fact that there's a promise attached to it for anyone who reads it. You know the book: hell, fire and brimstone, judgment, beasts, scorpions, etc. What I never realized was the picture of God's grace it vividly paints, His love for His creation and His broken heart for those who reject Him. Most of my Christian walk has seen me on the perimeter of this great book, a sermon here and there. Never have I ventured to delve into it for myself due to sheer intimidation. As I found myself immersed in the tribulation period, all I could say to Sam was, "We don't want to do this. We have to make sure we're not here during this." It was at that very moment I came face-to-face with a memory:

My parents, in the later years of their life, spent a lot of time planting and harvesting a huge garden at their home in Rayville, Louisiana. While we all benefitted from the fruit of their labor, it was a huge undertaking and harvesting always required all hands on deck. I'll admit here as well, that I usually found excuses for not being there on harvesting day and most, if not all, of the work landed on the shoulders of my brother and sister-in-law (I'm saying this before I get the phone calls). It was at the beginning of one planting season when I looked into the freezer(s) full of frozen vegetables and couldn't believe what I saw. Never could we consume all that was in there. My dad would even let neighbors come get all they wanted from his garden (at no charge) and the residents of City of Faith in Monroe always had fresh vegetables. I was confused by the abundance. I said to my mom, "You've got enough here to last until the end of time! Why do you and daddy keep doing this??" She answered, "We're not planning on being here when Jesus calls us

home but those who don't know Jesus won't go and those poor souls are going to need to eat." This was tribulation food but not for her. She wasn't planning on hunkering down in a shelter with all this food and bottled water and propane tanks. This was for anyone else who might find their way to her house when that time came. I tried not to think about that too much given my every-man-for-himself mentality. I'm planning to go when the trumpet sounds so who cares what happens here? She did. Jesus does. I should. This was her way of serving. Not only did Ray and Lorene serve those here and now, they had an eye on eternity.

I recently read an Instagram post by Aaron Reddin, the founder of The One, a homeless ministry here in Little Rock. He said he overheard a question being asked of a homeless lady concerning what she would like to eat and she said, "a salad would be nice." A salad. She went on to say that most people never ask, they just grab a combo meal of burgers and fries and they're gone. His post went straight to my heart and took me to my parent's garden. Aaron has an eye on eternity as well as the here and now. My mom often quoted Luke 12:15 when Jesus said, "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Does it matter if we agree politically or even on biblical principles? Does it matter how much money we make or how many or what educational degrees we hold? When it's all said and done, the answer is a big, fat "no." What matters is that we practically show the love of Jesus to a lost and dying world and we are His hand extended every single day, much like my mom and dad and Aaron. Oh but just so you know, you really, really want to avoid the Tribulation. Love you guys! Terry

strengthening communities by developing:

- responsible family members
- dependable employees
- productive citizens

respecting:

- the challenge of change
- the courage of commitment
- the calling of character

valuing:

- physical and ethical accountability
- a clean, orderly environment
- a strong work ethic

