



Restorative Justice Ministries of the Brazos Valley

A ministry to the inmates of the Brazos County Detention Center

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Calendar

Nov 19 - Board Mtg

Nov 26/27 RJM Off. closed

CHAPLAIN Position Available. The RJM Board is advertising for a permanent part time Chaplain. The position provides spiritual support to the inmates, oversees volunteer activities, leads discipleship and performs baptisms. The Job Announcement and Application are posted on the Board website at www.rjmbv.org.

What you need to know...

■ **Sheriff's Office Policy on incarcerated relatives in BCDC.** Volunteers, please remember if you have relatives incarcerated in BCDC, **you cannot enter the jail to do ministry.** If you have a relative incarcerated in BCDC you please **notify the RJM office immediately.** RJM will notify the Sheriff's Office. RJM will remove your name from the approved volunteer list until the relative leaves BCDC, at which time it will be added again. If you have questions please contact the RJM office. Thank you.

■ **New RJM Logo! Did you notice our new logo?** It was designed by Wes Cardwell of Westminster Presbyterian. The logo shows our ministry in action - The Word breaking chains of bondage, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks, Wes!

■ **Life Skill teachers needed!!** RJM needs more life skill teachers, particularly for women's classes. There are openings for Women's Parenting class, Women's Health, Women's Job and Careers. If you know Christian women who desire to teach, encourage them to visit the RJM website at www.rjmbv.org on how to become a volunteer. *Curriculum is provided.* They need bring their life experiences and Christian witness to share with the ladies.

Life Skills class begin again January 11, 2016

Ministry Activities for Sep/Oct

	<u>Sep / Oct.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
• Bible Study Sessions	62	340
• Worship Services	42	661
• Life Skills Classes	5	79
• LS Sessions	30	295
• <u>Inmates earning Life Skills Certificates for this LS session.</u>		
85 inmates = 510 Inmate Class Hours		
• RJM Volunteer Hours for Sep/Oct		419 Hours
Year to Date RJM Volunteer Hours		2312 Hours
<i>Thank you Volunteers for your commitment and hard work.</i>		
<u>"I thank God, every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3</u>		

Chaplain's Report

	<u>Sep / Oct</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Baptisms	14	48
Inmates in Discipleship	87	214
Bibles Delivered	409	1,989
Inmate Contacts	859	2,973

"Fight the good fight of faith. 1 Timothy 6:12"

CHAPLAIN'S Corner — Pastor Obed

Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. I want to thank you for the unselfish work you do for those in need of spiritual food.

As we go into the jail to have Worship, Bible Studies or Life Skills classes, I want us to remember Acts 17:11, where Luke, says of the Bereans that heard Paul's words...they *"examined the scriptures daily... to see if what Paul said was true."* While many of us are blessed with a knowledge of scriptures, let us make sure that those we teach know that we are not there to tell them our ideas or opinions but rather encourage them to read and understand the Word for themselves. Good teachers share word meaning, context and direct the student to read Scripture, test it and come to their own understanding.

As humans we can make mistakes. My ideas or opinions can be mistaken. But the Word of God does not make mistakes. I encourage inmates to put their trust in the Word of God alone. There have been too many Christians who have backslid because they put their trust in a man and that man has let them down. Let us encourage the inmates to put their trust in God, in Jesus His Son and in so doing they will never be let down.

Again, thank you for sharing Jesus with the inmates and may God give you strength and wisdom in your ministry. *Pastor O*