



JesusOnlyWay Ministries

Ministry Information Booklet

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Welcome to *JesusOnlyWay* Ministries

There are a number of people who are willing to take the Gospel to the inmates confined in federal, state, and local prisons, there are few who are willing to provide the life changing teaching that is the only key to peace.

In 1997 God started an evangelistic teaching prison ministry using Tim and Laurie Borland to provide the discipling that is necessary for one to experience true freedom in Christ. Scripture teaches that the truth shall set you free. Shallow or false teachings bring anything but freedom.

At the core of our ministry is the principle of interactive study of Scripture. For years students of the Word have known that Scripture is the best teacher of Scripture.

Our Method:

Through a class and workshop format, we open the Scriptures to inmates using an interactive study method comprised of observation, interpretation, and application. As we guide prisoners through the process, we are not only exposing them to the saving power of the Word, but equipping them to continue life transformation by their own study. Our method is simply to allow the truth to set prisoners free.

God's Harvest:

Through this ministry, we have been privileged to witness many changed lives. Some have met Jesus for the first time. Others have testified that God's Word has become exciting, and that they have seen the Holy Spirit work in their lives. Many prisoners have become faithful men who have been able to teach others through their own interactive Bible studies.

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Ministry Beliefs

Our ministry goal is linked closely with Ezra 7:10, "For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel." Ezra was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses and he was determined to do three things.

1. Study the Law of the Lord
2. Practice it
3. Teach God's statutes and ordinances

We believe this order is extremely important for a ministry to be successful, and we exist for this purpose. We use the interactive Bible study method to teach people; focusing primarily on the incarcerated within the state of Florida. This method allows people to discover God's truth for themselves.

There are three components that are used for interactive Bible study:

1. Observation – What does the passage say?
2. Interpretation – What does the passage mean?
3. Application – What changes should I make in my life since I know the truth?

When Tim, the president and cofounder of *JesusOnlyWay Ministries*, was drawn to God by God (John 6:44), he was given a great hunger for the Word of God. This created a huge dilemma for Tim because while the word was being taught from the pulpit, he had difficulty understanding and applying the meaning of the passage for himself. By God's providence, Tim was led to the interactive Bible study method, where he learned to study the Bible for himself.

Our passion is to direct people into God's word in order that their lives will be transformed by God's truth. We focus primarily on the incarcerated and pray that God will use this teaching to make dynamic believers and productive citizens once they are released from prison.



*Tim & Laurie
at a missions
conference.*

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Ministries Mission Distinctive

Key Initiatives

JesusOnlyWay is a teaching and discipling ministry that equips inmates to feed themselves. Additionally, we offer accountability upon release for those who desire it.

We are one of the few ministries in the Florida prison system that teaches interactive Bible studies.

Many prison ministries focus primarily upon sharing God's love ONLY, but not proclaiming the WHOLE gospel.

They only focus on:

- Ecumenical events
- Character building events
- Practical life skills events
- Mentoring/encouragement events

Key Attributes

Teach them how to "feed" themselves on God's Word by bringing inmates face to face with Jesus Christ through His Word.

Make disciples of God, not decisions for God.

This equips inmates to:

- Discern truth
- Combat errors in other belief systems

Overcome challenges of life through biblical truth

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The Basics of Interactive Bible Study



Interactive Bible Study shows you how to discover God's Truth for yourself. The concept behind the interactive study method is to get students personally, intimately involved with the subject, observing carefully for themselves. For example, if we were studying frogs using the method, we would begin by taking students to the pond to touch and observe real frogs before taking them to the library to study books about frogs.

We use a straightforward investigative approach to open the Bible and build the context for each statement it contains. That's where we find God's precepts—or principles—for life. Interactive study is the tool our students use to collect those precepts to build a God-glorifying, Bible-centered worldview with clear applications to live the abundant, victorious life in Christ.

There are three steps to Interactive Bible Study:

- **Observation**
Specially designed skills for busy lives in an age of speed, noise and endless distractions, the interactive study method will help you slow down to focus on God's Word, and see what it really says.
- **Interpretation**
Careful observation enables students to discover what the text means in its context. Since the Bible is its own best interpreter, the more accurate your observation, the greater will be your understanding of God's Word.
- **Application**
The Creator and Author of Life has shown us how to live a satisfying, eternally significant life. Intentional, disciplined observation and interpretation lead you to the profoundly applicable Truth of the Bible.

Without application Bible study can become "knowledge that puffs up" or doctrinally shallow anecdotes. Our goal is changing lives by connecting people with Christ.

Why Interactive Bible Study?

You will learn to rely on God for truth rather than others and keep God's Word in context. You will spot error quickly and be truly transformed. When accurate observation is done correctly—correct interpretation will flow naturally. The result is application to your life. Application may be repentance that leads to salvation which then leads to living a changed godly life.

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Ministry History

1997-2000—Over 1000 Served

We started ministering in the inner city of Tampa to the homeless, and those who lived in the probation and restitution halfway home. We also worked with juveniles within our local detention center.

We spent time:

- ✓ Proclaiming Christ, giving Bibles, and giving food and clothes to the homeless
- ✓ Proclaiming Christ, leading weekly interactive Bible studies, and church services to those at the halfway home
- ✓ Proclaiming Christ, leading weekly interactive Bible studies, and counseling juveniles

God allowed us to reach over a thousand people with the Gospel of Christ during this time period.

2001-2003—Over 5000 Served

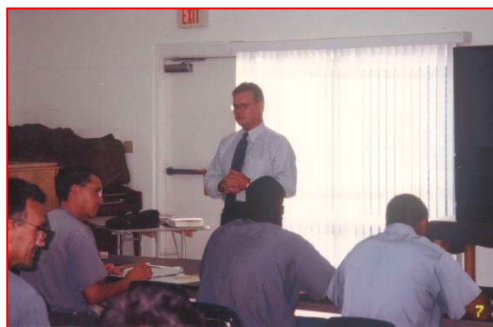
God guided us into an adult prison ministry that focused on teaching the incarcerated to feed themselves on God's Word. We conducted two-hour workshops teaching the inmates how to study God's Word in a way that would bring about true salvation and transformation. In the Florida state prison system there are over 144 different recognized religions that can confuse a person on what the truth is. We visited approximately 46 different prisons within the state of Florida and 5 out of the state several times during this time period. We estimate that over 5000 men and women were reached with the Gospel of Christ. We received letters from several inmates sharing that they saw Christ in a way that they never had before through the Scriptures and they went on to teach others how to study the Scriptures in a systematic way.

2004-Present—Over 10,000 Served

God seemed to guide us into a more stable venue by placing us in a specific prison facility on a weekly basis. We hold weekly interactive Bible studies in over seven different prison facilities within the state of Florida. We also have the privilege of serving as a missionary prison chaplain at many of these facilities which enables us to interact with the incarcerated on a more personal level. During this time period we have reached over 10,000 men and women with the Gospel of Christ through interactive Bible studies and chaplain services. We are training the prison nationals to minister to their own people. Each time an inmate gets transferred to another facility the inmate starts to evangelize and lead interactive Bible studies in that facility.

After Care:

Occasionally we are able to visit released offenders and their families. We encourage, pray, and counsel released offenders and family via phone and e-mail. We direct released offenders to Bible believing churches within their area. We occasionally help with clothes upon release.



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Special Events:

We send Christmas packages each year to the men that are registered in our classes. Each package consists of a personalized Christmas card, a book of stamps, and blank note cards. We send gift cards to select released offenders and family. We have held a Christmas dinner and program for our classes at the prison facility. We provide cakes for birthdays and graduations of our Bible classes. We send birthday cards to those who are attending our Bible study classes. We regularly correspond with inmates which brings about another avenue of discipleship.

Fruit:

Most of the incarcerated we encounter will never become citizens outside of the prison razor wire fence. We have witnessed many angry inmates that over time through the study of Scripture have become new creations. They were no longer angry and bitter but were joyful and grateful even in the midst of their trial. Several men that we have seen released have gone on to become godly citizens. They have gotten jobs, gotten married, had children, and bought homes. They are very active in their local churches and are learning to live by faith through the obstacles that come with having a past in prison. Some men once released have gone back into a life without God, but we still see God drawing them. Many times they will call and talk with us and then start following Christ again. We depend upon the work of the Holy Spirit to transform these men and we are His privileged vessels.

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God's Work

Noe—2004

Was a native of Mexico and was deported back to his home. Noe invited us to come to Mexico to baptize him. We went into several prisons in Mexico with Noe and his pastor, training them to hold interactive Bible studies. We kept in touch with Noe for several years and God was doing a mighty work in his life. Noe had struggles, but God seemed to always bring him back.

Kevin—2004

Very angry scary man. We literally saw a change take place over the next 2-3 years. He is a very godly man and an encouragement to all around him. God continues to test and mold Kevin.

Leo—2005

Very arrogant hot-headed individual. We have seen such a change in his attitude. He is now witnessing and helping others interactively study the Scriptures.

Eric--2006

Was released in 2007. He resides in Florida, is married, has children, and began his own lawn service. He has recently bought a tractor and trailer and is a long distance truck driver. Currently he is pursuing education to prepare for ministry.

Bobby--2007

Was released on 2007 and resides in Florida. He immediately started to work in air conditioning, got married, had a child, and bought a home. He is currently attending a local area Baptist church.

Mike---2007

Was released on 2007 and resides in Florida. Upon release he lived and worked at a prison transition home. He later went on to work steadily as a tow truck driver. He has been very involved in his local church and pursuing Christian education.

Richard—2008

Was released on 2008 and resides in Florida with his wife and children. He has struggled financially and spiritually. We talk to him on a regular basis and have introduced him to a local Baptist church in his area.

These are just a few men that God has allowed us the privilege of connecting with through prison ministry. There are many joys in seeing God through Christ create a new person by way of salvation, but there are many sorrows when we see those that seem to be new creations then return to their old life. The promise we hang onto is that God is sovereign and ministry success is measured in a very different way than worldly success. Ministry success is how faithful we are to God and His Word. We faithfully serve Christ through this people group He has given us for a season. Our goal is to see every prisoner in Florida become a new creation in Christ and live accordingly which will bring true change.

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Statement of Faith

1. The Scriptures

We believe that all 66 books of the Bible are the inspired Word of God and that men of God "were moved by the Holy Spirit" to write the very words of Scripture. The Bible is therefore without error (inerrant) in its original manuscripts. God has supernaturally preserved the Bible and it is the sole and final authority for faith and life providing encouragement, guidance, comfort and instruction for training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21).

2. The Godhead (Trinity)

We believe in one true God eternally existing simultaneously in three distinct, but united, persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) each of Whom is fully and equally God; possesses all of the divine nature and attributes, and is totally worthy of our worship and service (Deut. 6:4; Is. 48:16; Is. 61:1; Matt 28:19; John 1:14, 10:30; 2 Cor. 13:14).

3. God the Father

We believe that God the Father is the first person of the Trinity and is the eternal, unchanging, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-wise, all-loving, completely just and perfectly holy, sovereign Ruler and Sustainer of the universe. He is the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Father of all true believers (Gen. 1:1; Eph. 4:6; John 1:12-13, 5:19-21, 17:1-5; Is. 40: 21-28, 43:10-13, 46:8-11; Rom. 8:14-16).

4. God the Son

We believe that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity and is the only begotten eternal Son of God Who became flesh to reveal God to man, fulfill prophecy, and to become the Savior of the lost world. In becoming man Jesus did not cease in any way to be God so that He is fully God and fully man inseparably united in one person forever.

Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; lived a sinless life; died on the cross as the substitutionary, all sufficient atoning sacrifice for all of the sins of all men of all time; was buried; bodily rose from the dead; physically ascended into heaven in His glorified, resurrected body; is seated at the right hand of the Father performing His ministry of intercession; will return in the air to claim His bride the church; and will come again to earth in bodily form, personally and visibly, to conclude human history and consummate God's eternal plan by executing judgment and ushering in His millennial kingdom reign to be followed by the eternal state (John 1:1-3, 14, 18, 3:16; Luke 1:30-35; Phil 2:5-8; Col 2:3, 9; Mark 10:45; Acts 2:22-24; John 1:29; Rom 3:25-26; Hebrews 10:5-14; I Pet 2:24, 3:18; John 20:20; Phil 3:20-21; Hebrews 1:3; Rom 8:34; I John 2:1; Acts 1:11; Hebrews 9:28; I Thess 4:13-18; II Thess 2:7; Matt 24:44; Rev 19:11-21; Rev 21-22)

5. God the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity who specially came into the world on the day of Pentecost to glorify Christ and to enable men to appropriate the salvation wrought by Christ. He is the primary agent for the conviction of sin and for regeneration. Simultaneously with salvation, the Holy Spirit imparts new life, baptizes the believer into the body of Christ (His church), permanently indwells the believer, and securely seals the believer unto the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit fills (directs and controls) those believers who are yielded to Him, enables believers to bear fruit, and empowers believers to live a life free from sin's dominion. We also believe that the Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to believers for the purpose of edifying the church in accordance with the teachings of Scripture. (Acts 2:1-4; I Cor 13:8, 14:22; Jn 16:7-15; I Cor 6:19, 12:13; Eph 1:13-14, 4:30; Gal 5:16-17, 22-23; Rom 8:5-13; I Pet 4:10-11; Rom 12:3-8)

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Statement of Faith (Continued)

6. Man

We believe that man is created in the image of God by direct act of God and did not come into being as a result of evolution. Man was created to glorify God, worship and serve Him, and have fellowship with Him. Man fell through sin by disobeying God, thus incurring both physical and spiritual death, which alienated him from God. Man's nature was thus corrupted and he is utterly lost, "dead in trespasses and sin," and totally incapable of saving himself and coming back into right relationship with God by his own merit or effort. (Gen 1:26, 2:6, 17, 3:17-24; Is 59:1-2; Rom 3:9-19, 23, 5:6-8; Lk 18:26-27; Eph 2:1-3)

7. Satan

We believe that Satan is the instigator of evil and a real spirit being, not simply the personification of evil. He is a fallen angel who, under the sovereign permission of God, has been given temporary rulership of the earth. He was utterly defeated at the cross, but the execution of his judgment has been postponed by God until after the millennial kingdom when he will be cast into the eternal lake of fire. In the mean time, he deceives the world and seeks to establish his counterfeit kingdom on earth to discredit and blaspheme God and to tempt, accuse, attack and destroy believers. He can be resisted by the believer through faith and reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit (Gen 3:1-5; Is 14:12-17; Ez 28:11-19; Job 1-2; I Jn 5:19; II Cor 11:14; I Tim 3:6; I Pet 5:8-9; James 4:7; Rev 12:9, 20:1-3, 7-10).

8. Salvation

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross provides the sole basis for forgiveness of sins and salvation, which is the free gift of God's grace. Salvation is effected by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit and cannot be secured by man's works or personal merit. Salvation is only appropriated by a person placing his faith in the finished work of Christ. Repentance is a turning toward God and away from sin and is a part of but not separate from believing faith. "The gospel is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes" and those who receive Jesus Christ by faith are born again, have their sins forgiven, become children of God, are a new creation in Christ, and "are sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption", being kept by the power of God and are given the faith to believe to the end. (Eph 1:7; 13-14; Jn 1:12-13, 3:1-7, 14-16; II Cor 5:17; Rom 1:16, 10:9-10; Eph 2:8-10; Rom 8:14-17, 31-39; Jn 10:27-29, 14:6; Acts 26:20; I Pet 1:3-5).

9. The Christian Life

We believe that every Christian should live for Christ and not for himself and should, by the power of the indwelling Spirit, allow Christ to manifest His life through him to God's glory. By ever increasing obedience to the Word of God, each believer should mature and progressively become more like Jesus. In the power of the Spirit, each believer should live a holy life; not fulfill the lust of the flesh; exercising his spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ; witness for Christ; be personally involved in making disciples to fulfill the great commission; perform good works and bear fruit to the glory of God (Gal 2:20; I Pet 1:15-16, 2:11; II Cor 5:14-15; Rom 6:11-13-14; Eph 2:10, 4:11-12, 4:22-24; I Pet 4:10-11; Acts 1:8; Matt 28:18-20; Col 1:10; Jn 15:8, 16).

10. The Church

We believe that the church is the body of Christ of which Jesus is the Head and whose members are those who have truly received Christ by faith. The local church is a tangible expression of the body of Christ in a particular location. Since all members of the body of Christ are united in Christ by the same Spirit, they should live in love, harmony and unity, being intent in the same purpose and accepting those sectarian or denominational practices which are based on a sincere interpretation of the Bible, which do not relate to substantive doctrinal matters, and which do not in practice cause disunity or hinder the ministry. The purpose of the church is to make Christ known to lost men, to make disciples and glorify God on earth (Acts 1:8; I Cor 12:12-27; Eph 1:2-14, 20-23, 4:1-6, 4:12-16; Matt 28:18-20; Jn 17; Col 1:24-29).

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11. The Ordinances

We believe that the only two ordinances of the church recognized by Scripture are water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Water baptism by immersion is an act of obedience following salvation which symbolically pictures the believer's death to sin, burial of the old life, and resurrection to new life. The Lord's Supper celebrates fellowship and communion with Christ, symbolically commemorates His death, and anticipates His second coming (Matt 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Lk 22:19-20; I Cor 11:23-28; Rom 6:3-4).

12. The Eternal Destiny of Men

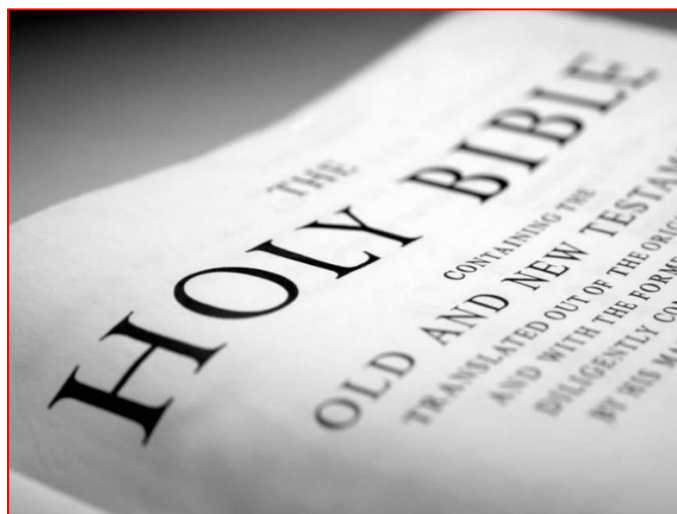
We believe that at death every believer consciously and immediately enters into the presence and fellowship of the Lord to wait for the physical resurrection and glorification of his body at Christ's return. The believer will thus enjoy life eternal with God—fellowshipping, serving and worshipping Him forever (II Cor 5:6; I Cor 15:12-58; Lk 23:39-43; I Thess 4:13-18; Jn 3:16; Rev 21-22). We believe that at death every unbeliever consciously and immediately enters into separation from the Lord to wait for the physical resurrection of his body to everlasting condemnation, judgment and punishment (Lk 16:19-31; Jn 3:18, 36; Rev 20:5, 11-15; II Thess 1:5-10).

13. Future Things

We believe the next prophetic event will be the rapture of the Church when the Lord Jesus Christ will return in the air to receive unto Himself all Church Age believers (John 14:1-3; Tit. 2:11-14; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1Thess. 4:13-18; Phil 3:20). The rapture of the church will be followed by the seven-year Tribulation period in fulfillment of Dan. 9:21-27 and as described in Rev. 6: 1-19:21 during which Israel will be purified, the whole world tested, and the wrath of God poured out against sin. (Jer. 30:7; Matt. 25; Rev. 3:10; 1 Thess. 5:9-11).

We believe that at the end of the Great Tribulation the Lord Jesus Christ in His second coming will personally and physically return to the earth just as He ascended with great power and glory to execute judgment and usher in the Millennial Kingdom, during which He will reign on earth for 1000 years with righteousness, justice and peace to fulfill God's covenant promise to Israel (Acts 1: 8-11; Rev. 19:11-21; Ezek. 37:21-28; Is. 11:9; Rev. 20: 1-6).

We believe that the 1000-year reign of Christ on earth will be followed by the final judgment of Satan when he is cast into the lake of fire forever; the Great White Throne Judgment and bodily resurrection for unbelievers; the creation of a new heaven and a new earth; and the eternal state (Rev. 20-22; 2 Pet. 3:1-14).



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How to Become a Board Member

Board Candidate and Recruiting Guidelines Frequently Asked Questions

*The aim of this Board Candidate Frequently Asked Questions document is to outline key facts about **JesusOnlyWay Ministries** for those desiring to serve as a board member. In addition, it serves as an outline for recruiting guidelines.*

1. What is **JesusOnlyWay Ministries?**

JesusOnlyWay Ministries is a 501 C (3) nonprofit formed for the purpose of making Christ disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything Christ has commanded. Operational oversight of the ministry is vested in the President who is accountable to the Board of Directors.

In obedience to GOD's WILL we are conducting a full-time prison ministry traveling from prison to prison proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ to the incarcerated. We help bring the inmates face to face with Jesus by training them to interactively study God's Word.

Simply put, interactive study means learning a process whereby one can observe what the text says, then interpret what the text means, and finally make application of a text for someone's life. **JesusOnlyWay Ministries** uses interactive Bible study materials.

2. How is the **JesusOnlyWay Ministries Board of Directors structured and what are the general responsibilities of officers and members?**

JesusOnlyWay Ministries is managed by a board of directors that includes officer and member positions. Four officers currently make up the board: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each serves without financial compensation for an indefinite time period at the discretion of the board.

Board Duties & Responsibilities of Board Officers include but are not limited to:

- † President
 - ✓ Presides at board meetings, appoints committee chairperson, works closely with the executive director to guide the organization, and acts as a public spokesperson for the organization (but also may assign this responsibility to the executive director)
- † Vice President
 - ✓ Presides at board meetings in the president's absence & serves as a committee chairperson as appointed by the president
- † Secretary
 - ✓ Maintains the organization's records, takes board-meeting minutes, and distributes minutes and announcements of upcoming meetings to board members
- † Treasurer
 - ✓ Oversees the organization's financial aspects, makes regular financial reports to the board, and serves as chairperson of the board finance committee



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Board Candidate and Recruiting Guidelines Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

For a thorough list of responsibilities, please refer to the By-Laws.

A board member, in accord with officers, helps define policy and guide the nonprofit so that it stays true to its mission and effectively achieves its goals. Members are expected to attend and participate in quarterly board meetings. In addition, it is expected, though not required, that members occasionally volunteer at events and contribute financially to the nonprofit in an amount that is comfortable for you. Board members typically serve a two-year term.

3. How often does the board meet and how do they conduct their meetings?

Regular meetings occur four times per year, typically quarterly, yet special meetings may be held when called by any Board member.

4. As a board member of **JesusOnlyWay Ministries**, are there any legal issues I need to be mindful of?

Under state law, board members are expected to use reasonable care when making decisions or taking actions (called a "duty of care"). In addition, state law establishes a duty of loyalty on board members, which means that you must always act in the best interests of **JesusOnlyWay Ministries**.

In general, board members are not personally liable for their work on the board and won't face personal liability unless they act fraudulently or with gross negligence.

5. What spiritual qualities should I possess?

Board members of *JesusOnlyWay Ministries* must:

- Be a born again disciple of Jesus Christ who believes that Jesus Christ is the only access to God the Father (Jn. 14:6, Acts 4:12).
- Be an active church member
- Agree with the *JesusOnlyWay Ministries* Statement of Faith.
- Possess the qualifications for deacons as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12 "...must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach...Let deacons be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households."
 - Spiritual qualifications will be evaluated based on personal testimony and reference from their pastor.

6. How may women serve on the Board?

Women may serve as board members but not as officers. As such they may participate in board meetings and serve in an ongoing capacity in non-teaching positions.



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Board Candidate and Recruiting Guidelines Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

7. How are vacancies filled?

Existing Board members endeavor to fill vacancies by following these guidelines:

- Seek God's Will on whom to invite through prayer
 - Looking for men who meet the qualifications outlined in FAQ #5
- Invite prospective board members to visit/observe several meetings before electing
- Encourage prospective member to ask questions
- Share a clear picture of the work to be done including but not limited to presenting a packet of background materials about the organization and board procedures helping the new member get up to speed quickly.

The following information is useful in orienting new board members:

- ✓ Organization's mission statement
- ✓ Bylaws
- ✓ Board minutes for the last two meetings
- ✓ Names, addresses, & phone numbers of other board members
- ✓ Recent newsletters
- ✓ Affirmation Statement
- ✓ Statement of Faith



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Board of Director's Commitment and Code of Ethics

- As a board member of *JesusOnlyWay Ministries*, they are fully committed and dedicated to our stated mission. They understand that their duties and responsibilities include the following:
- They accept the by-laws and governance principles.
- They will be actively engaged and prepared for JOW meetings and be available for phone consultation. They will make every effort to attend the scheduled meetings.
- They actively promote and support *JesusOnlyWay Ministries* in their endeavors. They leverage their circle of influence to support *JesusOnlyWay Ministries*.
- They make honor, integrity, and unselfishness their basic standard of conduct.
- They will not use their position with *JesusOnlyWay Ministries* for personal advantage.
- They discharge their responsibilities to *JesusOnlyWay Ministries* and will conduct myself in such a manner that promotes and protects the best interest of *JesusOnlyWay Ministries* and its associates.
- They maintain a high standard of sound management and stewardship practices.

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GOSPEL

Who do you think Jesus Is?

Jesus Christ confronted His followers with the most important issue they would ever face. He had spent much time with them and made some bold claims about His identity and authority. Now the time had come for them either to believe or deny His teachings.

Who do *you* say Jesus is? Your response to Him will determine not only your values and lifestyle, but your eternal destiny as well.

Consider what the Bible says about Him:

JESUS IS GOD

While Jesus was on earth there was much confusion about who He was. Some thought He was a wise man or a great prophet. Others thought He was a madman. Still others couldn't decide or didn't care. But Jesus said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). That means He claimed to be nothing less than God in human flesh.

Many people today don't understand that Jesus claimed to be God. They're content to think of Him as little more than a great moral teacher. But even His enemies understood His claims to deity. That's why they tried to stone Him to death (John 5:18; 10:33) and eventually had Him crucified (John 19:7).

C.S. Lewis observed, "You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to" (*Mere Christianity* [Macmillan, 1952], pp. 40-41).

If the biblical claims of Jesus are true, He is God!

JESUS IS HOLY

God is absolutely and perfectly holy (Isaiah 6:3), therefore He cannot commit or approve of evil (James 1:13).

As God, Jesus embodied every element of God's character. Colossians 2:9 says, "In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form." He was perfectly holy (Hebrews 4:15). Even His enemies couldn't prove any accusation against Him (John 8:46)

God requires holiness of us as well. First Peter 1:16 says, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."



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GOSPEL (Continued)

JESUS IS THE SAVIOR

Our failure to obey God--to be holy--places us in danger of eternal punishment (2 Thessalonians 1:9). The truth is, we cannot obey Him because we have neither the desire nor the ability to do so. We are by nature rebellious toward God (Ephesians 2:1-3). The Bible calls our rebellion "sin." According to Scripture, everyone is guilty of sin: "There is no man who does not sin" (1 Kings 8:46). "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

And we are incapable of changing our sinful condition. Jeremiah 13:23 says, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil."

That doesn't mean we're incapable of performing acts of human kindness. We might even be involved in various religious or humanitarian activities. But we're utterly incapable of understanding, loving, or pleasing God on our own. The Bible says, "There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one" (Romans 3:10-12).

God's holiness and justice demand that all sin be punished by death: "The soul who sins will die" (Ezekiel 18:4). That's hard for us to understand because we tend to evaluate sin on a relative scale, assuming some sins are less serious than others. However, the Bible teaches that all acts of sin are the result of sinful thinking and evil desires. That's why simply changing our patterns of behavior can't solve our sin problem or eliminate its consequences. We need to be changed inwardly so our thinking and desires are holy

Jesus is the only one who can forgive and transform us, thereby delivering us from the power and penalty of sin: "There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Even though God's justice demands death for sin, His love has provided a Savior, who paid the penalty and died for sinners: "Christ ... died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Christ's death satisfied the demands of God's justice, thereby enabling Him to forgive and save those who place their faith in Him (Romans 3:26). John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." He alone is "our great God and Savior" (Titus 2:13).

JESUS IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE OBJECT OF SAVING FAITH

Some people think it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you're sincere. But without a valid object your faith is useless

If you take poison--thinking it's medicine--all the faith in the world won't restore your life. Similarly, if Jesus is the only source of salvation, and you're trusting in anyone or anything else for your salvation, your faith is useless.

Many people assume there are many paths to God and that each religion represents an aspect of truth. But Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6). He didn't claim to be one of many equally legitimate paths to God, or the way to God for His day only. He claimed to be the only way to God--then and forever.

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GOSPEL (Continued)

JESUS IS LORD

Contemporary thinking says man is the product of evolution. But the Bible says we were created by a personal God to love, serve, and enjoy endless fellowship with Him

The New Testament reveals it was Jesus Himself who created everything (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Therefore He also owns and rules everything (Psalm 103:19). That means He has authority over our lives and we owe Him absolute allegiance, obedience, and worship.

Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Confessing Jesus as Lord means humbly submitting to His authority (Philippians 2:10-11). Believing that God has raised Him from the dead involves trusting in the historical fact of His resurrection--the pinnacle of Christian faith and the way the Father affirmed the deity and authority of the Son (Romans 1:4; Acts 17:30-31).

True faith is always accompanied by repentance from sin. Repentance is more than simply being sorry for sin. It is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sins to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin and pursue holiness (Isaiah 55:7). Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15); and "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine" (John 8:31).

It isn't enough to believe certain facts about Christ. Even Satan and his demons believe in the true God (James 2:19), but they don't love and obey Him. Their faith is not genuine. True saving faith always responds in obedience (Ephesians 2:10).

Jesus is the sovereign Lord. When you obey Him you are acknowledging His lordship and submitting to His authority. That doesn't mean your obedience will always be perfect, but that is your goal. There is no area of your life that you withhold from Him.

JESUS IS THE JUDGE

All who reject Jesus as their Lord and Savior will one day face Him as their Judge: "God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31).

Second Thessalonians 1:7-9 says, "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

Who does the Bible say Jesus is? The living God, the Holy One, the Savior, the only valid object of saving faith, the sovereign Lord, and the righteous Judge.

Who do you say Jesus is? That is the inescapable question. He alone can redeem you--free you from the power and penalty of sin. He alone can transform you, restore you to fellowship with God, and give your life eternal purpose. Will you repent and believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

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If you are interested in becoming a ministry volunteer, please fill out the potential volunteer profile below:

Volunteers

Potential Volunteer Profile

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address:

E-Mail: _____ Attending Church: _____

Why are you interested in prison ministry?

How do you want to serve in this ministry?

When are you available?

What are your current commitments?

What are your skills?

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What do you believe your spiritual gift/gifts are and/or your physical talents?

What previous ministries have you been involved in, and when were you involved?

Share a brief description of how you came to the know the Lord as your personal Lord and Savior

Questions you have

Would you be interested in serving on our board of directors?

Please complete the short interactive Bible Study below and return it with your potential volunteer profile

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Interactive Bible Study

Please take a few minutes to complete this Interactive Bible Study exercise. After you complete the exercise, please review your work using the elements of Interactive Bible Study listed on page 23.

INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY EXERCISE

As you read John 1:1-14 look for the key word "word" and synonyms/pronouns ; Mark the "word" and synonyms/pronouns in a distinctive way; Once you have marked the word "word" make a list of what you have learned from each verse; Answer the questions that follow the text

John 1:1-14 (New American Standard Bible)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

*Example : (The **Word** was in the beginning, The **Word** was with God, and The **Word** was God)*

²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

⁹There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.



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(Answer the questions directly from John 1:1-14 & give the verse reference)

Was this Word the creator of the world? _____

What did this Word come to do? _____

Who can give the right for people to become children of God? _____

Who is this Word according to the text? _____

Is the Word God? _____

Then who is God? _____

The Basics of Interactive Bible Study

Interactive Bible Study: Simply means the Bible is our main source of truth. Before looking for insights from people and commentaries about the Bible, we get into the Word of God itself. Interactive Bible Study involves three basic components: observation, interpretation, and application.

Observation: (What does the text say?) This is a very interactive process. By observing the text of Scripture you will discover truth for yourself and it will be accurate and profound. Careful observation will lead you into correct interpretation of Scripture. The process begins with interrogating the text of Scripture. Ask questions like: **Who** is speaking? **Who** is this about? **Who** are the main characters? **When** did or will the events recorded occur? **How** will it happen? **Why** is something being said? **Where** did this happen? **What** subjects and/or events are covered in the chapter?

Interpretation: (What does the text mean?) The more you observe Scripture, the better you will understand the meaning. Scripture is the best interpreter of Scripture. During this process you will be looking at context and cross-references to help you understand God's intended meaning. Observation and interpretation lead to application.

Application: (How shall I live?) Once you've observed and discovered the meaning, you need to think and live accordingly. The result will be a transformed life. The more you are in the Word of God and adjusting your thinking and behavior to its precepts for life, the more you will be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ? He is the living Word of God who became flesh, the Savior of the world, our coming King of kings!



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Come Labor With Us!

The fields are ripe and ready for harvest! (John 4:35) Approximately 2 million people are incarcerated in the United States....How can you help?

- ✓ We need your prayers
- ✓ We need your faithful financial support
- ✓ We need partners to interactively teach the Scriptures

Please contact us, and tell us how you can co-labor with *JesusOnlyWay Ministries*.



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Quick Facts About Florida Prison System

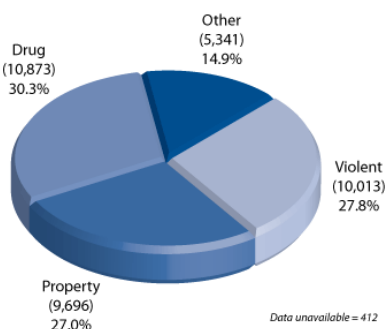
Each week, the department averages more than 1,800 religious services or activities scheduled for inmates.

Each week, attendance at religious services and activities totals more than 26,000 inmates.

Each month, approximately 42% of the inmate population takes part in a Chaplaincy Program. Participation varies from institution to institution. This average represents statewide leveling.



PRISON ADMISSIONS BY OFFENSE



INMATES IN PRISON

BY SEX, RACE, & AGE

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Male | 84,101 | 93.0% |
| Female | 6,310 | 7.0% |
| White | 41,881 | 46.3% |
| Black | 45,396 | 50.2% |
| Other | 3,134 | 3.5% |
| 17 & Under | 209 | 0.2% |
| 18-24 | 12,695 | 14.0% |
| 25-34 | 28,331 | 31.3% |
| 35-49 | 37,260 | 41.2% |
| 50-59 | 9,264 | 10.2% |
| 60+ | 2,652 | 2.9% |
| Total in Prison | 90,411 | 100.0% |

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Sentences/Facilities

Prisons are similar to small communities in that they have their own academic and vocational schools, places of worship, medical services, maintenance facilities, parks (for visiting family) and often their own water supplies. Each inmate enters the Florida prison system via a reception center, which is a facility whose purpose is to determine the risk level and needs of the inmate and orient them to his or her new environment and its rules.

Inmates remain at these reception centers for four to six weeks, and then are transferred to a permanent facility based on their educational and medical needs, in addition to their custody level, job skills and several other factors. When nearing the end of their sentences, inmates may be eligible to participate in the work release program, which allows them to work during the day but return to the work release center at night and any other time they are not working.

Most inmates (60%) are not housed in cells, but in large dormitories with bunk beds along the sides of the room and single beds in the center, so correctional officers can see the entire room at a glance. These dorms are not air-conditioned, but do have fans to circulate the air. Inmates are allowed mail (though not email) and visitors during designated hours.

Approximate Totals

| Facility Summary | Total | Male | Female | Inmate Population | Percentage of Population |
|--|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Correctional Institutions | 59 | 53 | 6 | 74,353 | 83.9% |
| Work Camps, Stand Alone Work/Forestry Camps | 40 | 37 | 3 | 10,761 | 12.1% |
| Treatment Centers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 78 | 0.1% |
| Work Release Centers | 30 | 22 | 8 | 2,906 | 3.3% |
| Road Prisons | 5 | 5 | 0 | 411 | 0.5% |
| Total Facilities | 135 | 118 | 17 | 88,509 | 99.9% |
| Contract Jail Beds | | | | 67 | 0.1% |
| Population Total | | | | 88,576 | 100.0 |

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WHAT IS PRISON?

Prison Is:

A place where you write letters and can't think of anything to say
A place where you wait for letters that come less and less often
A place where you gradually stop writing altogether
A place where you lose respect for the law because you see it
Raw, naked, twisted, bent, ignored, and blown out of proportion to
Suit the people who enforce it
A place where it is proven that absolute power corrupts absolutely
A place where you wait for a visit that doesn't happen and although
You know the real reason; you have to accept the lies
A place where you learn that nobody needs you; you are the
Forgotten man and the world goes on without you
A place where you discover
That all the talents and abilities you have are worthless,
You are a man in blue
A place where you receive your divorce papers and you learn the
Meaning of the words "TIL DEATH DO US PART", for to the
Outside world you are a dead man
A place that doesn't exist in the minds of friends, for they cannot
Put it on an envelope, nor can they find it in a card
A place that exists only in a time warp, for you are only
Remembered in past tense and that's probably appropriate, for you
Can see no future
A place where days blend into weeks, months merge into years,
And eons pass without feeling the touch of a human hand
Unless it is raised in anger
A place where a kind word and,
an affectionate touch are only dim memories
A place where basic humanity is ignored, discarded,
And eventually forgotten
A place where men are stripped of their clothes as well as their
Dignity, and herded like the beasts society believes them to be
A place where you go to bed early, even when you're not tired;
You walk in circles, even though you have nowhere to go;
And you pull the covers over your head,
Even though you're not cold
A place where escape is possible, but only through reading,
Dreaming, or just plain going mad

Can a man survive prison and resume a useful life?
If he can overcome the degradation that is heaped upon him,
For society will continue to remind him that he is tainted
Does he deserve what he got? Of course!
And smug society can be assured
That it has done the right and proper thing until,
Circumstances, errors, accidents, or a mistake
In the judicial system flips the table and they find themselves
In the shoes of the man in the cell next door!!!!

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