

The Florida Prison Evangelist

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The Carter Family

The holidays are here, and families come together to cheer! We all tend to be more family-oriented during this time of year when we slow down and spend time with one another, sharing gifts and enjoying get-togethers and meals. While for many, this is a joyous time, for others, it is a reminder of friends or family missed. Christopher, Sondra, Alejandra, and Maximo pray the Lord will keep you and bless you not only this holiday season but every season of life. Our family has received abundant love throughout the years, and you are all in our hearts and minds. We want to remind everyone that we have reason to rejoice every day. Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:4-7).



A Child to be Born



The Lord has blessed the Carter family with another son! Baby Carter is due to arrive on March 29, 2025. Christopher and Sondra are excited and ask you to pray for them and Baby Carter! Sondra has made one request if you wish to send a card. Please send a kid's book in place of a card and sign it. By signing your book, your special gift will be shared and remembered, even when you are not there.



If you are interested in a baby gift, their registry can be found here: <https://my.babylist.com/sondra-carter>

A Family Reunited & Community Strengthened

One November Sunday, between prison services at Lancaster CI, we traveled to Walmart in Chiefland for Lord's Supper supplies and ran into our brother, Seth Bragg. We first met Seth at RMC West, where he joined the body of Christ on 5/23/2023. He and the family needed clarification about congregations in his area, so the Carter & Bragg family visited two of them the following two Sundays. It may be that Cross City has a new family in its flock. Seth is a well-driller who serves Alachua County and surrounding areas. We are thankful for Seth's desire to lead his family in Christ and his efforts to serve Florida communities.





That Jingle Jangle News

We continue to move right along, finishing 2024 strong! We thank God for changing lives, uniting families, and strengthening communities. This year, we worked in numerous prisons, ministering to hundreds of individuals while successfully bringing 35 to Christ. Some of these men have left the prison system and are now joined by the brethren in local congregations. They have become contributing members of His church and society as a whole.

This number of 35 only represents Christopher's effort. Our collective effort, through other volunteering brethren, expands our progress. As such, we cannot express enough gratitude to you for joining us in this effort! We minister statewide (sometimes nationwide) and cannot do this without a collective effort. Because of this progress and need, we are calling for more volunteers. Opportunities are available for male volunteers in the Eastern Pan Handle of Florida, from Panama City Beach to Chipley and stretching east to Tallahassee. We also need regional volunteers in the southern part of the state from Ft Myers, stretching to West Palm Beach and the entire area north of Miami. If you are interested, please let us know!

We are immensely grateful to all who share in this labor, whether through volunteering, supplying us with the financial resources we need, or praying! At our prison ministry fellowship dinner, we raised \$12,000, which we have put into an endowment fund. This fund was created to support this work should economic issues arise.

Romans 16:16!

We are always looking to help brethren become aware of the depth of prison ministry. Many do not understand that we go above and beyond a simple Bible class, not to diminish the importance of a simple Bible class! **Please invite us** to share our level of expertise with you. There are many factors and variables involved in prison ministry that we would love to share with you, **with no expectation** outside of your kind words and prayer. If you want to join our collective effort individually or start your congregation's prison ministry and work together, **we want to help!** We also need those wishing to begin their ministry to understand that prisoners are always transferred to other institutions. How sad would it be if you only work in your local area and a man whom you have just about ready to take that step into Christ is transferred? It won't be sad if we work together! We must allow ourselves this opportunity. **We pray your shepherds will see this value and invite us to present this work!**



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