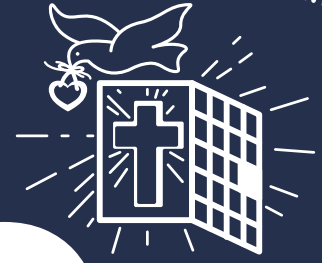


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Behind the Fence

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Sharla Yoder
Director of RLPM

*With God,
the comeback
is always greater
than the setback!*

*What the devil
means for evil,
God will turn
for good!*

—See Genesis 50:20.

God Transforms Drug Dealer with Life Sentence

— Inmate Testimony —

On my 21st birthday, June 21, 1993, I was in a bar fight with three guys who were harassing my fiancée. When I intervened, I was very drunk and got beat with a baseball bat and my throat slit before being thrown from a moving truck, and later ran over by a car! Due to the prayers of my mom and grandmother, I know God spared my life for a purpose!

I already had four DUI's and was awaiting trial. I woke up three days later in St. Francis Hospital, ICU, with my jaw wired shut, a hole in my windpipe, shattered

teeth and cheekbones, and my eyes knocked out of socket and put back, and a steel plate in my forehead. My reconstructive surgery took over eleven hours.

My doctor put me on Demerol pain shots every three hours, and two weeks later, I was addicted.

After I was released, I switched to

meth. I have been drawn to God and His Word many times while in prison. In August of 2008, I was released from prison, and was living a fairly good life when my dear mother passed away, throwing me into a tailspin! I began



William T. Hobbs
OSP #220433

manufacturing and selling meth again, and basically living only for the devil.

I paid my huge bond with drug money, but left town, and was on the run for two years, when I was picked up by the U.S. Mexico Border Patrol and extradited back to Oklahoma. I was given another 20 years on top of my already hefty sentence. Last year, I was given commutation for my life sentence, so I only have about twelve years left. I believe that my heavenly Father heard my prayers of repentance and gave me favor through my Lord Jesus Christ!

When I was at Davis Correctional Facility in Holdenville, OK, in 2017, I came across a book by Sharla Yoder, titled, GOD'S GRACE LIBERATES! This book has really impacted my life! So much so, that I wrote down the address in my own notebook, so I could write Ms. Yoder at a later time. I often struggle with loneliness and other emotions. The devil likes to whisper in my ear that I am worthless and that because my own family has disowned me, why would God want me in His family? I have written letters to them and begged them to forgive me. But they don't think I have or ever can change, after being a drug dealer with four incarcerations.

But when Ms. Sharla visited my cell at OSP, where I am locked

down 23 hours a day, 7 days a week, and I realized how much she cared, and had written that book I read, it really touched my heart. The fact that she encouraged me to write my testimony for you, also really pulled on my heart strings, because I want to write a book someday to help other addicts, and maybe this is a start.

To the partners of RLPM, I would like to say thank you for caring enough to support this ministry so they can visit prisoners like me and share God's love!

I pray that RLPM will keep on doing what you are doing! It makes me feel so blessed to see someone at my cell door, asking how I am doing and actually caring about my welfare, my relationship with the Lord, and praying with and for me! So again, I say thank you for making all this possible. May God BLESS this ministry! Thank you!

Respectfully,

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*If you make
the Lord
your refuge,*

*if you make
the Most High
your shelter,*

*No evil will
conquer you;*

*No plague
will come near
your home.*

—Psalm 91:9–10 (NLT)



Celebrate the Resurrection!
Easter Sunday is April 12, 2020

What's New

Dr. Michael Shanahan started doing prison ministry with RLPM in 1996! He is a very anointed Bible teacher and has ministered to the men at Cimarron Correctional Facility, Cushing, OK, applying God's Word to their daily lives! He previously went once per week, then, a few months ago, he went two times per month. Now they want him to go EVERY Wednesday night! Praise God!

We are also delighted that Mike will soon be going with us to McAlester, OK, to minister with our team at JBCC as a special guest! (Some of the men who attended his ministry at CCF and have transferred to JBCC have requested that we have him as a guest.) Mike has also been a wonderful RLPM Board member for many years. We THANK YOU, Mike, for your faithfulness to God, and to Redeeming Love Prison Ministry!



Dr. Michael Shanahan

Honoring Those Who Have Gone Home to Heaven

We want you to know that two of our ambassadors, and the husband of another one have gone home to heaven in the recent months. They are: Walter Black, husband of Roann Black, Jim Coleman, and Aaron Lobaugh, former ambassador.

We honor them for their service to God, and pray for MUCH comfort and peace for their loved ones.



Bobby Black

New Graphic Designer

We are delighted that Bobby Black, a very talented graphic designer and member of The Bridge Church, Bixby, OK, will be doing our *Behind the Fence* newsletters, as well as helping us with our website: www.RedeemingLovePrisonMinistry.org.

We believe you will love the new format!

Total Year-End Inmate Attendance & Decisions for Christ in 2019!

How we praise God for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing these inmates to our various ministries at 8 correctional facilities last year and drawing them to JESUS as they responded for change!

Here are the results:

Total Attendance at All Outreaches:	3,523
Those Who Received Salvation:	286
Those Who Rededicated Their Lives:	1,093
Those Who Received the Holy Spirit:	840

WE GIVE ALL THE GLORY TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Monthly Ministry Schedule

1st MONDAY — Monthly Priority Prayer Meeting and Fellowship, 7-9 PM, 1213 S. Willow Ave., Broken Arrow. 918-252-2772.

3rd MONDAY — Mentoring - MBCC Women's Prison, McLoud, OK. Meet 2:30 PM.

Every TUESDAY — "Marriage On The Rock" (Jimmy Evans Video Series), JDCC Men's Prison, Taft, OK 3-5 PM. Leaders, Bill and Judy Hulett.

4th TUESDAY — Creek County Jail, Sapulpa, OK. Ladies Chapel Service, 3:30 PM; Mickie Brooks, Coordinator.

1st, 3rd, (& if 5th) WEDNESDAY — Tulsa County Jail - 12 pods, team outreaches, 6:30-8:20 PM (B.A. group meets 5:45 PM); Coordinator, Ina Dilldine.

Every WEDNESDAY — Cimarron Correctional Center, Cushing, OK. Bible Study with Dr. Michael Shanahan.

4th WEDNESDAY — Creek County Jail, Sapulpa, OK. Men's Chapel Service, 6:45 PM.

EVERY FRIDAY — Juvenile Detention Center, Oklahoma City, OK. Ministry With Michael Luciani, 1:00 PM.

4th FRIDAY — MBCC Women's Prison, McLoud, OK - Team Outreach/ GYM. Meet in B.A. at 2:30 PM; others meet at Prison at 4:45 PM.

3rd SATURDAY — EWCC Women's Prison, Taft, OK, 7:45-9:10 PM. Meet in B.A. at 5:45 PM or at the Prison at 7 PM.

3rd SUNDAY — OSP Maximum Prison, McAlester, OK. Cell-To- Cell Ministry, 2-3:30 PM; meet in B.A. at Noon.

3rd SUNDAY — JBCC Men's Prison - Team Chapel Service, 5-7:45 PM.

9 Correctional Facilities Served by RLPM

- Cimarron Correctional Facility Men's Prison, Cushing, OK
- Creek County Jail, Sapulpa, OK
- David L. Moss Correctional Center / Tulsa Jail, Tulsa, OK
- Eddie Warrior Correction Center Women's Prison, Taft, OK
- Jackie Brannon Men's Prison, McAlester, OK
- Jess Dunn Correctional Center Men's Prison, Taft, OK
- Juvenile Detention Center, Oklahoma City, OK
- Mabel Bassett Women's Prison, McLoud, OK
- Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, OK

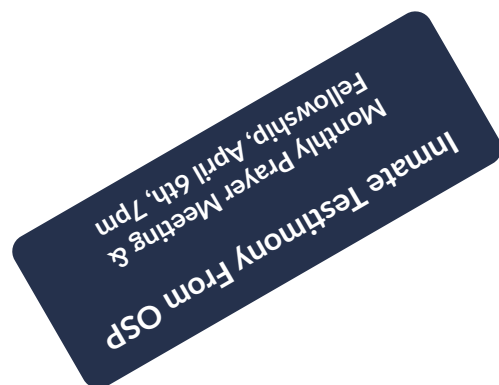
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