

Alpha Prison Ministries Newsletter

September 2015 Edition

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

Collaboration Turned Banquet Guests

One of our deep desires as a ministry is to collaborate with other ministries when our purposes are cross compatible. We wish we could tell you that offers of collaboration are always well received because Christian organizations are immune to the spirit of *competition* but that's simply not true.

The real point here is not to lament the situations where the co-operation we seek is not being given, but to celebrate the many times where it is. About a year ago, APM gained collaboration with Wayburn and Janae Dean who had just gone full time with prison ministry. They also attended our 2014 banquet.

Their organization, Inside Prison Ministries, performs concerts for inmates and uses the power of inspired music to introduce the Bible and Jesus Christ in a way that just words cannot do. With the international recognition that Wayburn has, he could and has had lucrative opportunities. Prison ministry is anything but lucrative, but that's where the Dean's hearts are.

APM is privileged to have Wayburn and Janae Dean as both guest speakers and special music at our annual banquet on September 21. You'll not just be hearing songs performed by a Grammy and Dove Award nominated artist and written by someone with Top 5 hits to her credit, you'll be sensing their passion for prison ministry, evidenced by their giving up what the world would

consider better opportunities so they can fulfill God's calling.

When Justin, an inmate at Carson City Correctional Facility found out we have the Dean's featured at our banquet, he wrote the following in an August letter to us:

That is great about the banquet in September. I wish I was there. Wayburn Dean came to play his music for all of us. It was powerful. God is really doing many great things here.

We hope to have you join us for the experience. Even better, use the back of this newsletter as a poster to help promote the event. Plug us on social media and tell others face to face. And for sure, pray; it's simple and very powerful.

In Memoriam

Bill Dewey (1939-2015) passed away July 18, 2015 at Muskegon Correctional Facility. He was a "key man" for the Alpha Bible studies at Boyer Road from the late 1990's to mid 2000's. God bless you, Bill! You are missed!



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- ◆ Please keep praying for the success of our banquet on September 21. We need accurate attendance projections by having guests RSVP. This banquet is our way to say thanks to volunteers and supporters, to demonstrate the difference you make, and to get the word out about this ministry.
- ◆ Pray for laborers! The harvest is plentiful! APM has more opportunities than we can fill. There is a need for mentors, Bible study volunteers, and supporters whose lives can be enriched by partnering with this ministry.
- ◆ Our income so far this year is falling short. "Many helpers make light work." Together in growing numbers will make great things happen.
- ◆ Mention our Alpha House residents when you pray. You can also meet them at the banquet. They are: Al, Chris, Colin, Elmer, Gene, Kevin, Ron, and Tim.

Prayer Requests

SEPTEMBER 2015

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Alpha Prison Ministries Annual Banquet

September 21, 2015 | 6 pm

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Wayburn and Janae Dean

Billboard Top 5 artist and song writer • husband and wife ministry team • guest speakers and music



Wayburn and Janae Dean each have Billboard Top 5 songs to their credit, Wayburn as a solo recording artist including two #1 songs, and Janae as a prolific song writer. Wayburn is an internationally recognized Christian recording artist and the former lead singer for the contemporary Christian group Acappella; he traveled the globe extensively with the group for 6½ years before going solo in 2000.

Both Wayburn and Janae share a deep desire to serve God fully and draw as many people to him as possible, particularly through music. Together they developed a passion for prison ministry, so much so that in June of 2014 they decided to engage in prison ministry full time. This year, Wayburn and Janae will be both our guest speakers and special music at the Alpha Prison Ministries annual banquet.

When Where and Why

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September 21, 2015 at 6 pm (RSVP by September 8)

The Ground Floor at Resurrection Life Church

Corner of 52nd Street and Ivanrest in Grandville

Society, even some Christians, view prisoners as getting what they deserve. Sometimes that's true. But God doesn't dispose of them. He changes them, sets them free, and yes, uses them. It's not glamorous work ministering to prisoners, but it is exciting. This annual banquet is your opportunity to find out why people in their right mind get hooked on seeing God transform broken lives.



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