



# Alpha Prison Ministries Newsletter

## September 2016 Edition

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

## Better Than Just Words On a Page

The mission statement and purpose of Alpha Prison Ministries is, "To evangelize and disciple men who happen to be prisoners and former inmates." Most of you receiving this newsletter are well aware of that statement and purpose but we seek to publish it as a reminder on a regular basis.

Normally our newsletter includes the latest news, letters, and items of interest from people and families whose lives are changed by the gospel we are able to bring to those we minister to. The words *evangelize* **and** *disciple* are key because Jesus' final command was "to make disciples."

But this month we get to do something better than share stories and letters. We get to invite you to see first hand the difference you are making as a partner of APM. Granted, many of you show up faithfully to our annual banquet but some of you have never experienced it.

There are multiple reasons we do this banquet every year. One, as you would no doubt expect, is to raise funds because our donors are the **ONLY** source of funding we receive. We couldn't do this without the help of God's people giving generously to help those whom no one, except Jesus and the people he moves, care about.

Raising funds though is a very small part of what the banquet is all

about. It's an opportunity for us to show appreciation for our volunteers and supporters. A free meal may be a small token of our appreciation, but the other purposes of the banquet make up for that. It is a great meal though, Res Life catering has a high standard of excellence that really adds to your experience at every level.

One of the distinguishing attributes of prison ministry, and for sure the people who are attracted to APM, is there isn't room for religious pretense or self-righteousness. To be in that environment of "real" people who give to those unable to repay in the worldly sense is refreshing and spiritually energizing.

You get to meet the actual people who make up APM. You meet our Board members, you meet our Alpha House residents, and former residents, you meet our volunteers, you meet other APM partners, and you meet our Executive Director, Leon, who works one on one with residents along with several other duties to make the ministry run smoothly.

You're not just meeting others and sharing a time of eternal significance, you're witnessing God's miraculous transformation power. Lives once hopeless and in the pit of despair, lives once brought to the epitome of hitting bottom—prison—renewed and revitalized. It's no longer words on the pages of our newsletter and web site, it's real. Be sure to join us if you can.

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- ◆ Please continue praying for the success of our banquet on September 19. 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.
- ◆ One of the other primary purposes of our annual banquet is to introduce others to the work of APM. Pray that strategic alliances will be formed and we'll be successful in raising awareness.
- ◆ Please help us by using the poster on the back of this newsletter and using the easy social sharing icons on our web site. Pray that others will do the same.
- ◆ Thank the Lord in advance for answering these prayers. He always supplies our needs and blesses those he supplies our needs through.

Prayer Requests

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## Chaplain Steve Adamson

Special guest speaker for the 2016 Alpha Prison Ministries annual banquet



**Chaplain Steve Adamson** is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and holds additional degrees from respected authorities such as Cornerstone University. He has been in ordained ministry positions for over 30 years and has served with the Michigan Department of Corrections since 1999 where he is currently the Institutional Chaplain for Carson City Correctional Facility.

Chaplain Adamson is a good friend and advocate to Alpha Prison Ministries as well as many inmates we minister to together. He has agreed to be our guest speaker this year so he can share from 17 years of insight working inside the prison system.

## When Where and Why

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**September 19, 2016 at 6 pm (RSVP by September 6)**

**The One Eighty 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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