

KINGSWAY BANNER

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Kingsway Inside Prison Ministry

Kingsway has volunteers ministering in four facilities listed below.

Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women volunteers Carolyn Newsome, and Pat Cutright.

Services are held every Monday and Louise Jennings volunteers at least once a month.

Middle River Regional Jail

volunteers Becky Shreckhise & Ellen Campbell. Services are held every Thursday. Louise Jennings is Chaplain

Augusta Correctional Center for Men

volunteers Jon & Cleidi Anderson, Mike & Deb Darrell, Glen Early, Scott Snead, David Williams, Steve Fraitts, Dave Burke, Bob Rose, Shel & Louise Jennings. Services are held 4 to 5 times a month. **Rockingham/Harrisonburg Regional Jail** Louise Jennings, Chaplain, goes in every Wednesday



Ex-Offenders Issues

Many companies now want job applications to be done online. An ex-offender re-entering the work force may have little knowledge of just how important computers have become in today's world. This presents another roadblock as they struggle to become part of today's society. Not long ago an ex-offender visited Kingsway office and Pat was able to help him do his application online.

Transportation may be another hurdle adding to the difficulty in finding employment. Some have fines and child support to pay; even bus fare can present a hardship. Many also find it difficult to find housing.

Kingsway receives many requests for assistance with housing, food, household and hygiene products. Providing for everyday items makes it possible to provide a positive outcome to a cycle that may be impossible to break. Sometimes it is the little things that make the biggest change.

Card Ministry To Children



Paula Moyers, a volunteer, addresses and mails Birthday cards each month to children of inmates.

Members of the Mt. Crawford UMW donated cards with stamps. We thank you Mt. Crawford UMW and Paula for your support.

By donating cards and stamps you make it possible for the children to be remembered on their special day.

You can make a difference!

Kairos

What is Kairos? Kairos is a Christ-centered ecumenical ministry operating at state correctional centers. Teams of 24-30 volunteers spend 2-3 day weekends a year in the centers and then return one evening a month for fellowship. We always are looking for new volunteers, particularly those who live close to the centers. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is the prime criteria to serve. The initial basis for the formation of these groups arises from the presentation of a 3-Day Kairos short Course in Christianity, which is repeated every six months. Kingsway cooperates with and supports Augusta Correctional Center Kairos and Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center. The church and community are encouraged to support the Kairos ministry through prayer, time and cards. For details contact the Kingsway office. Volunteers affiliated with Kingsway helped with Kairos in March. Rosemary Hamel leads the Kairos cook team. Louise Jennings & Cleidi Anderson were on the cook team also. Other volunteers were Jon Anderson, Scott Snead, and Glen Early.

Kingsway's Sandwich Time



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What is Kingsway's sandwich time? These are the months between January through September, when the requests and needs don't stop but funds are way down. Compare them to a sandwich, you have two pieces of bread but nothing to put in between the bread. Help us put something between the bread.

People are misinformed or sometimes forget about Kingsway after Christmas. We are a year round ministry, not just a Christmas program. We have inside prison services; send birthday cards inside to inmates, outside to inmates children. Kingsway helps ex-offenders and their families with food, clothing, transportation, household & hygiene products throughout the year. When we pick up food from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Kingsway must pay for the food we give out.

Clothing donations are welcome, however we often have to purchase items, this can only be done when funding allows. Kingsway has many times helped the children of inmates with expenses for a school field trip. Kingsway was able to deliver Easter Baskets to many of the children. Thanks to Debbie Roadcap for your donation! See how important the inside of a sandwich can be?

Forum on Crime

Kingsway will be a co-sponsor for a forum on crime noon to 1:30 pm, October 11, 2010 at Massanutten Regional Library Harrisonburg, VA. Harvey Yoder will be the chair person.

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Crime Forum Issues Article By: Harvey Yoder

Are there more effective ways to combat crime than by simply locking up offenders for increasingly lengthy prison terms? Corrections researcher James Austin, speaking to the National Committee on Community Corrections last year, said states could reduce their prison populations by almost 400,000 (saving millions of dollars of much needed revenue) by simply cutting the average length of stay in prison to 1988 levels.

Governor Bob McDonnell's "Alternatives for Non Violent Offenders Task Force" is working on new sentencing recommendations that include shorter jail stays, alternative sanctions for technical probation violations, increased work release programs, more electronic incarcerations and an expanded number of Day Reporting Centers to provide accountability, counseling, and drug treatment for offenders. The result would be lower costs and having more offenders holding down jobs to support their families and to pay off their debt to society. In these times of severe budget shortfalls, we need to consider these alternatives.



Shel Jennings will celebrate his **87th Birthday on September 17**. A card shower would be nice or a donation to Kingsway in his Honor to recognize his many years of service to Kingsway.



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Shel's Corner

I hardly know where to start. This recession is getting close to home. I'm retired from the Army with a total of 27 years Active Duty and Reserve time and **proud to have served!!** I started receiving my Military pay in 1984, 2010 is the first time I have not received a pay raise. My oldest son (60) has lost his job because the paper mill in Franklin, VA closed.

Well it was time for a talk with The Lord and as I prayed it came to me what Granny had said **"BOY, when your troubles get heavy, you don't have strength to see them thru, But The Good Lord Has Plenty of both – STRENGTH and TIME AND HE LOVES TO BLESS HIS PEOPLE!!"**

Love << SHEL >>

THE BANNER'S PURPOSE

The Banner is published as a bridge between you, Kingsway's supporters, and the hands-on prison and family outreach ministry of Kingsway.

The Banner welcomes your comments, suggestions, and questions. Is there something of interest you would like to know about? Let us know

Also remember, the Banner is a means of raising funds to carry on the work of Kingsway. Pray about putting a check in the enclosed envelope.

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Louise's Corner

I've made a big discovery this year and learned a few things. God humbles you in ways you least expect.

The lesson I learned - Kingsway Prison and Family Outreach can function without Louise. This year has really been a year of health trials. I tried to set my surgery scheduled so it would not conflict with things I thought I had to do for God. Another lesson - God could do it His way without me. I missed an Annual Conference I've been attending and setting up a display for over 20 years, because I was not allowed to drive for several weeks after shoulder replacement surgery. The Kingsway Display was there by way of several great volunteers. Bible Studies at Fluvanna Women's Prison and Middle River Regional Jail continued without me. What I was able to do was train others and now there is a group doing Bible Study at Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail. The office ran smooth too. Now I know as I get older that should I not be able Kingsway has enough capable volunteers to take this ministry to higher levels. Hooray for SUPER volunteers!
Louise