

2ND ANNUAL CBTW CAR SHOW

It's that time of year again...going crazy getting all geared up for Christ Behind The Wall's 2nd Annual Car Show, which will be October 12th.

If there ever was a time where one has to put complete trust in God, it's putting on a car show!! We've posted two banners at the event site, taken ads in the local newspaper, passed out hundreds of flyers at various car shows during the summer, sent flyers to a number of car clubs, ordered the trophies...and now we wait for God to bless the effort!!

We did have a very positive reaction to our show last year from the car participants and hopefully that will carry forth to this year. Although preregistration is not a habit among the participants, as they usually make the final decision the morning of the car show, we do have one-fourth of last year's participants already preregistered. Please pray, along with us, for God's blessings!

Bennie Williams is now going "solo" at Pleasant Valley State Prison and the new class is very well attended. A letter from one of the inmates mentioned how much they enjoy his teaching.

He also has been asked to come in and preach on the Yard on Sundays, and he will be preaching twice a month starting this month. In the process of getting set up by the Chaplain for this new responsibility, he was also asked to preach twice a month on one of the other Yards, which he will also do.

God answered our prayers at Corcoran SATF and CRM Florence Cote gave her approval for Bennie to put in his paperwork to obtain a brown card at that prison!

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY

In September, 13 volunteers held 46 classes, out of 64 scheduled (72%) consisting of 697 students.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Blessings on the CBTW Car Show
2. Quick processing on Bennie's Brown Card paperwork
3. Successful interviews with two potential volunteers for the Fresno County Jail

ZAC'S CORNER

God does not want us to be laying around paralyzed in our sin!
Mark 2:1-5



"Christ Behind The Wall exists to disciple the incarcerated with life-changing classes, based on The Word of God, to deepen their relationship with, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ."

"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners..." Hebrews 13:3



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QUIPS FROM INSIDE

“One of the aspects of being in ‘the hole’ is the constant movement to a new cell. In my latest move, my new cell mate told me how he had cleaned up the cell in anticipation of my arrival. He cleaned the walls, soaped and scrubbed the floors, polished the sink and toilet with dental powder, and put a fresh, clean sheet on the mattress.

“At first glance, I counted at least six sheets wrapped around the mattress. It was a safe and common practice to wrap the mattress with multiple layers of sheets to hide ‘issues.’ I wondered what was being hidden here.

“The following day was laundry exchange. Layer by layer, I peeled off the sheets...like an onion. Ten sheet layers later, the problem lay totally exposed—the mattress was rotting. There was no hope left for this mattress; it was completely ruined. All one could do is cover it up, giving it the illusion that all was well.

“Too many of us are like this mattress. Too often we try to “cover up” our hurts, sins or life’s troubles, instead of giving them to Abba Father. Yet, under all the layers of fakeness, the stain is growing and smothering us from the inside out...slowly affecting the world around you...especially the ones who love you.

“We must go to God with trust knowing He will pour grace upon our lives...cleansing our unholy dark stain by His Son’s Blood. Stop being like an onion, hiding behind layers of nothing...and start being open and spiritually naked, allowing God to heal your hurt or stain.

Adrian Torres
Musings from “the hole” in Chino

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