

# Forgotten Man Ministries Bible Course Listing

No cost to the inmate and his/her family - FMM pays all the postage for mailing of books, exams, certificates and the receiving of exams to be graded.

## First Series Introductory: Am I Forgotten & Paper Back Bible

Completion of these 10 Courses student receives a Giant Print Bible to help him do the next series.

- A Life That's Real
- John: An Eyewitness Report
- Adventures of Peter & Company
- Romans
- Galatians
- Key Words of the Christian Life
- Ephesians
- Discovering the Will of God
- Personal Witnessing and World Missions
- Portraits of Christ in the Tabernacle

## Second Series Introductory: FMM finds sponsors to help pay the cost

Completion of these 14 courses student receives a Study Bible. This Study Bible contains a complete cross reference, study notes, maps, book introductions & outlines, and a deluxe concordance.

- Stewardship/Biblical Prayers: 3 books
- Christian Living I-V: 5 books
- Christian Family I-V: 5 books
- Genesis: 1 book
- Exodus: 1 book
- Entering the Promise Land/Joshua: 2 books
- Samuel & Saul I & II: 2 books
- Kings I - IV: 4 books
- Minor Prophets I - VI: 6 books
- Isaiah I & II: 2 books
- Hebrew Law I-III: 3 books
- The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John: 6 books
- Hebrews/James: 1 book
- Daniel/Revelation: 2 books

## Third Series: FMM finds sponsors to help pay the cost

Completion of these 18 courses the student receives a Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary containing over 700 full color photos, illustrations, charts & maps.

- Synoptic Gospels I & II: 2 books
- Acts I & II: 2 books
- Philippians, Colossians, Philemon: 1 book
- John & Jude: 1 book
- I & II Corinthians: 2 books
- I & II Peter: 1 book
- I & II Thessalonians: 1 book
- I & II Timothy, Titus: 1 book
- Ruth & Esther: 1 book
- Ezra & Nehemiah: 1 book
- Ezekiel I-III: 3 books
- Proverbs: 1 book
- David I & II: 2 books
- Job: 1 book
- Jeremiah I-III: 3 books
- Song of Solomon: 1 book
- Judges: 1 book
- Psalms I-III: 3 books

Every day there are inmates completing all of the Basic Bible courses and would like to continue to study God's Word either at home, jail or prison. We have available an in depth second and third series of Bible courses. All answers are found in the Bible along with helps in understanding the chapters the student is reading. We have kept the cost down with soft cover material but there is a tremendous amount of postage being used. Please consider sending \$8.00 to sponsor an inmate to take one of these courses.

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## "Faith Behind Bars" continued

to meet with Duffield, who following walks from cell to cell following his service to talk with inmates.

Through the bars, Duffield shakes their hands, "Is there anything I can do covering the Bible tonight?" he asks. Some ask questions, some don't, some laugh him off. For those like Dominic, his visits are welcomed.

"He brings a whole new meaning to life," Dominic said of Duffield's personal cell visits. "In a lot of people that's lost... I find guidance through God himself."

Dominic, who entered the jail just 11 months ago reading at a second grade level, has learned up to 40 new words a week by self educating himself with a small English language book. The reason? So he can read the Bible. Duffield's visits often serve as a time for Dominic to ask questions about his readings.

His question on Friday was about temptation.

With one foot up on the cell bars, a hand on his Bible and the other leaning on the cell, Duffield told him about Satan's temptation. Dominic took it in.

"It makes you think of consequences," Dominic said. "God is the authority."

For Duffield, it isn't a job, it isn't an obligation, it isn't a duty; it's a calling.

"God put the love of the ministry in my heart," he said.

The fact that his congregation aren't in pews, they are behind bars, doesn't matter to him. Again, the ultimate goal is a personal relationship with the Lord, he said. And it's a relationship he has helped many build.

"Sure, they're sitting in prison, but I don't care about that," he said. "I know where they stand with their relationship with Christ."

In addition to his Friday night Bible studies, the jail ministry program holds Sunday services, studies for women, substance abuse programs and one-on-one counseling.

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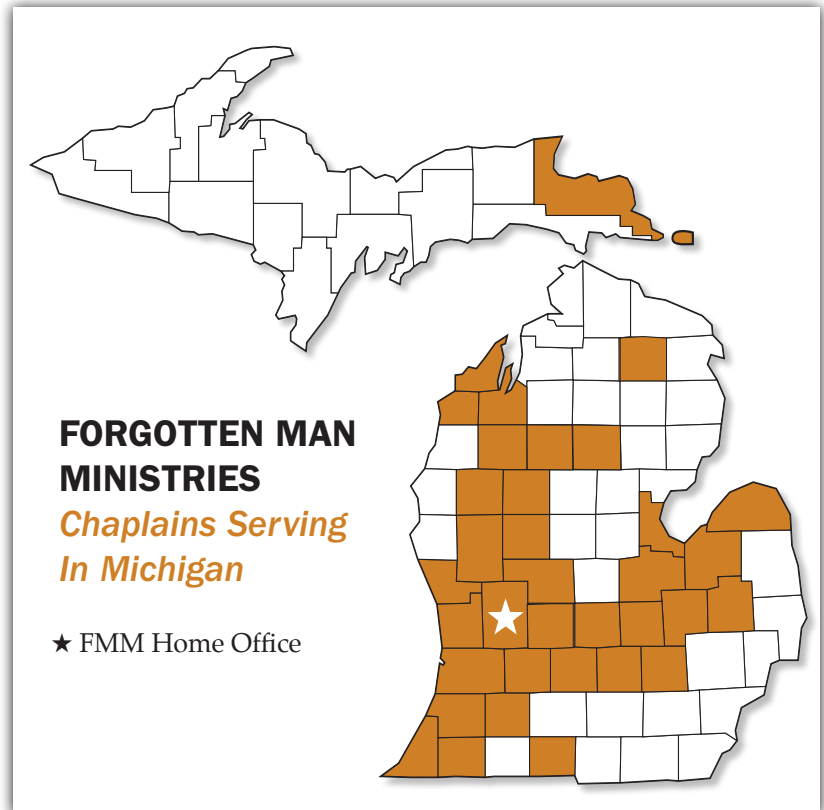
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# REACHING THE Forgotten

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## Faith Behind Bars

By Curtis Wildfong  
Argus-Press Staff Writer

It may be just a room: A room with off-white colored bricks as walls, two metal tables anchored to the floor, a stack of plastic chairs, and a lone Ping Pong table, all locked within a 20 foot metal gate. But on Friday nights, it's a sanctuary.

The parishioners aren't the holy, they're not saints nor are they divine... they are inmates. But on Friday nights, they are the faithful.

About two dozen inmates filed into that very room Friday night most with different versions of the Bible for the second session of Shiawassee County Jail Chaplain Tim Duffield's Bible study.

"My goal is to present the truth. If they embrace the truth of God it can truly affect lives," he said.

As the study began, that became

apparent. The first words spoken by the chaplain, "Who has something they would like to pray for?" The arms went up.

"I would like to pray for my uncle with leukemia... He's been in and out of the hospital," one inmate said.

They even prayed for each other.

"I'd like to pray for my cellmate's mother who is going through some health issues," another said.

Most, however, prayed for their families.

"I'd like to pray for my children and their mother. Keep them safe," another inmate asked.

Then the service began. Amongst nods of the heads and a few "Amens," Duffield spoke of his truth.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice," he read from the Bible. The men listened as Duffield interpreted. "Our lives are filled with a few high points, a lot of low points and a few points in the middle, but we must rejoice in the Lord always."

The idea hit home for one inmate, Anthony, who said he turned from God after the death of his father.

"I lost my way of where I stand with (God)," he said. "I chose to walk away from faith and God." Anthony, who will be released just two weeks after Friday night's service but still chose to attend as he has for nearly every Friday for two months, said the studies and Chaplain Duffield have helped him recapture his faith.

"I come here and think about things I take for granted in life," he said. "I'm no longer weak. I am strong."

Sure, some probably attend just for an hour or two outside their cell, but Duffield said a lot are genuine in their faith, like Anthony.

"Most of them won't take anything



Photo courtesy of Curtis Wildfong

Shiawassee County Jail Chaplain Tim Duffield speaks with inmates in the jail's maximum security section shortly after giving his weekly Bible study to a group of about 25 inmates. Duffield has been a jail chaplain for more than a decade, including six years in Shiawassee County.

out of here, but four or five guys are truly changing their direction in life," he said. And to him, if he can change one life it's reward enough. "When these guys get out and go home to be the husbands and fathers they need to be, how many will that affect? That's where results can be enormous."

The ultimate goal is developing a personal relationship with God, Duffield told the men. It's not about going to church, saying you believe in Him or asking God for favors. It's about believing in God's word and acting accordingly, he said.

"God is near," Duffield read. He is with you always, at home, at work and even in your cell. It is from their cell where some must find God, Duffield said.

Dominic, an inmate who is held in maximum security and cannot attend the Friday services, still gets the opportunity

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### Attention Golfers!

#### FMM's Annual Berrien County Golf Outing

Saturday,  
September 24, 2011  
Indian Lake Hills  
Golf Course, Eau Claire

\$75.00 Individual or \$300 for a Team  
Registration Deadline is  
September 19, 2011

Not a Golfer? You can still participate  
as a Hole Sponsor or Prize Donor!

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**Executive Director  
Rev. John E. Fehler**

# From The Board of Directors



As you may have gathered my purpose today in writing you was to say:

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Your continued support for this ministry is very important and urgently needed as we struggle to minister to this hurting segment of our society. We praise God for the fruit or souls that are reached for the cause of Christ. May God Bless You.

See additional Thank You's from the Chaplains and inmates.

In Appreciation,

Rev. John E. Fehler  
Executive Director

Each year the Forgotten Man Ministries Board of Directors has an annual budget meeting where a prepared budget is voted for approval. For the last three years our expenses have had to be reduced by making budgetary cuts. The FMM Board knows that each time a new budget is approved it is Christians made up of individuals, businesses and churches that make it possible to fund the new budget. Your prayers and support are needed and much appreciated.

At the beginning and close of every FMM Board Meeting a prayer is given and often times we praise God for you, our faithful supporters.

Please be aware of our up coming fall stewardship dinners. We would be encouraged by your attendance. I look forward to meeting you there.

### Stewardship Dinner Dates in your County

COUNTY AREA	DATE	CHAPLAIN IN CHARGE	CONTACT NUMBER
<b>Ingham</b>	September 13	Chaplain Terry Haneckow	517 676 8216
<b>Barry</b>	September 15	Chaplain Bill Medendorp	269 945 1400 Ext 1326
<b>Van Buren</b>	September 27	Chaplain Ron Packer	269 624 7729
<b>Ottawa</b>	September 29 or October 6	Chaplain Larry Norman	616 786 4183
<b>Cass</b>	October 4	Chaplain Carl Ross	269 641 2009
<b>Grand Traverse</b>	October 6 or October 11	Chaplain George Svec or Chaplain Jamie Hall	231 883 8701
<b>Bay</b>	October 6	Chaplain Leonard Palmer	810 639 5319
<b>Tuscola</b>	October 13	Chaplain Rick Tuckey	989 551 1390
<b>Newaygo</b>	October 18	Chaplain Rocky Heiss	231 834 8536
<b>Clinton</b>	October 20	Chaplain Larry Smith	989 834 2751
<b>Genesee</b>	October 27	Chaplain Al Novak	810 238 7102
<b>Livingston</b>	November 3	Chaplain Jim Proos	517 540 7965
<b>Lapeer</b>	November 10	Chaplain Scott Cox	810 667 0054



# From The Chaplains



Recently, I was talking to several of our chaplains regarding their ministry at the jail. I want you to know that our chaplains realize it is people like you that make their ministry possible. Chaplains are thankful for your prayers regarding their safety, health, finances, families and the county jail chaplaincy. Every chaplain understands it is partners like you that make this ministry possible.

Each inmate that comes to Christ took not only the efforts of a chaplain but a partner who was willing to pray for and support this ministry. I have heard it said on many occasions by a chaplain at one of our regular Chaplains Meetings that they felt the prayer power of a partner.



Chaplain Scott Cox and a Bible study group

Chaplains are eternally grateful for the prayers, funds and volunteers, the partners, such as you provide making the county jail chaplaincy possible.

# From The Inmates



Each day we receive mail from inmates, requesting some type of need to be filled whether it be a visit, contact from a family member, a physical need, or requesting a Bible and Bible course. Many envelopes contain Bible course exams to be graded with a note to hurry with the next lesson along with a thank you for their certificate they received in completing a Bible course.

These certificates show an accomplishment they obtained through studying God's Word and perhaps for the first time finished a task with a grade of 100 containing a Highest Honor sticker or a grade in the 90's and receiving a With Honor sticker.

Often times we receive a picture as a token of their appreciation for providing the Bibles and Bible courses free of charge. These



pictures perhaps remind them of life on the outside which they can only dream about as they serve time locked up in the county jail or prison.

Some of their one liner thank you's read as follows:

*"Please thank all the brothers and sisters that provided these religious materials."*

*"Give my sponsor a big thank you for providing this Bible."*

*"Praise God for all the Christians that made it possible for me to study the Bible while in jail."*

*"Be sure to tell everyone that Jesus and these Bible study courses have changed my life."*



# FMM Mailbox

Dear FMM

My name is Derrick and I would like to thank you for your help. All my life I was told to live for God, but I never really knew how to do it. Thanks to you and the men who come to the Ottawa County Jail, you gave me direction in how to live for God. Who would think this place would bring me to a relationship with the Lord? I don't know if people let you know how helpful you are, but if people tell you or not, you are doing God's work. Keep it up. I'll never forget what all of you have done for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God Bless You All!

*Derrick*

Dear Forgotten Man, I and a friend would like to do your Bible studies. We are now serving time in Adrian, Michigan. An FMM Chaplain John Gleason from Roscommon came each week to help me get back on the right path. I have been a Christian for 4-1/2 years and want to keep studying God's Word. Please continue to send us the Bible courses.

*James*

Dear Forgotten Man Ministries,

I am awaiting my turn to head towards Jackson Prison. I was sentenced to 51 months and have been in the Kent County Jail for 12 months. So with God's will, I will only have 39 months to go. I don't know what unit I will be at but I want to continue doing your Bible courses. I will write to you as soon as I get my new prison location.

I want to thank your ministry for helping me grow in the Lord. There were several chaplains I came to know on a very personal level and will continue to correspond with them individually. I have been truly blessed through these men: Herm Lopez, Elmer Bruursema, and Tom Lares. It has been an honor to visit with these dedicated men of God. *Moses*

## Keep Saving Spartan Labels

Thank you to all who faithfully send those **Spartan** labels into FMM. All proceeds help pay for the Bible Courses and Award Bibles for the Second and Third Series (formerly the Advanced Courses). Your help keeps this program going. Spartan Stores is still offering cash for labels taken from nearly all **Spartan products**. This means that for every **Spartan Brand UPC Symbol** that Forgotten Man Ministries receives, Spartan stores will pay Forgotten Man Ministries \$.02 for each UPC Symbol received. *Here are the Rules...*

1. Only UPC symbols from **Spartan Product** labels can be redeemed for cash
2. Cut the UPC symbol from the **Spartan labels** or cartons. (For glass products having a glued label, the label can be removed by first soaking in warm water.)
3. For your safety, all labels on **Spartan 12-ounce** canned pop and refrigerated biscuits are not eligible for redemptions.
4. Please send or drop your labels off to the home office of Forgotten Man Ministries, 3940 Fruit Ridge NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544, Monday - Friday 8:00-4:30.
5. **Only Spartan Labels** can be honored. Please do not send or drop off any other name brand labels.
6. If you have any questions, call Marilyn at 616-784-4620.

## 2011 FALL CHAPLAINCY TRAINING CLASSES

sponsored by Forgotten Man Ministries & Michigan Sheriffs Association

The Correctional Chaplaincy Course consists of 24 hours of classroom instruction and is held on two separate Friday/Saturday weekends.



### COURSE OBJECTS

- > Examine the role of a correctional chaplain & chaplaincy programs
- > Survey of the criminal justice system
- > Analyze the rise in female crime and the female offender
- > Discuss security related procedures within a county jail
- > Establishing effective guidelines in counseling the incarcerated
- > Developing counseling skills through practical case studies
- > Updated information and chaplaincy strategies

### UPCOMING CLASSES

#### Flint/Livingston/Saginaw Area

**PART 1:** Sept. 16th (6pm-10pm);  
Sept. 17th (9am - 5pm)

**PART 2:** Sept. 30th (6pm-10pm);  
October 1st (9am - 5pm)

#### Cadillac/Houghton Lake Area

**PART 1:** Oct. 14th (6pm-10pm);  
Oct. 15th (9am - 5pm)

**PART 2:** Oct. 28th (6pm-10pm);  
Oct. 29th (9am - 5pm)

Visit [www.forgottenman.org](http://www.forgottenman.org) to register

The cost of the course is \$75.00 per person /\$135.00 for couples (in advance). Payment at the door: \$80.00 (single)/\$145.00 (couple). Materials provided include a Course Syllabus and "The Christian Counselors Manual" by Jay Adams. Upon successful completion of the course an ID card will be issued and a certificate of completion awarded. To pre-register, complete a registration form indicating location you will be taking the course, enclose full amount payable to Forgotten Man Ministries and mail it to 3940 Fruit Ridge N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49544. Class location and dates can change so make sure you call ahead for confirmation of class - 616-784-4620.