

# TRUCKSTOP MINISTRIES, INC. NEWS

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According to Webster, freedom is the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint. In America, we value freedom above all else. We have the freedom to choose our own way, our own paths in life. For example, we are free to choose our own career path and we are free to choose whom we will marry. I am thankful we do not have prearranged marriages in America. We love being free to choose our own destiny. And just as all Americans love their freedom, Drivers love their freedom of the road.

Freedom does not come free. Our forefathers paid a great price for our freedom. How much a person is willing to do or pay for something shows just how valuable that item is to the person that is paying the price. Many of our forefathers in America gave all of their wealth for the chance to be a free people. Many gave their all, even their very own lives to acquire our freedom, that we might be able to choose freely to do all that we want to do or be all that we desire to be. They were willing to sacrifice for a small fledgling country. They believed it was worth everything to have freedom in America.



In comparison, Jesus also sacrificed His all for His people to be set free. Since Jesus was willing to be sacrificed for us, this shows we are God's most valuable possession! What do you think about when you realize that you are God's most valuable treasure? Since God loves you so much, ask yourself, "How can I love him back?"

Jesus said in **John 8:32**, "*And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you*

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**free.”** So I ask you, Driver—do you know the truth? Do you want to be set free?

In **John 14:6** Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** The reason Jesus said you must come “by me” is because He (Jesus) paid the penalty for your sin on the cross at Calvary that you might be free from sin and unrighteousness. **Romans 8:1-2** says, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”**

Driver, that means you can have a second chance. You can be forgiven and you can be set free from that sin, from that depression, from that thing that haunts you and keeps you bound and not living free. Jesus has already paid for that! The Bible says in **Romans 5:8**, **“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”** So Driver, you fill in the blank. Whatever you were doing or however you were sinning before Christ Jesus came into your life, Jesus still loves you and died for you.

What a great feeling to realize that while you were doing whatever you may have been doing in your life, even if it was sin, even if it was against God Himself, He still loved you; even then, while you were yet in your sin. That is why there is a **John 3:16** — **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”**

Driver, you are so valuable to God Himself, that He gave His Son to set you free from the bondage of sin. Have you received that freedom?

In **Romans 10:9-13**, it basically says you must believe this down in your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus was and is the Son of God and that He died for you on that cross, was buried, but then rose again on the third day because He defeated death that we might be free from death and have life for all eternity. For whosoever shall call (pray) upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. That means to be set free.

Driver, I hope and pray that if you have not received the freedom from sin that Jesus offers you that you will do that now, today. If you want to talk with me or one of our Chaplains, please call our 24-hour prayer line at 1-800-248-8662. We want to hear from you. As Chaplain Joe always said, “I hope you have a Jesus-filled day!”



Chaplain Bill Blackmon  
President

Chaplain  
Bill

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUNDAY NIGHT SINGINGS

North Baltimore (OH) Petro

Inside the IHOP — 6pm

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|--|----------------------------------|
| 07/13 — Christ Unlimited / Wayne Suter | 10/12 — One Voice / Stan Kline   |
| 08/10 — Olga Kipp / Dennis Jolly       | 11/09 — Jake Reel / Homelighters |
| 09/14 — The Sojourners                 | 12/14 — HeartSong / Arnold Coy   |

## Drivers' Appreciations:

Bucksville, AL

September 20  
9am – 4pm

Bucksville Petro  
*Come by for some  
giveaways!*

Knoxville, TN

September 20  
10am – 4pm

Strawberry Plains Pilot  
*Free food! Entertainment!  
Prizes! Free T-Shirt!*

Lebanon Jct., KY

September 20  
10am – 1pm

Lebanon Junction Pilot  
*Come by and see us!*



Come see our mobile Chapel (and the Little Rig) at the following locations:



Iowa 80 Truck Stop  
(July 10–12 / Walcott, IA)

Fellowship Meeting:  
Sunday, 7/13, 10 am @ mobile Chapel

4 State Trucks  
(Sept. 25–27, Joplin, MO)

Fellowship Meeting:  
Sunday, 9/28, 10 am @ mobile Chapel



# Explaining the New Location Guide

Many of you have already seen our new Location Guide (pictured on the right). As you may have noticed, it's quite different.

For any that don't know, the old style was a full 8½" x 11" sheet of paper listing every location we have, including all their Fellowship Meeting times and where at the truck stop the Meetings were held. The main problem with the old style was that, most of the time, it was out of date even before we got it back from the printer! Inevitably, one Chapel or another would change their Meeting time or move from the TV Room to the Restaurant, etc. Many Drivers were given incorrect information for weeks, and a lot of paper (and money) wound up getting wasted. We realized we needed to try to be better stewards of the funds God provides, especially in this time of decreased donations.

Once again, the Lord provided a solution through technology -- a QR code on a smaller, less expensive piece of paper (2¾" x 8½") that is never outdated! You simply point your smartphone's camera at the QR code, and it brings up a link to the "Locate A Chapel" page on our website. (Try it now on this photo!) That page, and the one in our App, is updated as soon as we know of a change. No matter when you scan the code, you'll always be taken to the most recent information!

Some have been asking for simpler, quicker ways to give, especially in the Chapels. So we put another QR code on the back side. Again, just point your smartphone's camera at the coded square, and it'll bring up a link to our main giving page.

We know it's different, and change is difficult for all of us. We think it might be a workable solution to the problems of waste and timeliness; what do you think?

Let us know at [newsletter@truckstopministries.org](mailto:newsletter@truckstopministries.org)!



## When the Drivers don't come to you...

...you go where the Drivers are! That's what our Team in Eloy, AZ did!

The Team at the Eloy Petro were holding Fellowship Meetings in the back room of the restaurant. Drivers just weren't going back there, and when they did, they had to contend with the music that management either wouldn't or couldn't shut off.

Truck stop management didn't want a permanent Chapel outside, so Chaplain Murph had an idea. With materials donated by Pinal County Cowboy Church, they built a small Chapel that fit on a 16' flatbed (also donated, along with a generator) and could come and go as needed.

*Now that's getting creative!*



## Ministry Family Happenings

*We extend our heartfelt condolences to:*

- Former **Chaplain Nathan Flora & Family** in the loss of his wife, former **Assistant Darlene Flora** (Tampa, FL).
- **Chaplain Martin Key & Family** in the loss of his wife, former **Assistant Anita Key** (Madera, CA).
- **Assistant Connie Avery & Family** in the loss of her husband, **Chaplain Chuck Avery** (Albert Lea, MN).
- **Mrs. Jane Benson & Family** in the loss of her husband, **Chaplain David Benson** (Strawberry Plains, TN).
- **Mrs. LeLana Fix & Family** in the loss of her husband, **Chaplain Bob Fix** (Eloy, AZ).
- Former **Chaplain Marc Crandlemire** (Jackson, GA) & **Family** in the loss of his wife, **Ann Crandlemire**.

## Praise the Lord!

2025 • Ministry Contacts – 6,755  
YTD • Decisions for Christ – 347





# TMI Mailbox



[A]s of January of this year, I have been a Chaplain's Assistant for 5 years. I truly have no words to describe how blessed I am to be a part of TMI. Thank you for your prayers. Would you also pray for more Chaplains for Indiana, specifically central Indiana? Only four Flying Js [I think we're down to three truck stops. --Ed.] in the entire state is, obviously, not enough. The harvest is ready; the laborers are few. I know I'm preaching to the choir. I am simply passionate about this ministry and want to see it grow and thrive! Thank you for your time and prayers.

— Adrienne Jones



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Prayer Box (A box at TMI HQ that holds all prayer requests sent in to us.)

The entire TMI Family

The Missionary Driver Program

Chaplain Bill & Nancy Blackmon

Chaplain David Owen & Family

Jan Hunter & Family

Larry & Palma Simmons

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Goedde

Lorraine Gorham

Tate Rutherford

Scot Marone

John Deschan

MD Reginald Pelletier

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Polly Mauthe

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Karen Gardner

Suzanne Williams

Billy Jensen

Ben Perez

Chaplain Martin Lopez

Chaplain Gene Gibson

Chaplain Martin Key

Michelle Wright

Family of Bruce Stoecklin

Chaplain Rodney Williams

Chaplain Joe Kamer

Chaplain Ted Merry

John Deckert

Carole Anne

Paula Combs

Jenni Sheuermann

Gloria Grubbs

JP (Driver)

Dawn

## Let Us Pray With You!

Besides calling the Truckers' Prayer Line, you can easily send us prayer requests through the TMI App!

You can also email or text them to [requests@truckstopministries.org](mailto:requests@truckstopministries.org)

## Do You Know For Certain That You Are Going To Heaven?

No matter what you've done, or where you've come from — **JESUS LOVES YOU!**

If you have never repented of your sins (which means turned away from) and asked Jesus to forgive you—or if you have been a Christian but have let sin creep back into your life—please do so right now. Here is an example of what to pray:

**Father, I come to you in Jesus' name. I've sinned against You, but I repent and purpose to turn away from sin. Please forgive me and take control of my life. I believe Jesus died to pay for my sin and You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus as my Savior and my Lord from this day forward. Thank you for forgiving me and saving me. In Jesus' name I pray — AMEN!**

Now — if that's what you want to tell God, tell Him! You can use those words or you can use your own. If you are a Driver or the immediate family of a Driver and would like someone to pray with you, please call the Truckers Prayer Line on the back of this newsletter. If you want to know more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, contact us about our Bible Study program.

## Truckstop Ministries, Inc.

*operates on the generous donations of our supporters!*

If you would like to help support our Ministry, here are some ways you may do so!

- ☐ I would like to help with a general donation.
- ☐ I would like to **ADOPT A CHAPEL.** *(Please specify which Chapel in the Memo section. If left blank, it will be applied where it's needed the most.)*
- ☐ I would like to **ADOPT A CHAPLAIN.** *(Please specify which Chaplain in the Fund section.)*

***All donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated!***

## Things you can do (for FREE!):

☐ I would like to receive a paper newsletter in the mail.

*(Please give us your mailing address.)*

☐ I would like to receive the newsletter online.

☐ I would like to be enrolled in your correspondence Bible Study program.

*(For Truckers & their adult family members.  
Please give us your mailing address.)*

Chapel: Richmond Hill, GA T/A

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OF THE WORLD WITH THE

JOHN 14:27

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