



Drivers (and all who may read this), I want you to...



When you drive OTR, especially out west, you are always looking as far as you can see and wondering what's over the horizon or what's over the next hill. Well, I have no doubts that God wants you to dream big and God wants to give you the desires of your heart. When I say dream big, I'm not just talking about wishing for something, but instead praying boldly and trusting God to expand your life beyond anything you have ever imagined. I want you to step boldly into God's territory and dream beyond the horizons that you can see.

Let me introduce you to someone in the Bible, a man named Jabez. Jabez literally means "pain" or "sorrow." Imagine carrying that around all of your life! And yet, his story is one of courage, prayer, and breakthrough. Let's read the prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10) together — ***"And Jabez called on the name of the God of Israel, saying, oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested."*** Jabez got what he asked for! Through all of the pain and disappointments in his life, he still had the courage to pray boldly, knowing that God hears and wants to answer our prayers. He asked God to bless him and to enlarge or increase his territory, and for His hand to be

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with him and keep him from harm. Jabez was saying, God I want everything you have for me!

Driver, have you ever felt like your past or your circumstances were holding you back? Maybe they labeled you? Maybe life has just hurt you? I want you to know that, like Jabez, your past does not define you. Let go of labels and past pains that someone else may have put on you. Pray and ask God specifically for His blessing and His power in areas where you need Him. Step into that new territory by faith. Don't just dream; you've got to move. Trust God as you take that next step. Just because people have put labels on you or told you that you could not do so and so, doesn't mean anything if God is in it.

It's like the story of Michael Jordan, who was cut from the varsity team at his high school. His coach said he wasn't good enough, but Michael didn't let that stop him. He just kept working harder until he became one of the greatest ballplayers the NBA has ever had. What if he had listened to that coach that said he wasn't "good enough?" We probably wouldn't even know his name.

God said in **Jeremiah 29:11**, "*For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*" And it's a good one, Driver. **Jeremiah 29:12** says he expects you to pray and call on Him and then He will listen to you!

Ephesians 3:20 says that God is "*able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*" Drivers, I pray that you will allow the Holy Spirit to work in you, and dream big, and pray big God-sized prayers for your life and for the lives of your families. What is a God-sized prayer? That is a prayer that if God doesn't answer it there is no other way for it to happen!

Do not let your past pain or someone else define who you are. If you have given your life to Christ, you are a child of the King and I encourage you to live like it! Believe God and His word for your life. Pray like Jabez and let God grant your request. Dream big!

We here at TMI love Truck Drivers, and you can call us on our prayer line 24/7 at 1-800-248-8662. We want to hear from you. Be blessed, be safe, and remember, we are trucking for Jesus!

Chaplain
Bill



Chaplain Bill Blackmon
President

UPCOMING EVENTS



THANKSGIVING

Knoxville, TN — Our Chaplains will be at the Flying J giving out cookies from approximately **8am-4pm**.

Strawberry Plains, TN — Our Chaplains will be at the Pilot giving out cookies from approximately **8am-4pm**.

CHRISTMAS EVE

San Antonio, TX — The Chapel will be open from **6-9pm**. It will be an Open House, with music, fellowship, and refreshments.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tampa, FL — Chaplains will be at the T/A giving out gifts and goodies from around **11am** until they're gone.

Knoxville, TN — Our Chaplains will be at the Flying J giving out cookies and gifts from around **8am - 4pm**.

Strawberry Plains, TN — Our Chaplains will be at the Pilot giving out cookies and gifts from around **8am - 4pm**.

SUNDAY NIGHT SINGINGS

North Baltimore (OH) Petro
Inside the IHOP — 6pm

10/12 — One Voice / Stan Kline

11/09 — Jake Reel / Homelighters

12/14 — HeartSong / Arnold Coy

IRON SKILLET GIFT CARDS!

Our Chaplains at the **Knoxville, TN Petro** will be handing out \$10 Iron Skillet gift cards to Drivers all during the month of December! (Until they run out, of course.)



Come see our mobile Chapel at:

Stars, Stripes, and White Lines
Truck Show

EchoPark Speedway
(November 7-8 / Hampton, GA)

Fellowship Meeting:
Sunday, 11/9, 10 am @ mobile
Chapel



CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Some years ago I was serving at a Chapel during the week. One morning I opened the Chapel at the usual time and a Driver came in right after me. We introduced ourselves and sat down. He began to share with me that he had parked at that truck stop the night before with the sole intention of shooting himself in the cab of his truck. He was going through some things and had had enough.

As he got ready to end his life, he saw the amber lit cross on the side of the Chapel. As he looked at it, he couldn't pull the trigger. He called a friend of his who told him not to do anything until he had talked with that Chaplain. As he shared what had led him to this point, I was able to share scripture and our Lord's love for him and the gospel. He surrendered

his life to Jesus that day, and I could see the Holy Spirit in him and the change immediately. He was a new creature in Christ and full of joy, hope, and life!

I praise God for that lit cross on the side of the Chapel that night. He was on the doorstep of eternity in hell without Jesus—but God intervened. I will always believe in and support the need to have Chapels, manned as much as possible, permanently placed in truck stops.



Chaplain Monty Baity Robinson, TX



Report From the Field—

Prayer Warriors: Thank you for praying for Truck Drivers and their families.

In our Bible study last night one depressed Driver said, "My truck cab is a prison cell." It's easy to get discouraged, but we must remember that the Lord can turn anything to the good. Paul and Silas turned their prison cell into opportunity by singing praises unto God—and the Philippian jailer was saved along with his family. **(Acts 16:25-34)**

If we know God's purpose and walk in obedience, we have assurance that He will even turn prison cells into something good. **Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."** I'm so glad we were there last night to encourage this young man and point him to Christ. Thank you for praying.

Chaplain Guy Thomas
Kingdom City, MO

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

...you go where the Drivers are & make sure they notice you! That's what Chaplain Dennis De Gloppe did!

Chaplain Dennis is our Team Leader at a Petro in San Antonio, TX. His location—just like the vast majority of our locations—has been experiencing very low attendance. We at TMI have come to the conclusion that there are several factors that play into this — electronic logs (which greatly restrict when and for how long a Driver can stop), the availability of church services online (which does nothing to fill the need for fellowship with other believers), and the general spiritual state of people these days, to name a few.



Not one to give up, Chaplain Dennis decided to tackle yet another element that can hinder attendance — visibility. Earlier this year he took a page from the car dealership playbook and stuck one of those "inflatable arm-flailing tube men" on top of the Chapel!

Another challenge many of our Chaplains face is that as they get older, their health won't let them walk the lot like they used to. Does Chaplain Dennis let that stop him? Nope! He uses his electric scooter to "walk" the lot, passing out Location Guides and inviting Drivers to the upcoming Fellowship Meeting. He even made his own flag to attach to his scooter to increase visibility!

Now that's getting creative!



Ministry Family Happenings

We extend our heartfelt condolences to:

- **Pamela Sue Ford & Family** in the loss of her husband, **Assistant Bill Ford** (Kingman, AZ).
- **Chaplain Steven Barton** (N. Baltimore, OH) & **Family** in the loss of his father, **Richard Barton**.
- **Chaplain Darrell Maxwell** (Joplin, MO) & **Family** in the loss of his mother, **Mrs. Becky Maxwell**.
- **Chaplain Curvie Bryant** (Bucksville, AL) & **Family** in the loss of his granddaughter, **Miss Kalyn Bryant**.
- **Peggy White & Family** in the loss of her husband, former **Chaplain Gene White** (Jackson, GA).

Praise the Lord!

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REMINDER



We want to thank each of you for your giving in 2025. Through your generosity, God has allowed you to minister to thousands of Drivers through more than 50 Chapels in 28 states! Chapels have been repaired and kept up, people have been spiritually fed, and many Drivers have received Bibles, Bible studies, teaching CDs, and many other things. Because of you, Jesus has changed their lives for the better.

We are asking all of you to pray about two things:

1. Giving a year-end gift

- Checks must be dated no later than 12/31/2025 to receive credit for this year!
- Or, you may give online here -- <https://onrealm.org/TMI/give/YearEnd>

2. Partnering with us as a monthly giver for 2026. We cannot accomplish what God is leading us to do if we do not have the funds to do it. Again, thank you so much, and we pray you will have a blessed 2026!

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
Tate Rutherford
Taylor P
Polly Mauthe
Chaplain John Hunter
Jerry
Darby Reynolds
Luke Swartz
Karen Gardner
Suzanne Williams
Billy Jensen
John Deckert

Chaplain Larry & Marlene Wrightsman
Chaplain Gene Gibson
Chaplain Martin Key
Michelle Wright
Family of Bruce Stoecklin
Carole Anne
Paula Combs
Gloria Grubbs
JP (Driver)
Chaplain Aaron McComb
Resa
Shawn
Africa Lockhart
Felicia
Todd Knox
Dennis
Patrick Dolan
Thomas (Driver)
Hester Wells
Jerry Sandoval

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

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.

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- ☐ 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.)*

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(Please give us your mailing address.)

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*(For Truckers & their adult family members.
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