



Noteworthy:

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2017

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2017 REC Weekends
June 23-25
November 17-19

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Words of Blessings: Testimonies from Participants

Since we began REC in the Orange County Jail in 2013, our Team members consisted of basically the ‘Village People’ – that is, members of REC from The Villages and Sumter Co. We didn’t have enough people in our community to make up Teams. But God blessed us and now we have an abundance in our own community! It has been amazing to watch the transformation in our community as well as being part of the Board and on Teams. Witnessing the Residents experience on their weekends has been a joy. Being a Chaplain as well inside, I get to hear their stories of how they were affected and what they are going to do with REC.

Here’s some things they shared:

- “I led another inmate to Christ just two days after the weekend. I never thought I’d do that in a million years”!
- “The REC weekend has become a part of me and I will forever glorify His name”.

- “I know God has given me so many talents and gifts and I’m blessed to have them. I want to use my gifts, and talents for God. I will continue to read my Bible and pray that God guides me in the right path. I will never forget this weekend because I know God loves me even in this place”.
- “I’m a Christian, but I lost my way. The God I love only wants the best for me and now I must do my part in building a relationship with him, our Lord, and Savior”!

As Board Spiritual Director, I pray each of you that has participated in some way in our Community, you were blessed. For those that will participate, I know you will receive blessings beyond what you could ever imagine! I look forward to 2017 as we continue to serve those in the Orange County Jail!

Rev. Tammy Fisher



Members of the December Men’s and Women’s REC Teams

Words of Greeting: A Message from Scott Ziegler

As your new President I am glad to report that your Board has already met in 2017 and is prayerfully engaging in both meeting our responsibilities and expanding into new areas like providing this newsletter you are reading. I am honored to serve with such a talented and committed group of servant leaders who fully embrace the REC mission.

Please read our newsletter and consider ways you can engage with REC such as at the fellowship gathering on February 18, let us know of your interest in an upcoming REC weekend on June 23-25 and November 17-19 at the Orange county Jail, or being on the music team that is being formed. On behalf of the board, thank you for your interest and support, and we look forward to serving with you.

Words of Fellowship: Gathering Update

On Feb 18th GOREC will be hosting a WELL GATHERING. This is our first and we are excited. Please plan to attend.

The festivities start 4:00, and we will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone is asked to bring a covered side dish.

There will be games and fellowship and a little insight

into this wonderful ministry. Plus, there will be a surprise that you won't want to miss!

The place is at the Wendell's at 2555 Palm Ave Oviedo 32765.

Please call 407-416-8206 to RSVP and get directions. Everyone who ever worked an REC Weekend or who has any desire to learn more should plan to attend. We are looking forward to welcoming you!!



Words' Delivery: New Sound System

Nothing is more frustrating than trying to hear a speaker over volume changes and static. REC of Orlando/Central Florida has been in great need for a proper sound system to be used on both the Women's side & the Men's side when doing our Ministry work. Being hindered by technicalities when trying to deliver great news is disheartening.

Because of several generous contributions from people stepping forward to help our needs, as of this past REC Ministry weekend we now have a new PA type sound system! Used it for the 1st time on the Women's side, it

worked incredibly well and sounded magnificent!! All were pleased not only with the performance but also with the easy set-up & operation.

We are now ready to move forward & raise the funds to purchase another similar system for the Men's side. Anyone willing to make a donation toward the cause would be greatly appreciated. Just contact one of the Board members & let them know. It would be nice if we had a new system for the Men's side before our next Ministry weekend in June.

A proper sound system makes so much difference when we are trying to deliver a positive message to the Residents!

This has been needed for a long time as we have just been piecing together our sound system for the past many years. The old systems that were owned by volunteers were not only different & a bit complicated to set-up also didn't provide the best clear sound we would have liked to provide.

Again, a big Thank-you to those responsible for donating to the 1st system but Thank-you ahead of time to those that will contribute to the 2nd system.

Words of Good News: Newsletter Debuts

Welcome to the initial edition of the REC newsletter! Just by clicking on the open command, you now have access to the latest news, testimonies, announcements, and other helpful information for REC of Central Florida.

Now you can stay up to date

on goals, outcomes, activities, weekends, policies, and more in our easy to access bi-annual publication.

Designed to support the REC ministry of helping Orange County jail residents come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, sharing this good news!



Words of Opportunity: Open Positions

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The 2017 Greater Orlando REC Board is off to a great start. All but three positions have been filled by people who have a heart for REC and are passionate for serving and growing this ministry in 2017. We have three open positions. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of them.

Spiritual Director

- attends Community Board meetings
- assist with meditations
- supports the Community Board in its ongoing formation and ministry
- guides lay directors in their selection of clergy for REC weekends
- ensures that REC weekend spiritual directors have met all by-law criteria for service
- attends board training for clergy of the upcoming REC
- participates in REC weekends as their schedule allows

Wheat Room Coordinator

- attends Community Board meetings
- ensures that the required supplies are available for each REC weekend
- keeps an accurate inventory of weekend supplies
- purchases supplies and submits invoices to treasurer for reimbursement
- arranges the catered food for team formation and for the REC weekend
- assists with set-up at church and the facility

Communications Coordinator (this new position is in the process of being developed)

- oversee REC Newsletter
- ensure Web site content is up-to-date and accurate
- investigate other useful communication tools

Please contact Susan Tracy at SusanVTracy@gmail.com if you are interested in serving on the REC board or have any questions.

*“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it”
1 Corinthians 12:27*