



Chapel of Hope

Building on God's Promises

Since Chapel of Hope received approval as an IRS approved 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation in 1995, many generous supporters like you have helped to fund construction of 8 Chapel of Hope chapels in various TDCJ units...



Hutchins State Jail

In a cooperative financial effort of Prestonwood Baptist Church, the Hillcrest Foundation in Dallas, and TDCJ, the first chapel was constructed at the Hutchins State Jail in Dallas in April, 1997.



TDCJ Mark Stiles Unit

In November, 1996, funds were raised by a group of businessmen in Beaumont, led by John Phares, to help fund the chapel construction and purchase of amenities for the third chapel at TDCJ's Mark Stiles Unit in Beaumont. Construction was completed in April, 1999.



Plane State Jail

The fifth chapel was completed in August, 2001, in Dayton and was funded primarily by the TDCJ Jail Division, led by Director Tom Baker, who was inspired by the success of Hutchins State Jail, and a group of ladies from Houston.



TDCJ Murray Unit

The seventh chapel, located in Gatesville, had its first service on Easter Sunday, April, 2003 and was funded primarily by four ladies from the Dallas area and the Hillcrest Foundation.



TDCJ Hughes Unit

In December, 1995, The Kenneth Copeland Ministries donated sufficient funds to Chapel of Hope for the construction of the second chapel located at the Hughes Unit in Gatesville. Construction was completed in June, 1998.



TDCJ Connally Unit

The fourth chapel was completed in August, 1999. The TDCJ Connally Unit in Kenedy was funded by a group of businessmen from Austin, Texas led by Curt Johnson.



Henley Unit

The sixth chapel was established at the Henley Unit in Dayton where a previously unused room in the prison was converted to use as a chapel. Renovation work was initiated by Chaplain Gary Pettigrew and completed in December, 2002.

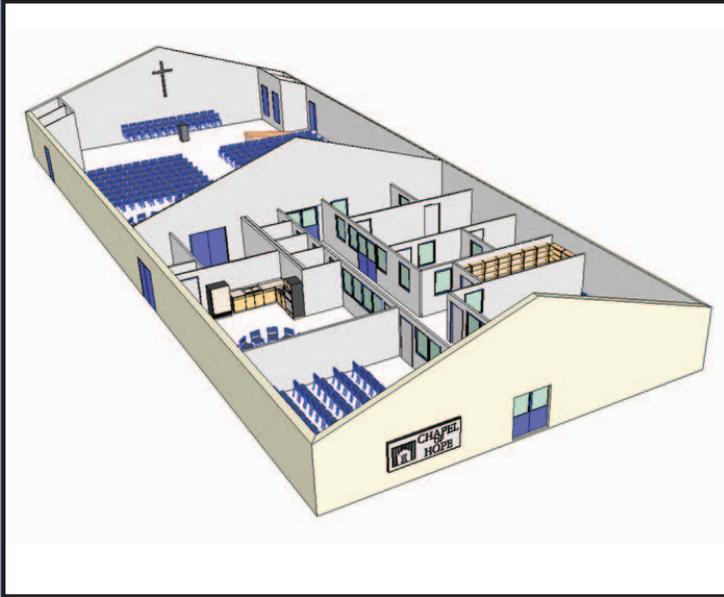


TDCJ Wynne Unit

In December, 2010, in Huntsville, a restoration project for the eighth chapel was completed with the replacement of a severely damaged roof with a steel roof and steel siding to prevent nesting of bats in the chapel. Major grants from two donors, the Hillcrest Foundation, the Church of Latter Day Saints, and several Episcopal churches in Huntsville funded construction.

In the combined eight COH chapels, there will be an estimated 80,000 inmate visits and 15,000 volunteer visits every year for the next 100 years.

Each chapel built by Chapel of Hope includes:



- A sanctuary with a sound system for worship services
- Space for a library
- 3 classrooms
- Offices and work area for chaplains
- 3 to 4 restrooms for chaplains, visitors, and offenders
- A kitchenette for food preparation for programs such as Kairos, Day with Dads, graduation ceremonies, staff training events, etc.
- Storage for chairs, tables, Bibles, books, and educational materials



Built to last 100 years, using steel frame and steel siding on a concrete slab.



Photo by Shay Shelton Hoffman

The Holy Spirit is present in the chapel.

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