



Chapel of Hope

A Spiritual Movement of Restoration

The need for chapels in Texas prisons is even more crucial now that Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has begun an extension program at the Darrington prison unit in Rosharon, Texas. And, it takes a team of Partners to support the TDCJ inmates being trained as “Field Ministers” to Texas prisons.

TDCJ Field Minister’s Seminary
TDCJ Darrington Unit
Rosharon, Texas 77583
Heart of Texas Foundation
www.heartofTexasFoundation.com
Manages and funds seminary

TDCJ Field Ministers Seminary

TDCJ Darrington Unit Seminary is modeled after the Angola Seminary at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, LA which was begun in 1995. After visiting Angola five years ago, Texas State Senators John Whitmire and Dan Patrick were convinced that the same program could be replicated in Texas and help bring about moral rehabilitation through spiritual transformation.

Seminary Professors
Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary
offering 4-year, accredited,
Bachelor of Science in
Biblical Studies.
www.swbts.edu

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

This noted theological seminary launched undergraduate classes at Darrington Unit in 2011 offering a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies to 40 inmates. The program is privately funded by the Heart of Texas Foundation, and upon graduation, the inmate Field Minister will go to other prisons in Texas so they can serve on the staffs of Chaplains and help transform the system from the inside out.

**Prison Chapels for
Training & Worship**
www.Chapelofhope.org
Chapel of Hope Ministries
funds and builds chapels
for all the TDCJ prisons
where Field Ministers will be
assigned to minister to
other inmates.

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Chapel of Hope prison chapels will provide a physical place for the inmate Field Ministers to preach and train other inmates. Activities will include:

- Inmate Bible studies using LifeWay Bible study materials
- Modeling morality classes for inmates
- Chapel services
- One-on-one discipleship counseling and lifting up the morale of offenders

Academic Research
Dr. Byron Johnson
Baylor University
Institute of Studies
of Religion
www.baylor.edu

Baylor University’s Institute for Studies of Religion

Darrington Unit Seminary and Angola Seminary programs are being evaluated in a five-year study by Dr. Byron Johnson of Baylor University’s Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR), who will document the program’s effectiveness and influence of the seminary students after they graduate from Darrington and Angola are sent out as Field Ministers to Texas prisons.

A Spiritual Movement of Restoration

Chapel of Hope Ministries and our partners at the Heart of Texas Foundation (HOT) have joined forces to facilitate a spiritual movement of restoration in Texas prisons. HOT founded and manages the TDCJ seminary for whom Chapel of Hope builds chapels. Our combined mission is to help provide seminary training for “Field Ministers” and provide a place where prisoners can experience true freedom in Christ. This program is endorsed by State of Texas Leadership.

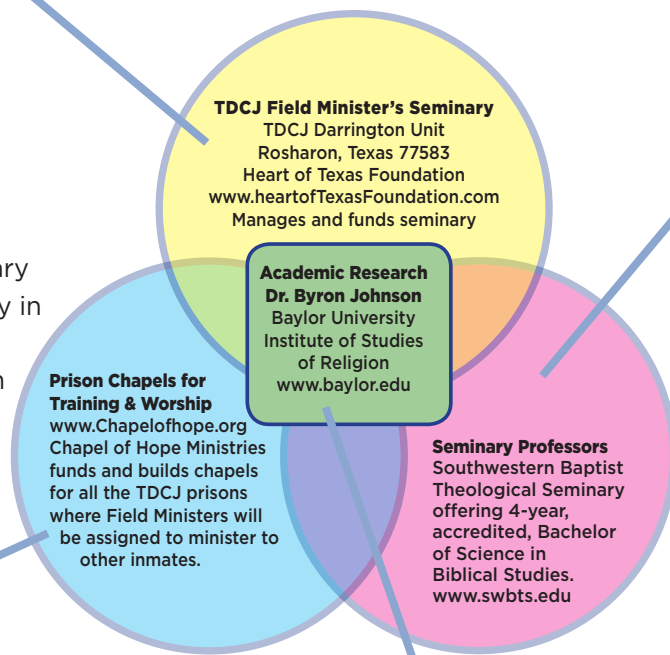


Governor Perry, Senator Whitmire, Senator Patrick and Grover Norwood



The classes of 2015, 2016, 2017

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Dr. Paige Patterson, President Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The seminary provides the professors to teach the future Field Ministers at the Darrington Unit the course requirements to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies.



Frank E. Graham, Jr.
Founder & President

Since Chapel of Hope's founding, under the leadership of Frank, eight chapels have been built in Texas prisons. This is an unmatched achievement anywhere in the world. At this time plans are underway to build two new chapels at the TDCG Allred and Hamilton Units, as part of a larger goal to build chapels in every Texas prison.



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Studies of Religion
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Dr. Byron Johnson of Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR), who will document the program's effectiveness and influence of the seminary students on offenders in Texas and Louisiana.

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