



Chapel of Hope

CHAPEL PROJECT NO. 11
Gurney Chapel
TDCJ Gurney Transfer Unit
Palestine, Texas

Join with Us to Help Build the Next Chapel of Hope at the Gurney Unit!

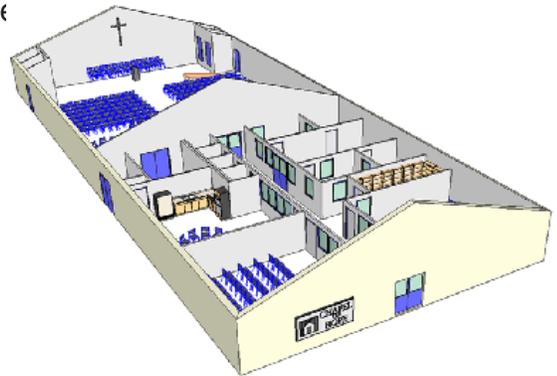


Plans are underway to build Chapel of Hope's 11th prison chapel for up to 2,128 male inmates in this low security correctional facility. Inmates are housed together in dormitories or cubicle housing at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Gurney Transfer Unit in Palestine, Texas.

Every community needs a church, and the Gurney Unit is no different. With the help of prison chaplain staff and other faith-based ministry volunteers, inmates who come to the Gurney Chapel will have a safe and supportive place where they can find Jesus Christ, learn how to be a moral person, and experience spiritual restoration.

The Gurney Chapel, which will be built to the specifications of other

- A sanctuary that seats 350 inmates
- A sound system for worship services
- Chaplain's offices and work area
- Air-conditioning, cold water fountain, baptistry, library
- Kitchenette for Kairos Prison Ministry, Day with Dads, family graduation ceremonies, staff recognition ceremonies, etc.
- 3 classrooms for weekly Bible studies and spiritual training
- 3 Restrooms for staff, visitors, and offenders
- Storage area



But to make the Gurney Chapel a reality and to build the 11th Chapel of Hope in the Texas prison system, we need help from caring friends like you.

Investing in the construction of a new chapel is the only gift that will continue to be used to help save souls and transform lives for the next 100 years.

GIVE TODAY and Help Set the Souls of Inmates Free for Eternity

Each Chapel of Hope has been built by individuals like you who take a step of faith and give financially as God leads.

It will cost \$1.4 million to construct the Gurney Chapel. The cost may be great, but you can't put a price on the cost of a lost soul. Carefully consider the eternal benefits to our families of having a safer community,

because released offenders' lives are transformed into becoming moral men and productive citizens.

With every gift given by generous friends like you, the Gurney Chapel *can* be built as a place to bring about real life transformation.

As you join with other supporters in the private sector to help build the Gurney Chapel, TDCJ will provide building maintenance, utilities, staff chaplains, and access by ministry volunteers as long as the prison exists.

Since prisons seldom close, they are used continuously for more than 100 years. So you can give with confidence knowing that *what you invest today* will help impact lives for generations to come!

“With a Chapel of Hope, Gurney inmates could be baptized and have a place to worship and surrender their wills to God. A place where we can invite God into our hearts.”

— Inmate Shane Springer



To help build the 11th Chapel of Hope prison chapel with your financial donation or to find out more about this faith-led endeavor, please contact:

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Supporters

Wayne Scott, TDCJ Executive Director
Wayne Scott endorsed Chapel of Hope Ministries and encouraged others to support Chapel of Hope Ministries. Mr. Scott presented Frank with the Directors Citation for his service to TDCJ in March, 1997.

Bill Glass

Bill Glass, founder of CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE honored Frank Graham, November 12, 2008 as a “Champion for Life” because of Frank’s willingness to live a life of sacrificial giving exhibited by (his) passion to bring people into the Kingdom. “We thank you for what you have meant to each of us personally and to the multitudes that have been blessed.”

Dr. Henry Blackaby

Dr. Henry Blackaby, who wrote *Experiencing God*, inspired Frank to tackle a mission so big that only God’s provision could accomplish the project. Dr. Blackaby came to the Hughes Unit to preach and express his support for Chapel of Hope to build a chapel at the prison.

Testimonials

“Chapel of Hope makes it possible for prisoners in our Texas prisons to experience the love and the grace of Jesus Christ. I believe in this ministry, and I am thankful for Frank Graham.”

—Dr. Jack Graham,
Senior Pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, Texas

“The Chapel of Hope is a chapel of change because it introduces these [inmates] to the Christ that we know and love as our Lord and Savior... Not only do they have the chance to meet Him, but they also have the encouragement of being able to worship on a regular basis.”

—Zig Ziglar,
author and motivational speaker

“The chapel has been a place where I can come to fellowship with people that I can trust and a place where I feel at ease and I can feel God and the Holy Spirit and I can just feel like a real Christian.”

—Lawrence Martinez, inmate,
Texas Department of Criminal Justice