



## ELEVEN types of Walls that close us in and want us to not walk with God

**1 - Prison can lock up the body,** but it can never lockup a spiritual walk with Christ.

John 8:36, *“So if the Son sets you free, you WILL be free indeed.”*

**2 - Hospital beds can be a place of fear and dread.**

When we are walking in faith, God will say, *“I have this,”* It is then you can sleep like a baby at night. Psalm 41:1-3, *“Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble.”*

**3 - Disconnected faith in God,** when you are on the front row of church, living outside of God’s plan for salvation and as lost as a person can be. Matthew 6:33-34, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

**4 - School should be a place of learning** and expression for children, but to those who are bullied, it can be severe torture. Joshua 1:9, *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

**5 - I have heard people say, “I hate my job** and it is so hard to go to work everyday. My job is so bad, that I just as well be in a dungeon with a pit of snakes snapping at me.” Colossians 3:22-24, *“Slaves (employees), obey your earthly masters (employers) in everything; and do it.”*



## Culture Shock series beginning at EDCF

— by Lynn Everett McBride —

During our Tuesday night study, we will be showing the 20-25 minute DVD and then break into small groups of 5-15 men.

This gives the opportunity for the inmates to discuss these issues, that are not often talked about.

We have already had several say how excited they are to begin this study on June 29.

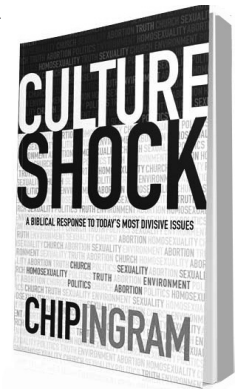
*Culture Shock* DVD and book series seeks to address many hot topics in the world today that we as Christians struggle to talk about, and even think about, in a meaningful, God-honoring way.

We live in a culture where issues like sex, homosexuality, abortion, the environment, and the church and politics are front and center.

In this six part *Culture Shock* DVD, you will discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today.

This six part study includes:

- What Ever Happened to Right and Wrong?
- The Search for Truth About Sex
- What Do You Say To A Gay Friend?
- Understanding Abortion Today
- The Church and the Environment
- The Church and Politics



# Volunteer Training

## IT HAS HAPPENED!

The volunteer Bible Study program, Sunday evening worship service and Celebrate Recovery have been reinstated as of June 1, 2021.

Programs are moving along as inmates are re-acclimated to attending. It is much like churches, where the people have not been in attendance for a year.

Match2 Mentoring (M2) will begin in July, August, or later, depending on Covid-19 Regulated Mask Mandate.

The visitation room is limited to 20-35 visits, but Match2 can and does run more than that.

## NEXT Training to be announced

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Training is YET to be SCHEDULED

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## Why has the Lord done such a thing?

**Glenn Lygrisse**

*Bible teacher at his church and online devotional thoughts. Glenn is also part of the Match2 mentoring and former president of Central Kansas Prison Ministry.*

**Scripture:** 1 Kings Chapter 9; 2 Chronicles Chapter 8, “Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and to this temple?” People will answer, “Because they have forsaken the LORD their God,”

1 Kings 9:8B & 9A NIV

**Comment:** When we observe the chaos around us, we may be tempted to ask, “What happened?” These verses state both the question and the answer.

While God is “in the business” of saving individuals, it is also true that when nations, people groups and yes, individuals, forsake God, the eventual reality is not good.

Individuals may not experience the results of their rebellion this side of death, when we observe the wholesale rejection of God and His precepts, we see evil, chaos, destruction and oppression.

God’s eternal laws are manifested in today’s headlines.

**Prayer thought:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to be personally true and able to speak the truth.

## Match2 (M2) Visitation Schedule

The Match2 Mentoring will begin depending on Covid regulations.

Watch the next few newsletters and emails.



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**6 - Pastors feel they have received a call** from God to minister to people. But when a congregation turns against the pastor and one board member has assumed the role of destroying him, it is no longer a ministry; it is an endurance marathon that drains. Hebrews 13:17, “*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls.*”

**7 - Couples can find themselves living together,** but not loving together. Genesis 2:24, “*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*”

**8 - When couples begin to have trouble communicating,** they soon begin stacking bricks of suspicions. These bricks begin to stack up, until there is a wall between them. Hebrews 13:6, “*So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?’*”

**9 - Locked inside the four walls of unforgiveness and grudge holding.** Unforgiveness will destroy your life and damage everyone you come in contact with. Romans 12:19, “*Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.*”

**10 - Suicide is a prison that Satan uses** to get people to end their lives and not walk in the path God has provided. This is the number one lie of Satan and a trick to get people to end their lives before they are affective for Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:17, “*If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple(your body) is sacred, and you together are that temple.*”

**11. Depression is the dark hole** that causes a person’s focus to change. (Lifeway) Depression is not simply a medical problem or a mental problem, depression often is a being human problem. Matthew 22:39, “*Love your neighbor as yourself.*”

## Upcoming Projects at the El Dorado Facility

Can you believe, it has been 11 years since we took occupancy of the *Spiritual Life Center Chapel*?

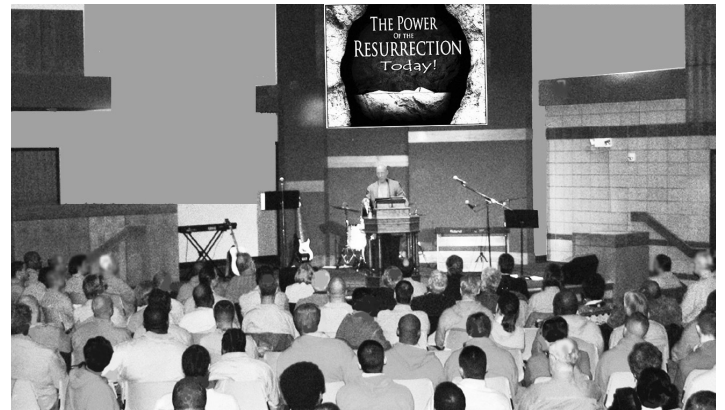
When the facility was built and the sanctuary equipped, it was the latest and greatest technology for that year.

But, that was yesterday and today the world of technology has changed.

We began in 2010, with the standard square video screen and 2007 *Easy Worship* software, for showing videos and words to music.

Today, everything has gone wide screen for the Christian movies and the *Easy Worship* software has been updated twice since we began.

So, where does that leave us? Outdated.



As you can see, in this picture of the sanctuary, the overhead video screen is square, plus we never purchased a screen and projector for the back.

We have installed a small projector and focusing it on the back wall, which at best, it is better than nothing.

It is the plans of the *Central Kansas Prison Ministry* board to replace the current projector, with a wide screen model, the drop down screen to match up and a flat screen monitor on the back wall. This will not require any additional wiring.

Finally, if the Lord wills and the finances come, we would like to install three television cameras to broadcast services live to the cell-houses, for men who are in segregation and cannot attend services or studies.

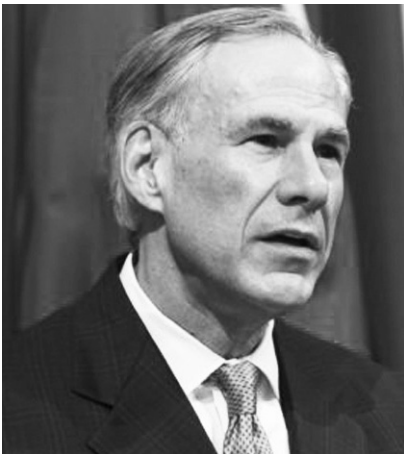
It will not have any recording equipment, but live stream to these units.

**As to the cost.** We are estimating around \$30,000 or more for both projects.

God is faithful, he will provide through His people.

# Texas Governor signs law to prohibit the shutting down of churches

FOX News



Texas Governor Greg Abbott

Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed a law prohibiting government agencies and officials in the state from ordering churches and other houses of worship to close.

The Lone Star State's governor announced the move in a tweet on

Tuesday, pledging that Americans' First Amendment freedoms would be protected in the state by prohibiting the government from issuing orders that "close or have the effect of closing places of worship in the state."

"I just signed a law that prohibits any government agency or public official from issuing an order that closes places of worship," Abbott said in the tweet. State Rep. Scott Sanford – a Republican from the Dallas area – filed the bill, HB 1239, which states a "government agency or public official may not issue an order that closes or has the effect of closing places of worship in the state or in a geographic area of the state."

"Churches provide essential spiritual, mental and physical support in a time of crisis," Sanford said about the bill, which passed the Texas House in April. "Closing churches not only eliminated these critical ministries and services, but it violated their religious freedom, guaranteed by our laws and Constitution."

About one year ago, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Abbott issued an executive order that shut down Texas, including houses of worship as they were deemed nonessential.

As a result of the order, the governor was sued and encouraged by faith leaders to reopen houses of worship across the state and categorize them as essential. Abbott later reversed the order.

# Kansas Near Zero Inmate Covid Cases



Currently, across the State of Kansas, there is only one documented inmate case of Covid.

Inmate population, family visitation and volunteer response will soon completely return to normal.

As of right now, there are still mask mandates in place, and administrative personal, officers, and individuals coming into the facility recognize the process and progress.

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