

Pastor-Teacher, Ron McMurray (rmac@colfax.com)

PURPOSE STATEMENT

I desire to use my training as pastor-teacher and my counseling skills to help those who are suffering and in need in the community. I hope to direct those in need to the spiritual resources that will enable them to cope with their present crises, recover, and lead productive lives before the Lord. My ultimate goal is to explain and demonstrate the love and compassion of Christ by sharing the Gospel and the Word of God.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

I am trained in Free Grace Dispensational Theology that emphasizes personal responsibility for our thoughts, speech, and actions before our Holy God. I teach the Bible line by line and the categories of truth when they are mentioned in a passage of scripture. I also teach topically when necessary to cover a subject of material. I use the tools of power point presentations and an overhead projector to assist in teaching God's Word.

My thirty-five years of pastoral work experience has brought me into contact with people from all walks of life. In thirty-five years of experience as a minister, I have worked with people in many different settings, circumstances and crises. I have sought to help them orient to their present situations, resolve conflicts, seek God's will, and live according to His divine standards.

I also serve as the full time Chaplain for the Whitman County Sheriff's Office. This ministry is supported by the prayers and donations from churches, organizations, businesses and individuals.

As Chaplain, I have daily contact with the Sheriff's Office administration and deputies. My role is to help my co-workers cope with the stress of their daily work. I ride along with the deputies and have meals with them almost daily. In this way I better understand their pressures and try to help them with their difficult career in law enforcement.

I have been a Reserve Deputy since 2001. I patrol the roadways of Whitman County and offer back up for the deputies and the State Patrol. Reserve Deputy work enables me to identify with the stresses and dangers of police work. I understand how the deputies feel about the situations they are involved with and seek to encourage them.

HISTORY OF MINISTRY

1998-January/Present Whitman County Sheriff's Office Chaplain, Washington

Duties As Chaplain

- Provide a pastoral presence in the Sheriff's Office and Jail
- Listen to and offer counsel to deputies, jail staff, and inmates.

- Counsel victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and those suffering in times of tragedy and loss.
- Refer victims to Alternative to Violence, Child Protective Services, Spiritual leaders, Hospital staff, and Care Providers.
- Counsel inmates on how to change and gain control of their lives by attacking the roots of their problem.
- Offer assistance to fire houses in critical incidents.
- Work with Alternative To Violence and Violence Against Women agencies.
- Attend the Colfax Ministerial Association meetings and work with pastors on community projects.
- Speak in Churches and community organizations to represent the chaplain's work.
- Make death notifications and offer brochures and help to the grieving family.
- Oversee Bible Studies in the County Jail.
- Volunteer as a hospital chaplain at Whitman Community Hospital.

**1998 - July/ Present - Grace Bible Church of Pullman,
Pastor-Teacher**

1976 to 1978 Preston City Bible Church in Preston, Connecticut, Pastor-Teacher

EDUCATION

1999.2001 Trinity Biblical University

Fairfield, California

Master's Degree Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

1984-1991 Eastern Connecticut State University

B.A. in History with a Minor in Social Sciences

1972-75 Ekklesia Seminary, Grace Bible Church

Brookings, Oregon