

# STATE OF REC REPORT

by Dionne Fields, Treasurer

Balance of REC treasury as of June 1, 2011: \$2,327.63  
Estimated total annual expenses: \$5,519.00

REC is holding its own financially. God is gracious and providing for REC. Listed below are the expenses REC entails:

1. American Mini Storage for supplies and equipment is \$1,300.00 annually. REC pays semi-annually for the unit. We have relinquished the trailer parking space at American Mini Storage to save money. The trailer now resides with Allen and Karen Tipton in Bardstown.
2. Tent for Atwood: \$1,320.00. Tent costs have increased this year. We have used the Summertime Tents company for many years, the most reasonable in the area.
3. PortaPotties: \$210.00. These are a must for the Atwood Walks.
4. Bibles: \$490.00. Bibles are a big expense for REC—they must be shrink-wrapped for FMC and Atwood. We do occasionally receive donations for Bibles.
5. Aramark Food Service for Blackburn: \$150.00. This expense is for cake and ice cream for the residents on the Saturday night fiesta and meals for the team.
6. T-Shirts: \$200.00 - \$400.00. This is an intermittent expense and varies depending upon inventory.
7. Supplies: \$1,000.00. This includes supplies for the walks and other events, including but not limited to, folders, markers, pencils, paper, items for dying moments, coffee, condiments, cards, party items, Subway lunches prior to each walk, etc.
8. Post Office Box Rental Fee: \$70.00 annually.
9. Love Offering: \$100.00 annually. This is for the use of Immanuel Baptist Church facilities and hospitality (coffee, ice, paper products, etc.) provided church is reserved for walks.
10. Copyright License: \$104.00
11. Annual State Report: \$15.00

Team fees incurred from walks (FMC, Atwood and Blackburn) annually are estimated to be \$3,900.00. God has provided and we are grateful for His providence. Over the last year, we've had generous donations given to REC. Any donation will be humbly and graciously accepted. To help with expenses without increasing team fees, we are asking that out of town folks serving on an REC weekend stay with REC volunteers living in Lexington. If you do not wish to stay with a volunteer, the board respectfully requests that out of town volunteers pay for their own hotel rooms.

Although money is tight due to the weakened economy, we continue to serve God with a grateful heart. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dionne Fields at 502-604-3076.

## Residents Encounter Christ



Spring/Summer 2011

## REC REUNION PICNIC

Friday, July 29

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Immanuel Baptist Church

Picnic Pavilion

Bring a potluck dish. Hot dogs,  
hamburgers, buns and condiments  
will be provided.

Everyone welcome!

R.S.V.P. to Dianna Layne at [DiannaL@ibc-lex.org](mailto:DiannaL@ibc-lex.org) or (859) 771-1084.



Immanuel Baptist Church is located at  
3100 Tates Creek Road in Lexington.  
For driving directions, visit [www.ibc-lex.org](http://www.ibc-lex.org)  
and click on the "About Immanuel" tab.

Bluegrass REC is on the web!

Visit [www.bluegrassrec.org](http://www.bluegrassrec.org) for the most current information,  
manuals, walks, formation meetings, photos, and more.

# SPOTLIGHT ON the PRISON LIAISON

Carolyn Wyckoff, REC Chair and Prison Liaison



Did you know that there is a position in REC called Prison Liaison?

For the last several years, I have been honored to represent this organization in that capacity, as well as being the chair of the REC Board. Anyone who has been involved with the ministry knows that being adaptable and flexible is essential in this service, and that is especially true in the role of liaison. Rules and regulations can change overnight—and sometimes, even if the rules do not change, a new person in the position can interpret the rules differently.

Though it hasn't been written anywhere previously, I see the primary responsibility of the Liaison to keep communication open between our REC community and the staff for each of the prisons we serve. That this communication be positive and accommodating is understood. So, my first goal is to protect the REC community and the relationship with each prison to ensure, as much as possible, that we are always welcome at these facilities.

Since many of you might not be aware of the position, you would not know of the responsibilities associated with it. Here is a basic list. It is by no means intended to be comprehensive, but might help you if you chose to serve as Lay Director on a walk or have questions about additional services at a prison where you would want to go as a member of REC.

- Act as intermediary between prison personnel and REC
- Coordinate training dates and get information out to volunteers
- Get names of people attending training and provide to the prison
- Assist in getting badges secured
- Request walk dates and confirm that they are on the calendar
- Write letter to the warden requesting permission to conduct walk
- Provide security clearance forms to prison for new and unbadged volunteers
- Get approval for items that are taken into the prison
- Provide team list to prison prior to walk
- Get wheat approved; notify Lay Director and wheat team of any non-approved items
- Blackburn - arrange for meal service and cake/ice cream for Saturday night
- Blackburn - provide memo that includes names of Love Walk participants to chaplain for approval
- FMC/Atwood - coordinate and work with wheat team for delivery of materials/equipment on Thursday before the walk and pick up on Monday after the walk
- Submit memos listing volunteers each month prior to the reunions

If you have any issues you wish to discuss, including questions about a more active role in the prison, please contact Carolyn at (859) 433-6317 or [cwyckoff@sbgnet.com](mailto:cwyckoff@sbgnet.com).

# BLACKBURN and FMC WALKS REPORT

by Steve Ball, Lay Director

This year we tried something new! We combined the Blackburn & FMC teams for both walks, saving time and team members. This actually went rather smoothly. Some people were not able to serve on both walks, but with a little coordination, we overcame.

## BLACKBURN

The team was well prepared, with 24 members and 5 rookies. One team member worked with the chaplain to insure smooth coordination between the REC program and the prison's needs. This worked extremely well and the chaplain suggested that we do this for future walks. The men at Blackburn, as well as the team members, were richly blessed. It was obvious that many hearts had been softened by the Holy Spirit. What an awesome sight it is when God moves in the hearts of men in a place where hope is a word not often spoken. Saturday evening was an absolute party! Only God could have orchestrated the spirit of the entire group. The men were asked to perform, so they picked up their instruments and gave back some of the joy that filled their hearts. Words cannot describe the wonderful experience. Everyone was truly touched by the outpouring of love. Some shared their personal stories as they told us how much the weekend meant to them. God so richly blessed all of us—those that serve, as well as those who are served.

## FMC

I don't mind telling you that out of the three prisons where I've served, this is my favorite and where I feel the most connected. There is a strong body of

men there that maintain their faith as they push themselves and others to a higher understanding of God. At FMC, men are trained by the more mature Christians to carry on the traditions of the faith. As the more spiritually mature men get out, the younger ones step up and take the lead and it amazes me how flawlessly it happens. The chaplains and staff were instrumental in making this walk smooth, eliminating obstacles and making things happen in such a way that the team felt appreciated.

The team consisted of 26 well-prepared members. All went smoothly until Sunday morning. Half of the team got through the gate before the lock malfunctioned. So half of the team was now inside the prison with the other half not able to enter. After waiting for awhile at McDonalds, we were allowed to enter through the back gate. Because of the experience level and the depth of the REC team, the members got the day's program started, and all went as planned. Thanks, team! As Lay Director, I find it hard sometimes to get a real feel for what God is doing during the weekend. I realized during the first reunion meeting how much God had done during the weekend. Some of the comments made by the residents made it clear to me that they received God's blessing beyond measure.

For some of the comments shared by residents during the weekend, visit [www.bluegrassrec.org](http://www.bluegrassrec.org).

