



The WINGS Flyer #5

WINGS Ministry
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Winter 2005

Wings Christmas Parties—YDDC (Youth Development & Diagnostic Center)



Live Nativity—Mary, Joseph & baby Jesus.
Shepherds, sheep, cows, & many angels!

Wings for L.I.F.E.

Catholic Center— Sandia Room

**4000 St. Josephs Place, NW
St. Pius HS**

I-40 W to N Coors, right on St. Josephs Place
to Catholic Center

Sundays 6:30—8:00 PM

Albuquerque

Feb. 13, 2005 Apr. 17, 2005

Feb. 27, 2005 May 1, 2005

Mar. 13—TBA May 15, 2005

Apr. 3, 2005 May 29—TBA

Grants Women's Prison

♥ Valentine's Day Party ♥

Feb. 19, 2005

Party 1:00—4:00 PM

Carpool from Albuquerque—10:00 am

Meet Central United Methodist

Reservations—Call 291-6412

**Las Cruces Bus—Reservations required
Call Karma Brewster at 1-505-267-5413**

**Guests MUST register at prison with
Chaplain Shirley Compton.**

Wings Volunteers needed!

You are invited!

Wings Easter Party March 19

Central United Methodist

1516 Copper NE

**I block N of Central across from
UNM on University**

2-4 set-up & training

4-6:30 Party

For the whole family!

Pizza—Easter Eggs—Fun!

Casual clothes.

Please RSVP 291-6412.

Upcoming Dates & Events:

- Feb. 19—Grants Women's Valentine's Day Prison Party
- March 19—Easter Party—Albuquerque
- April 23—Las Cruces Minimum Restrict Prison Party
- May 10—Meeting Guideposts Magazine, Pawling, NY
- May 11—NJ Probation/Parole, Patterson, NJ
- May 15—American Jail Association (AJA) National Convention—Kansas City

What's New on the Website:

- 2005 Calendar of events
- Invitations to upcoming parties—download for church groups & guests
- Wings Board Minutes
- New photos

God is Faithful

I Corinthians 1:9 says, "God is Faithful. He is the one who has called you to share life with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." All I have to do is look back on 2004 and see what God has done and I can echo these words.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to provide Wings volunteers who are generous and loving servants.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to bless the Wings Parties in Albuquerque as well as El Paso and Las Cruces.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to open doors to Juvenile facilities around the state,

GOD IS FAITHFUL to build a community through Wings for L.I.F.E. and build memories with outings, camping, hiking, and community service.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to open doors to prisons around New Mexico: Wings Prison Parties were held in Grants Women's Prison, Santa Rosa and Los Lunas and visits were made in the Grants Women's and Grants Men's, Las Cruces, Los Lunas, Santa Rosa, Roswell, Hobbs, Santa Fe and the Bernalillo Co. M.D.C.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to spread the word about the Wings Ministry in Atlantic City and Newark, New Jersey, Arizona, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Massachusetts, and South Carolina.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to spread the word to Parole Boards, the American Corrections Association (ACA), American Jail Association (AJA), NM State Corrections Dept., NM Children Youth and Family Dept., Chaplains, prison volunteers, churches, and individuals through radio, TV, and print.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to meet the financial needs of a full time employee and additional parties.

GOD IS FAITHFUL to provide for the Wings Ministry with a Foundation, run by the New Mexico Christian Community Foundation (NMCCF), which has the long-term purpose to

fund His work through the ministry of Wings.

Deuteronomy 32:4 reminds us that He is like a rock. What He does is perfect. He is a faithful God who does no wrong. He is right and fair.

The NMCCF has designated the *Wings Ministry as a community treasure* and points to the Wings Ministry as a *reputable example of Christian work here in Albuquerque.*

I look back to marvel at God's provision and see where He has taken us over the last year.

I look forward with excitement as we seek God's direction for our ministry in 2005 and beyond. GOD IS FAITHFUL!

Tracey Meisenheimer

The New Mexico Christian Community Foundation (NMCCF) can offer financial planning advice if you are facing a substantial tax liability.

Their challenge to you:

Allow the Wings Foundation to compete with the U.S. government for your tax dollars.

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Thanksgiving Day Dinner—November 25, 2004



Photos—Top to Bottom

FUN for all!

Family, loved ones, and new friends — Some of the volunteer cook team — Feathers of “thanks” — “Turkeys” of all sizes!

What a marvelous way to spend Thanksgiving by reaching out to people who really had no place to go on this family oriented holiday. That is exactly what about 50 volunteers from the Wings Ministry and the Albuquerque Bible College did this past Thanksgiving.

We gathered together at the Trinity United Methodist Church and had a wonderful meal, prepared by our dedicated volunteers. The church allowed us to utilize their fellowship hall and their well equipped kitchen at no charge and we deeply appreciate the support of Pastor Tom Beach and his congregation for this expression of love and support.

We fed over 250 people and were blessed by the food items that were donated by many caring people. Crafts were set up for the children and a special message was provided by Darrell Mason, a former inmate and drug dealer who was converted while serving time in prison in Texas.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Collins, Wings Board Member & President of Albuquerque Bible College

Wings Christmas Parties—YDDC (Youth Development & Diagnostic Center) Two Parties in One Day—Dec. 20, 2004—Albuquerque



Singing, volunteers,
pizza, Guideposts
sweaters & maga-
zines, sheep, angels,
cookie decorating,
cards, new friends,
Wise Men, FUN,
LOVE & Memories!



Letter from an inmate – edited briefly

I am currently incarcerated in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I currently have a 30 year sentence. That means I have to do 1/2 of my sentence before I am eligible for parole, not guaranteed that I will make parole. I am incarcerated for the 1st Degree Felony offense of Aggravated Robbery W/Deadly Weapon. (BB Pistol). This letter is for all you folks that haven't made the mistake of committing a crime.

Back in March 2001, I stole a diamond ring from a person who is very dear to me. I needed money for alcohol. I went to the nearest awn shop & using my ID, pawned the diamond ring. After the fact, I had felt guilty about taking the ring, so I admitted to taking it... on March 15, 2001 I was arrested & taken to Harris County Jail. At this time I was 19 years old, first time in jail & I did not have a clue to what to expect... At the age of 19 I was charged with my 1st felony charge...which is punishable by 180 days-2 years in a State Jail Facility. Kiddie Jail. I received 4 years Probation w/ stipulation that I had to complete a 4-month Boot Camp...I excelled in boot camp & was made Squad Leader. I was in charge of 12 men...a total of 7 1/2 - 8 months locked up, & away from my family. That whole time I was called by my last name & my SPN# (System Personal Number).

I met my probation officer. I was then given fee's to pay, Community Service, AA/NA meeting's I was required to attend, told where to go to give my blood so they would have a copy of my DNA on file, where to go to get my Probation ID card, & a meeting date to come back and see my probation officer. Well I started off pretty good... At that time I was driving a F150 given to me by my parents to get to where I needed to go... I veered off to wanting to go out with my buddies & chase women. I got to where I just wanted to go to clubs & try to show off. (this) got me into trouble with my family and had my truck taken away from me...I was late to my probation appointment. That went into my file. After that I said "Forget Probation". Let me tell you something, Texas will not forget you.

After I said forget probation, that's when the crimes started being committed. I started writing hot checks that had my name on them (Dad's) so I could use my Driver's License to cash them. I started out small to see if I could actually cash them. The first one was \$75.00.

I successfully cashed that one. I took a giant step after that. The next one was for \$700.00. I thought this was too easy. It got easier. I

\$ 600.00. After that I started staying in hotels & drinking a lot of alcohol.

Then one night we took a car and were arrested. I was originally charged with UUMV, forgery, & evading arrest w/motor vehicle. Then later I was charged with Aggravated Robbery W/Deadly Weapon (BB PISTOL). I was looking at 5-99 or Life in Prison. I was in county jail for 3 months before I was bonded out. I was doing very well until I was introduced to a friend of a friend & we were going out to a club one night & the unfortunate happened. Another robbery. This time it was not aggravated. That means we did not have guns. I was later arrested and taken back to jail. I spent 2 years in county going to court and trials.

On the 1st trial I was given 30 years aggravated. Then the 2nd trial I was given 30 years aggravated. The Judge stacked my time, which means I have to serve 30 years before I am eligible for Parole. Real fun, HUH? No, it's not!

Let me tell you something you may or may not know about county jails & prison. County jail is nasty & dirty. You are very slowly taken through the booking process. First, a pat search to make sure you have not brought anything restricted into jail. Next are various locations in the booking center - photo's & fingerprints, questions about this and that. You are put into a small room with about 150-300 people that are nasty, dirty, drunk, high, gay, straight, white, black, Spanish, or Asian. They do not care who you are or what you're charged with. They are there for themselves. Then you are rushed through a nasty shower where you have to shower w/o shower shoes, the same shower where Houston's dirtiest people shower. Then you get up to your floor & find yourself a bunk. You live with about 20-48 people.

Now prison is a little different. They herd you into a small room like cattle & make you get rid of all your clothes. Then you are thoroughly searched by correctional officers. You are now the property of Texas. Welcome to prison. Oh... Did I mention you have to stand around bare naked for about 4 hours while you are processed into prison? Due to my tattoos, they confirmed me as an Aryan Brotherhood Gang Member. I have a swastika & lightning bolts on my left forearm. I was told if I put those on in

county I would be protected. Those tattoos earned me the right to live in a 7' X 12' cell 23 hours a day. We are allowed 1 hour of

recreation per day & I shower a day. I bet you're thinking, how much fun!!!!

No, it's a living Hell.

So all of you thinking it's cool to drink underage & party & ignore your parents, the ones who love you the most, look where it got me. I thought I could handle it also. Boy, was I wrong. Do me a favor - listen to your parents. They know what they are talking about. Although it may not seem "fun" to listen to your parents right now, it will lead you to a healthy & productive life in the long run. And it will keep you out of prison counting down 30 years; all because I wanted to drink alcohol & be "cool". It's not worth it.

Now I would give anything to take it all back, but now I have to count my days till I can get HOME.



**Susan Rudd & Jennifer Garlick,
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Thanks ladies!



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Angels at YDDC Christmas Wings Party

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- —\$50 feeds pizza to 40
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