

Out of Bounds Report

Fathers and Brothers,

This past year has been very busy. I continue to be the State Chaplain for Mississippi Army and Air Guard. This role has me in an administrative seat. I am responsible for interviewing potential Chaplain and Chaplain Candidates. I've interviewed two Chaplain Candidates who are ready to take the step to Chaplain. We are now waiting for their paperwork to go through. I was involved in the Adjutant Generals First Annual Prayer breakfast on the 172nd Air Base. I organized a meeting with all Army and Air Guard Chaplain and Chaplain Assistants for a day at Camp Shelby. I continue to lead services at joint Force Headquarters during drill weekends and am involved as needed in counseling, visitation Strong Bond events. This will come to an end in October. I turn 60 and that is my Mandatory Retirement Date.

I have been involved at Providence Presbyterian Church as Sunday school teacher. The last Sunday school series was on World Views. I taught one on Islam and one on the first 11 chapters of Genesis. I plan on teaching a series on Apologetics and then one on Outreach in the coming months. I took a course with John and Matt on Everyday Evangelism and led a couple in EE. My wife and I have been involved in a Community group in our church for a while.

I started as a part time instructor in the Belhaven Aspire program. I taught two courses. One on New Testament Survey and the other called Kingdom Life. They are broken down into modules of five weeks. I meet with the class once a week for four hours an evening for the five weeks. It is a challenge to learn the material well enough and organize it to teach as well as deal with the students and their problems. They are already tired from a full day of work as well as dealing with their own families. Then they come in to face New Testament or Kingdom Life. Hopefully I'll teach some other classes such as Old Testament or Christian Interpretation.

I've been involved with Crosswinds Foundation for Faith and Culture. The ministry is headquartered in Birmingham Alabama. The head of Crosswinds is helping me put together CrossSwords Connection. (Go to <http://CrossSwords.org>. Watch the trailer for the PTSD documentary) this is a ministry to reach out to veterans by engaging churches to get involved. We are working on a project about PTSD. We are developing two DVD's. The first is educational on PTSD. We interviewed many vets and those who are helping vets. We want to get this in the hands of pastors, churches, Chaplains and anyone interested. The second DVD will be about why churches are needed in the fight. Many vets live in small communities away from the VA and resources to help them. We believe that if churches are aware of problems vets face then they might be able to step in and help them or at least try to connect them with someone who can. This is a mission field in your community.

Finally, I am the chairman for the Mission to the Military committee. I will be able to incorporate all I've learned from other endeavors to help promote the Chaplaincy in our Presbytery and our denomination.

Blessings in Jesus,

TE Don Malin