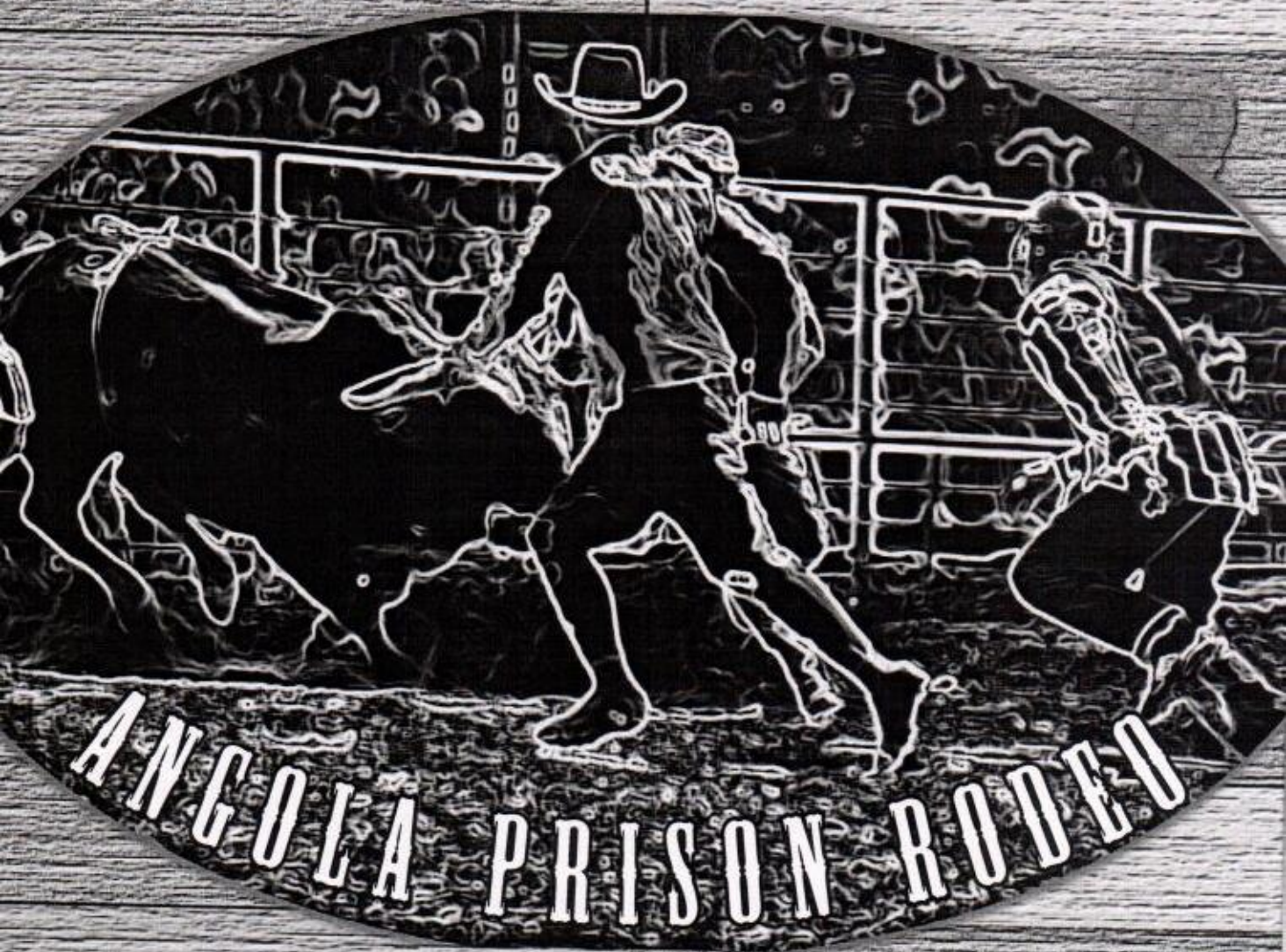


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One Prison, One Weekend, 20,000 People
One Unforgettable Experience

Legacies to lives well lived

NOBTS Extension Center renamed for philanthropist; pastors' library dedicated

The word “hospitality” usually brings to mind thoughts of opening one’s home and hearth to guests. But the Greek translation of “hospitality” goes much deeper. It means “love of strangers”—the act of contributing to people estranged from their culture, country, friends, family or their creator.



In April, a special renaming ceremony and dedication service were held in the Tudy Chapel in honor of the late Joan Horner, founder and owner of Premier Jewelers in Dallas, Texas, and Dr. John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church and president of The Master’s College and Seminary in Sun Valley, California.

Recognized for their focused, determined hospitality to the Angola prison community, the Angola Extension Center of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) was officially renamed the Joan Horner Center of the NOBTS, and the prison officially opened the Dr. John MacArthur Pastors’ Library to support the work of inmate ministers and pastors.

In attendance for the ribbon-cutting and service with NOBTS students and graduates were Joan Horner’s husband, Andy Horner;

Attending ceremonies renaming the Angola campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for his late wife Joan, Andy Horner (left) receives a plaque in recognition of the event from Angola Warden Burl Cain

Horner family members Tim, Andrea and Peggy; Jewel Jones, former lead singer of the 1950s American "doo-wop" group, The El Dorados; George Lawson, a graduate of The Master's Seminary; evangelist Anastasios (Tom) Mahairas, pastor of Manhattan Bible Church in New York; Marty Raybon, formerly of the Grammy-winning country music group Shenandoah; and Dr. Lance Quinn, pastor of Bible Church of Little Rock, Arkansas. "Joan loved you guys so much and I want to thank you all for your love," Andy Horner said. "And I also want to thank you for Warden Cain, who we met many years ago, and how God has used this relationship to reach your children for his glory."

The children of prisoners are society's hidden victims. For



Above: Son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Andrea Horner, arrive at the Tudy Chapel. **Below:** NOBTS Director John Robson accompanies Andy Horner to the ribbon-cutting

some, behavioral problems, depression and low self-esteem are just part of the yoke they bear. Thanks to the Horner's efforts to show these children a different view of life, they have sent approximately 90 teenagers, a majority of them children of Angola's NOBTS Extension Center students and inmate fathers involved in the prison's Malachi Dads program, to a Christian summer camp at Schroon Lake, New York. For the past five years they have boarded an airplane with eight to 10 chaperons from the Angola staff and flown to Word of Life

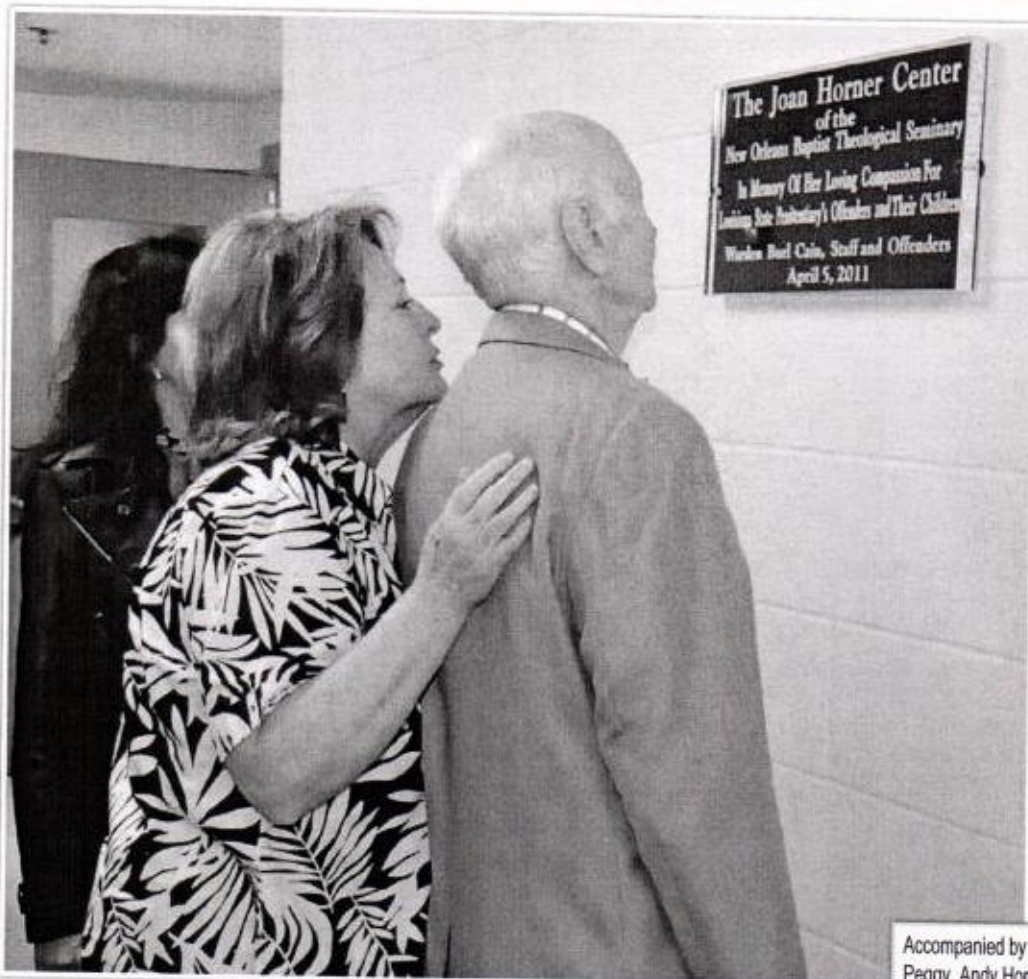


Prison Numbers



# of people incarcerated in state prisons in 1925 —	85,239
# of people incarcerated in state prisons in 1972 —	174,379
# of people incarcerated in state prisons in 2009 —	1,403,091
Percent increase in the state prison population between 1925 and 1972 —	105
Percent increase in the state prison population between 1972 to 2009 —	705
# of Louisiana state prisoners at the end of 1991 —	20,017
# of Louisiana state prisoners at the end of 2000 —	35,207
# of Louisiana state prisoners at the end of 2009 —	39,780
# of people added to Louisiana prisons between 2008 and 2009 —	1,399
# of people projected to be incarcerated in Louisiana at the end of 2012 —	43,049
# of people incarcerated in federal and state prisons in 1980 —	474,368
# of people incarcerated in federal and state prisons at the end of 2010 —	2.3 million

Source: *The Pew Center on the States*



Accompanied by his daughter, Peggy, Andy Horner reflects on the engraved glass outside the Joan Horner Center of NOBTS dedicated to his wife

New Testament Commentary Series” and “The MacArthur Study Bible.” He is also the director of an international missions program called The Master’s Academy, and “Grace to You,” a radio, television and Internet ministry.

It was October 2010 when MacArthur was invited to the prison by his friend of 35 years, Tom Mahairas. MacArthur was already familiar with Angola from having read “Cain’s Redemption,” a book about Cain’s experiences as warden and his philosophy of moral rehabilitation, and watching several documentaries about the Angola Prison Rodeo. He was not baffled by the stereotype, Hollywood make-believe

prison life often portrayed, and, sadly, that the public often believes. He spent

two days at the island in Schroon Lake. The camp, supervised by executive director Joe Jordan, allows the kids to spend one week of fun, games and activities in a Christian setting. Cain personally took the first group of eight teenagers to Schroon Lake in 2005.

Founded by pastors Jack Wyrzten and Harry Bollback in 1947, the Word of Life Island camp is set on 45 acres in upstate New York. Over 3,000 teens from across the United States and around the world visit throughout the year.

A week at camp cannot solve all the problems that children with incarcerated parents face. But for one week, on one island, during one summer, the burden

of being an unseen victim was taken up by people who cared. Inmate Oliver Howard sent his son, Oliver Howard IV, and daughter, Sierra, both 14 years old, to Schroon Lake. “I appreciate everyone who had their hand in making this godly vacation possible for our children,” he said. “The experience for these kids was priceless.”

For more than 50 years, John MacArthur has had a wide-reaching reputation as a scholar, theologian, historian and teacher, and is no rookie at presenting the Gospel to people of all ages and backgrounds. Along with handling his pastoral duties, he is a bestselling author of several books, including “The MacArthur

prison, the first attending the fall rodeo, and the second teaching a morning class to the NOBTS students and holding services in the Tudy Chapel.

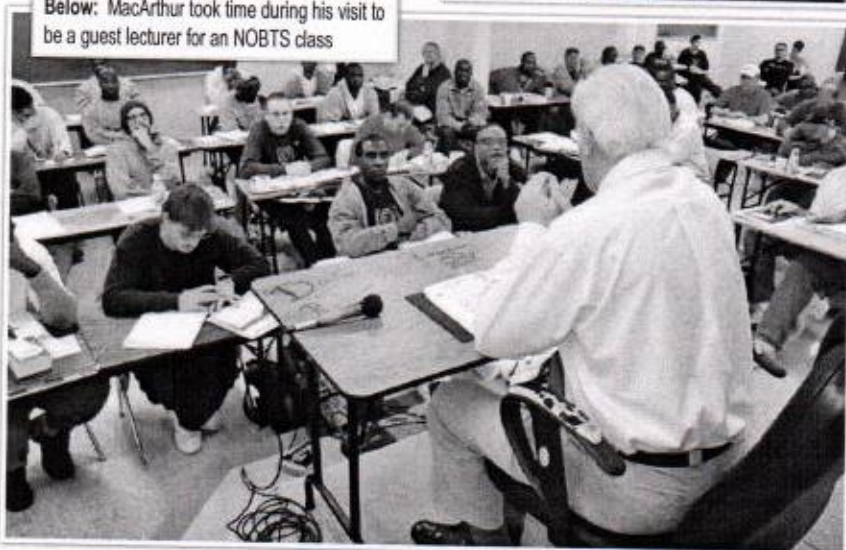
That visit led to his conversation with Angola chaplain Robert Toney about the inmate pastors who did not have a place to prepare their sermons. “Chaplain Toney sat down with me at lunch and explained the situation to me and asked me if I could help, but first would I speak to Warden Cain about the logistics,” MacArthur said. “As soon as I explained the need to Warden Cain, he was all for it. I went back to my church

and talked to our people and they were thrilled to invest in these men and their sermons. So we pulled together the money, the connections and the contacts and we started ordering books and they are still coming.”

The beneficence of the Horners and MacArthur offers examples that hospitality is not about changing people, but offering them space where change can take place. In their hospitality, their legacies continue to live.

—Kyle Hebert

Above: John Robson introduces Dr. John MacArthur at the library dedication service.
Below: MacArthur took time during his visit to be a guest lecturer for an NOBTS class



SLEEPING SAFER



Budget cuts forced the closure of several housing units in 2009 and dormitories were double-bunked. In March, safety rails were added after several inmates fell from the top bunk while sleeping. Originally implemented as a temporary measure, continuing money problems have kept the bunks up



Outside the WIRE

VAN BUREN, Mo. —

Carter County Sheriff Tommy Adams was arrested and charged with distribution of methamphetamine after providing an undercover informant with the illegal stimulant. Adams allegedly snorted some of the meth, but authorities would not give additional details of the sheriff's involvement.

Several days after Adams' arrest, his 23-year-old chief deputy, Steffanie Kearbey, was charged with burglary and receiving stolen property after a gun was reported missing from the department's evidence room.

NEW YORK —

After a domestic dispute with the father of three of her children, Lashanda Armstrong strapped her four children in her minivan and drove into the Hudson River. Her 10-year-old son was able to escape the sinking vehicle and swim to safety, but the other three children, ages 11 months to 5 years, along with Armstrong, drowned. The surviving child said his mother told the kids, "If I'm going to die, you're all going to die with me."

The crime of filicide (parent's killing their children) is not uncommon in America. The National Violent Death Reporting System compiled statistics from 16 states, which reported that 130 children were killed by a parent in 2008. Even more mystifying is the fact that mothers kill their children at least 100 times a year, with reasons varying from depression, divorce, mental illness, a recent death, or unwanted pregnancies, to feelings of protecting their children by taking them along when they decide to commit suicide.

Experts believe that society's disinclination to believe that a mother would harm her child has hampered efforts to recognize the warning signs and prevents intervention before it is too late.

FORT WORTH, Tx. —

Michael Gilbert, a registered sex offender, faked his death for the second time to avoid arrest on a new sexual molestation charge.

Gilbert faked his drowning death in 2002, attempting to avoid arrest for parole violations. After a Coast Guard search, officials determined that the "cousin" who reported the alleged drowning was Gilbert himself.

The most recent attempt to stage his death involved placing a body in the trunk of his burning vehicle. Officials believe the body is that of a homeless man shot by Gilbert because he was the same size and shape.