

Friends,

Thanks to Frank Graham of [Chapel of Hope](#) and his son’s radio program on [KWRD-FM Dallas 100.7](#), Pastor [Trey Graham](#) of [FBC Melissa](#) has gotten an outstanding radio interview with the [Honorable Warren Chisum, State Representative District 88](#) (Pampa) and on the critical House Appropriations Committee. Not just a short interview, but a definitive statement by an important congressman: he said, “I certainly do NOT support removing prison Chaplains” and “I am going to be fighting everyday to keep that in there ... and what you need to do is write your state Representative and Senator.”

See web site link ...

NEWS FLASH > [RADIO Interview - Rep. Warren Chisum](#) - "Does NOT support removing prison Chaplains" - will "fight everyday" ... What one *should* do? - he said, "Write your state Representative and Senator" >> [Find YOUR Legislator Here < click](#)

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Emmett Solomon of [Restorative Justice Ministries Network](#) sent this formidable quote from Former Harris County District Attorney and former TBCJ Chair Carol Vance: “If someone asked me while talking to any Senator or Representative, where would you find the money [to keep our Chaplains], I would say, ‘Easy, we have more people in prison per capita than any other country in the world. We Americans are really not all that bad you know. We just have different policies. We need more programs, particularly drug treatment, as it does no good to confine a small time druggie and have no life change take place and he just start going in and out of prison for life for something that treatment could be used successfully to cut down on a large part of this population. And Texas is 2nd only to La. in its per capita of people in prison to total population ratio. I think the legislature needs to take steps and use our money more wisely. Nothing is more important for many reasons than chaplaincy to the welfare of the inmates not to mention their future and their souls. That is why I would add to chaplaincy and not cut them one cent.’”

Yes – feel free to copy and quote Mr. Vance to YOUR Representative and Senator. My Rep. gets this updates, and I posted the quote on my Senator’s web site.



It is important to network, as many have, and we need to *think* about asking folks to call and write one more time. I know that is very difficult. The very easiest thing to do is ask them to [Find YOUR Legislator Here < click](#) ask them to email or call ... Even if their Representative and Senator is NOT on the key committees, they still have influence, but all the more if they are constituents on the Key Committees ... [Get copy of Key Texas Committees](#) —we have NOT won yet. Though there certainly is promise. I just a got a nice letter from my [Senator Robert Nichols](#) thanking me for “opportunity to communicate” with me on “this important issue.... I will keep your comments in mind as [they go] through the long budget writing process.” Virginia Haynes and I eyeballed him in his office a couple of weeks ago and shared with the [Save Chaplaincy Handout](#). Senator Nichols is not on a key committee, but has influence, and we only wish we could hear the definitive commitment of [Rep. Warren Chisum \(Dst 88\)](#) and from my [Rep. James White \(Dst 12\)](#).

Friends ... we ONLY have a month or two. Do the best you can. Remember the KEY— a Constituent *connecting* helps a lot, and those who help others *connect* help more. Pray and connect ... that is the way.

As far as I know, we have NOT yet accessed Facebook like we could. Nor I, like I think I myself should. Don't really have an excuse there, because I do not use it for email like many do. If anyone wants to really go the extra mile ... Facebook has the potential to really explode this ... again, perhaps each month now, I saw that Dish is showing the special *Facebook Obsession* ... and you have seen what has happened in Egypt, now Libya, Tunisia, and other countries ... these “social media” outlets are changing the world, literally, and if we can get a dozen key celebrities, not just any, but celebrities like [Governor Perry's Facebook Site](#), and pass them along, with simple one-two-statements of kind support, that can escalate our success in an exponential fashion. No significant person in the world who desires public attention is absent from Facebook.

Cheers and have a great weekend.

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