



# THE KEY

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## T.I.M.E for Christ Jail Ministry

*Mission: to evangelize and disciple inmates, resulting in a spiritual awakening and an intimate love relationship with Jesus Christ thus empowering them for extended incarceration or a return to society.*



Ted White

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Although the Summer season is quickly approaching in San Antonio, I am in my “Winter” season of life. The bible says it perfectly in Ecclesiastes 3:1, “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven.” Let me take you back to the beginning when God began to prepare me to be a Chaplain for **T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry**. Part one was giving me a second language, Spanish, when I was a young child growing up in El Paso, TX. I was an English-speaking child, but my playmates all spoke Spanish! God knew being able to speak Spanish was something I needed in my “tool box” many years later at Bexar County Jail, where most of the population is Spanish speaking. When I was 16 years old, God called me to himself through Salvation. I didn’t know much, but He would grow me up in the Word in time. He had a plan for my life!

The second season was putting me in the way of education and a place in the business world that would give me “on the job training” for dealing with different people, bosses, the steps to be successful in business by having a **plan**. He moved me all over the country in my job to expose me to some of the finest teacher/theologians at different churches to give me a foundation in the Christian faith. He gave me a thirst for reading the writings of old *saints* to give me hundreds of years of experience and insight that I could have never acquired on my own. I searched out the best teachers of our time through the teachings of Dallas Seminary. I was not a Seminary graduate but I was a student, much like my forerunner, *Saint Paul*. This preparation took 40 years! God was about to put me on the path he had planned all along...full time Ministry! I was 60 years old and in a new season of retirement. A man in my Sunday school class asked me to fill in as a teacher to inmates at Bexar County Jail. It would just be a few weeks while he had an operation. I can’t say I felt it was a calling at that point, but as I began to know the inmates and the great need of hope through Jesus Christ for this population, God kept me there. Suddenly, the present T.I.M.E. Chaplain retired due to age and the position was open to *anyone!* I was contacted by a team member of T.I.M.E. and he told me how desperate the situation was. Though completely unprepared and taken by surprise, I agreed to take the assignment.

I had many things to learn, but God had been filling up my “tool box” all these years for a time such as this. If I felt I couldn’t handle something, God said, “Ted, this is not your ministry. It’s mine. I can handle it!” God doesn’t speak to me audibly but he sure lets me hear His voice. In Psalm 32:8, He said to **me** “*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will advise you with My eye upon you.*” It’s been a wonderful, exciting *Season, walking with God*. Now I am a *really old man* and God has completed His plan for me to be the Protestant Chaplain representing T.I.M.E. at the jail. I am excited to see where God will take **His** next steps to reach those that many see as “unreachable.” Keep reading this newsletter for an exciting announcement! I want to thank all of you who have faithfully supported this ministry. Each of you is a part of God’s **plan** to free inmates from bondage and brought into the light of Christ. In 1 Cor 5:17 the Word says, “behold old things have passed away, all things have become new.”

My prayer is that I will always be on this team to advise, help, pray and support the **T.I.M.E. for Christ Jail Ministry**. I pray you will also see that God has as a calling on your life to do the same!

### Time for Christ Jail Ministry: The Next Journey

As Time for Christ Jail Ministry enters an important season of transition, we are grateful to introduce Bruce as our new Chaplain serving in the Bexar County Detention Center.

Some of you may already know Bruce through his faithful service as a weekly volunteer with TCJM. For the past 10 years, he has consistently invested in the lives of inmates by teaching discipleship classes and sharing the hope of Christ inside the jail walls. What many may not know is that in the late summer of 2025, Bruce approached our leadership simply to explore whether God might be calling him into chaplaincy ministry. At the time, there was no timeline or immediate need—only a willingness to follow where the Lord might lead. Looking back now, we can clearly see God’s hand preparing the way.

In early 2026, when it became evident that TCJM would need to bring on a new Chaplain, Bruce was already uniquely positioned for this calling. More importantly, he brings a genuine and passionate love for the Lord into everything he does.

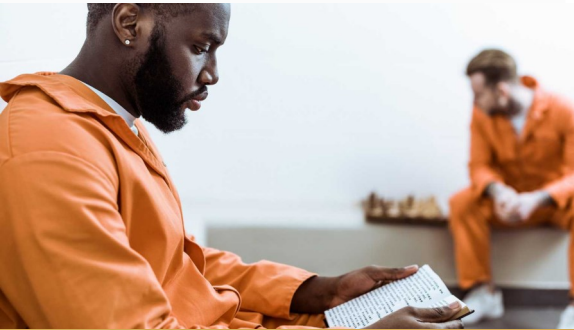
Bruce comes to this role with a remarkable combination of experience, education, and ministry training. Professionally, he has served as a full-time high school math teacher and was honored as Teacher of the Year, as well as nominated for District Teacher of the Year. Academically, he holds a bachelor’s degree, is a certified educator, and is also a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. Beyond credentials, Bruce brings administrative ability, leadership skills, theological depth, and a sincere compassion for the inmates we serve. (continued...)



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## Ways You Can Help:

- **Commit to support TCJM for a minimum of 1 year as we bring on the new Chaplain**
- **Pray for Bruce and the ministry**
- **Make a special donation today!**



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Meet **Bruce Gonzales, Jr.** a 10 year volunteer & the new TCJM Chaplain.



... the next journey continued:

One of the most critical aspects of jail ministry is understanding the complex inner workings of the jail system itself. Effective ministry inside the Bexar County Detention Center (jail) requires building trust with guards, supervisors, and program staff while carefully adhering to the strict rules and procedures that protect the safety and security of everyone involved. Maintaining that trust is essential to keeping the doors open for ministry opportunities and volunteer access. Bruce already understands this environment well. As a long-trusted volunteer, he has demonstrated the character, professionalism, and consistency necessary to serve effectively within the jail system. He has been approved by the Jail administration for this position. His experience and reputation will help ensure that **Time for Christ Jail Ministry** continues to faithfully bring the message of Christ's love to those who need it most.

As Bruce transitions into this new leadership role, your support is more important than ever. During this season, he will be dedicating significant time to training, developing leadership responsibilities, and becoming fully acclimated to the daily demands of chaplaincy ministry. Financial support from faithful donors will help provide the stability necessary for him to remain focused on this mission and continue building upon the ministry foundation that has already impacted countless lives.

We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this important transition. Your partnership is not simply supporting a position—it is helping sustain a ministry presence inside the jail that brings hope, discipleship, encouragement, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men and women who desperately need it.

Thank you for standing with **Time for Christ Jail Ministry** and helping make this next chapter possible.

**Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners."**

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