

## Joy To The World Jesus Has Come



### The Reason For The Season

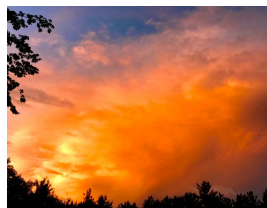
"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*;" Isaiah 61:1

(Pete & Jo's nativity scene)

Because of the Covid 19 Pandemic, on March 13 all volunteer activities were cancelled in VT Prisons until further notice. Aftercare for those released from incarceration continues.

### **Come Lord, heal our land.**

"After this, he brought me back around to the east gateway. Suddenly, the glory of the Lord appeared from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of rushing waters, and the whole landscape shone with his glory." Ezekiel 43:1-2



## **CHURCH AT PRISON**

Planting Seeds of Hope

### New Promotional Film Premiere

We are excited to announce the premiere of our new promotional film produced by Cameron Bushey from Six Five Films LLC.

It's a powerful microcosmic description of The Church At Prison planting seeds of hope in the lives of people affected by incarceration since 1992.

Please open your hearts as you watch and then choose to share it with your friends, families, Churches, communities and media.

[Click here to view.](#)

### IN THIS HOUR AND SEASON

As the world around us is rapidly adapting to the impact of the COVID-19 virus we at Church at Prison, Inc. have been **lead to do a new thing to serve** those who are incarcerated in Vermont prisons. With more cases of the virus still popping up inside the state prison facilities the outlook of volunteer services returning to the prisons is still far off. Our beloved flocks have been in a state of modified to full lock down, sequestered to the confines of their cell with little access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord has put on our hearts to adapt temporarily to serve and encourage our brothers and sisters behind bars.

**In September Pastor Josh Riggs started recording a United Prison Ministries of Vermont weekly church service, on DVD's, for all of the facilities in Vermont to play on Sundays for the inmates. This is a united effort that all the prison ministers throughout the state have been participating in. It includes prayer, encouragement, sermons, prophetic words and worship. Our prayer is that this blesses both the inmates who believe as well as evangelize non-believers! So far the feedback has been encouraging. We know that this is only a temporary solution to the current circumstances and pray that all ministries will be able to enter the prisons again to conduct face to face ministry (Church, Bible Study and Pastoral Counseling) soon. Please keep this project in your prayers and if you would like to help contribute to the content please email me directly: [brotherjosh@churchatprison.com](mailto:brotherjosh@churchatprison.com) Note: The DVD's are property of VT DOC and are not available to be shared with the public. Lord Jesus Bless this Project!**  
Pastor Josh Riggs

### Changes in Staff/Leadership



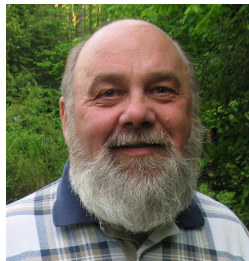
Senior Pastor Josh Riggs

Pastor Josh Riggs has been Associate Pastor of The Church At NorthWest, St. Albans. Starting in January 2021 Pastor Josh will be Senior Pastor there.



Pastors Pete and Joanne Fiske

The Fiskes will be "retiring" from in-prison ministry at NWSCF that was started in 1992. They will continue in their oversight for The Church At Prison, Inc. as President/Secretary respectively recruiting, training, mentoring a new generation of prison and aftercare ministers. (Pete will be 77 this year and Jo is 73)



Rev. Herb Hatch to Retire

After 19 years of service to The Church At Prison as a Prison Pastor at NESCF St. Johnsbury and aftercare in Barre-Montpelier, Herb is retiring. Herb has served CAP as Chair of the Board of Directors, Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Herb is training Tim Hurlbut to be the new Bookkeeper. We are searching for a Treasurer.

Jason Miller has been appointed as Chair of the Board of Directors

### From the Chair of the Board

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, what amazing opportunities we have right now to "shine brightly as the stars in the universe"! (Daniel 12:3). Honor is under attack yet while the world stands by with its head held down, we see an open door. We can make such a difference! And nowhere is this difference so brilliantly on display than when we honor the "least of these". (Matt 25:40)

The incarcerated men and women in our state certainly are some of the least of these. But what does honor look like in a world gone crazy? In Romans 12 we get a clear reminder.

*10 Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honor of one another.*

*11 Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward him boiling hot! Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit and let him fill you with excitement as you serve him.*

*12 Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continual joy. Don't give up in a time of trouble, but commune with God at all times.*

*13 Take a constant interest in the needs of God's beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home.*

*How do we honor the least of these? Give them dignity? Replace the enemy's barbs of shame with honor? Romans 12:10-13 TPT*

We believe God is speaking to His church, and He has much to say to each of us on how we can be the church, the hands and feet of Jesus, using whatever we have in our hand to manifest Christ, on earth as it is in heaven.

We're entering an exciting new era in CAP, and in the church for that matter, as God is "re-setting" His bride. CAP has been listening intently to the Heart of God for the purpose of following His lead.

We believe He's calling us to petition the body of Christ to help come along, be a brother or sister, or a spiritual father or mother where appropriate to those children of His who are currently incarcerated, or now released. We believe the Lord has placed a special burden on our hearts for those that are released from incarceration and have nowhere to go.

The Father promises never will I "leave" you, never will I "forsake" you. Our Abba Father also says My people will be called by My name.

Pastors Pete & Jo have modeled well for us what it means in James 1:27, to look after orphans in their distress.

It has been said that over 90% of those incarcerated come from a "father-less" or "broken home." Many are no longer considered orphans as they are now adults, however, for many the "orphan spirit" remains and they still don't believe their life has value and meaning.

Enter us, the body of Christ, the hands and feet of Jesus. We believe God is rising up in His people to do more to manifest Heaven on earth. It is our joy to partner with you!

*How has God gifted you to help, to honor the least of these? Can you provide a home? Can you write letters of encouragement? Can you give employment? Can you offer fellowship? You tell us. What is God laying on your heart? There is great*



*need. Please reach out and let us know how God is moving in your heart. We thank you for your precious heart and are excited to press into the next season together as we unite in honoring and serving the least of these!*

Thankfully serving with you,  
Jason Miller  
Board of Directors Chair



Marcus Szczecinski

#### Breaking Chains Christian Fellowship

Marcus has established & directs Breaking Chains Christian Fellowship with volunteers James Wilkinson, and Alvin Mitchell. They provide a Bible Study, mentoring, and individualized support for clients in Burlington. They are also in the process of establishing a Celebrate Recovery group. Marcus has been a volunteer with CAP for 18 years.

The Church At Prison staff and members wish you a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to the 2021 new year with hope and faith in God.

**"Behold, I will do a new thing;" Isaiah 43:19**

*For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11-14*

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**Thank you for all you do for God's eternal glory!**

**Pastors Pete, Joanne (Jo), Josh and our 2020 Team**

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