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Honoring a Good and Faithful Servant, Bob Guarino

By Emeritus Executive Director Richard Blake



The late Bob Guarino—dedicated volunteer and board member of CPMM-A.

It is with deep regret that I inform you of our dear brother-in-the-Lord, Bob Guarino's passing on March 26. I can't begin to express the JOY that Bob had for our ministry! It began with him volunteering over four years ago. (Keep in mind that he was recovering from a serious horse accident.) He was a volunteer in three states. Yes, you heard right three —Oklahoma, Kansas & Arkansas! After a year of volunteering for CPMM-A, our Board asked him to become a member, as well. I, for one,

was glad because he helped me pass the time away —7 hours of drive time— when we traveled to Jefferson City for our quarterly Board meeting. He became a good friend to me, the Board and the rest of our faithful volunteers. At his funeral service, I found out that he was a "true servant" at his local church, as well.

Well, our loss is Heaven's gain!

Staff Spotlight: Regional Director Mark Wilkinson

By Chaplain Hoffmann



On the first, third and fifth Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm individuals gather from each of our Housing Units to participate in what we call "The Story". Chaplain Mark Wilkinson is leading this group through Randy Frazee's book of the same title using videos and interactive discussions after individuals have read chapters on their own. The guys here look forward to this study!

I have received a lot of positive feedback from participants. Specifically, individuals have remarked about how knowledgeable Chaplain Wilkinson is and more importantly, how good he is at explaining Biblical themes and principles in a way our men can understand. They love the way he shares his life experiences in his teaching! From my perspective as Chaplain, Mark is a tremendous asset to my department. The way he approaches the work we do and his congeniality with other staff is greatly appreciated! I wish I had a dozen of him serving alongside me.

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