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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY



Everyone had a groovy time at the 1970's/1980's-themed Fundraising Benefit.

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BROKERAGE ACCOUNT OPENED

Yokefellow Prison Ministry has opened a brokerage account through Vanguard, which enables the ministry to receive donated securities, such as stocks or mutual funds. Contact Yokefellow Staff at 336-724-9801 or yokefellowprisonministrync@gmail.com to learn more.

The Holidays are Coming!

- ◇ Get ready for #GivingTuesday on 12/3/19. See page 4 for details.
- ◇ Use Amazon Smile to do your holiday shopping. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to Yokefellow. See page 4 for details.

Bob Barker Foundation Grant



Soon after the last newsletter was printed, Yokefellow Prison Ministry received word that the Bob Barker Company Foundation had awarded Yokefellow a \$20,000 grant. We are so grateful for the Bob Barker Company Foundation's continued support!

New Post-Incarceration Launch

Yokefellow Prison Ministry launched its second post-incarceration ministry in High Point in October 2019. Pastor Kelvin L. Sellers serves as the Local Coordinator for this weekly ministry, which meets at his church: Second Chance Community Church in High Point. Meetings take place on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. See the **Who We Serve** page of the Yokefellow website for details.



Yokefellow Prison Ministry of N.C., Inc.



50th Anniversary 1970's/1980's-themed Fundraising Benefit

Celebrating the ministry like
an "early Yokefellow"



On September 7, Yokefellow Prison Ministry held its 50th Anniversary Fundraising Benefit at the Greensboro Shrine Club on High Point Road in Greensboro. The theme was the 1970's and 1980's, celebrating the lives of early Yokefellows. Many attendees dressed in 1970's and 1980's outfits.

Ed Dean, DJ from MoMusic, played retro Contemporary Christian music and gave away prizes to attendees who could answer trivia questions about the 1970's.

Speakers Steve Kitchens and Brandon Carter shared their powerful testimonies.

Heavy appetizers were provided by Bella Luna Ristorante in Oak Ridge and McAlister's Deli. Greensboro SEO Pro also sponsored the event.

Additional support came from numerous members of the community through silent auction donations, including a 2018 Lithograph Football from the Carolina Panthers, two grandstand tickets for the NASCAR SPRINT All Star Race from Charlotte Motor Speedway, and baseball tickets from the High Point Rockers.

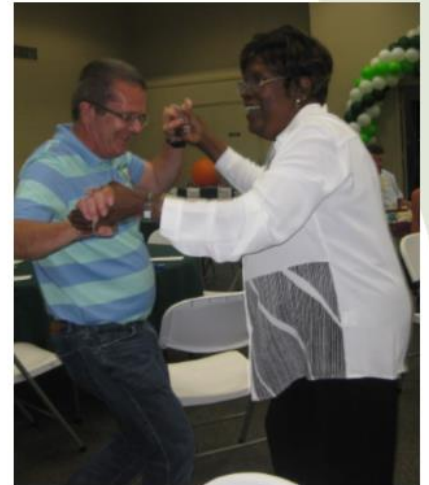
Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!



Yokefellow Event for Polk Correctional Volunteers



The Polk Correctional Yokefellow group celebrated a social evening of potluck and games at North Raleigh United Methodist Church on September 7. Spearheaded by Jazzi Richardson, the gathering included the spouses/partners of volunteers and chaplains. It featured fun competition in Bible Trivia, board games, cards and more.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Recently, while reading through our Yokefellow Prison Ministry website, I was reminded of our wonderful opportunities to serve the Lord. We are called to be disciplined in our devotion and service. Here's a bit of what I read, and all of these serve as wonderful reminders.

Yokefellow Prison Ministry is an interdenominational, racially-diverse Christian ministry of reconciliation begun in 1969, which in-

cludes both lay and clergy, male and female. It is founded on the idea that people's lives are changed through committed relationships. The Biblical foundation of our commitment is the invitation by Christ our Lord in the Gospel of Matthew 11:29-30.

Yokefellows voluntarily accept a common discipline in living the Christian life, which includes:

- ◇ **Prayer** - To pray every day, preferably at the beginning of the day.
- ◇ **Scripture** - To seek God's guidance through reverent reading of the Bible every day, following a definite plan.
- ◇ **Worship** - To participate, at least once a week, in public worship of God.

- ◇ **Money** - To return to God a definite portion of my income to support the Christian cause.
- ◇ **Service** - To invest a specific amount of my time in humble acts of love and service to others.
- ◇ **Witness** - To make an unapologetic witness in daily life, daily work, daily words.
- ◇ **Study** - To become a better-informed Christian by careful study of Christian books.

Yokefellows commit themselves to participate in a weekly Yokefellow meeting for sharing, support, encouragement and accountability for Christian growth.

Thank you to all who serve as Yokefellow volunteers in NC prisons, our Yokefellow Board, the Executive

Committee, grantors and foundations, churches, organizations, and individuals who support our work and ministry prayerfully and financially.

Thank you, Vita Alligood and Carlton Gooding, who energetically, effectively, and generously lead, train, and guide us.

And lastly, thank you for providing me the privilege of journeying with you as Yokefellow Prison Ministry continues to grow and embrace the opportunities to serve the Lord. I pray we will be "yoked" as we serve together. To God Be the Glory.

Please continue to pray that God will lead us and that He will be glorified. Sincerely, I pray for us all and God's ministry to those who are incarcerated.

David Morton, YPM President



Easy Ways to Support Yokefellow

Amazon

Want an easy way to support Yokefellow that costs you nothing? Sign up for a **free** Amazon Smile account.

How to Sign Up

Type <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1059009> into your Internet browser. Then, sign in to your Amazon.com account or create a new one. It really is that simple!

Amazon Smile on the Computer

Whenever you shop at Amazon from your computer, begin your shopping at smile.amazon.com. Then, simply shop as you have always done. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to Yokefellow. This will not affect the cost of your purchases.

Amazon Smile on Android

Prefer to shop Amazon from your Android device? You can link the Amazon app on your Android device to your Amazon Smile account by following these steps:

1. Install the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app to your Android device.
2. Open the Amazon Shopping app.
3. Touch the triple bars ☰ at the upper left.
4. Select **Settings** at the bottom of the menu.
5. Touch **Amazon Smile**.
6. Follow the in-app instructions to link the app to your Amazon Smile account.

#GivingTuesday

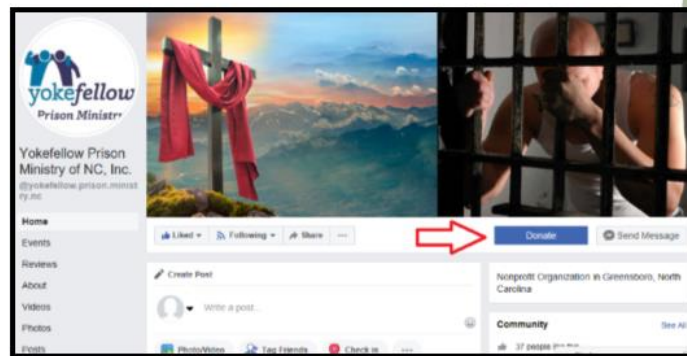
#GivingTuesday is December 3. How can you participate?

1. Go to Yokefellow's Facebook page on #GivingTuesday, **Dec 3**: <https://www.facebook.com/yokefellow.prison.ministry.nc/>
2. Click the **Donate** button (below the header on the right).

3. Enter the donation information.

4. Click **Donate**.

Last year, Facebook teamed up with PayPal to match donations up to \$7 million across all non-profits receiving donations through Facebook!



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