

GOOD NEWS *Outreach*

Faith in Action Since 1986

Join us for our **18th Annual Prayer Breakfast**

Our Annual Prayer Breakfast is our biggest fundraiser and this year we need your help more than ever. We hope that you can join us for a delicious breakfast, a silent auction and a special program to include Keynote Speaker, Sheriff of Leon County, Walter A. McNeil. A time of giving will also be provided at the end of the program.

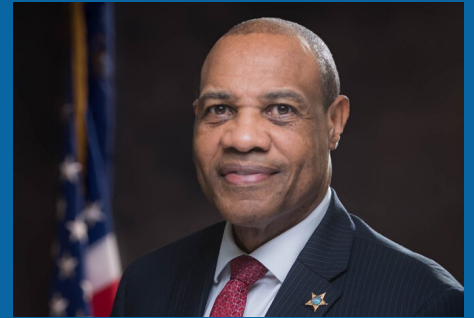
The event will be held November 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church, 3640 Fred George Road, Tallahassee.

For more information on the event, including ticket/table prices, please see enclosed flyer or contact GNO Executive Director, Donald Parks at 850-412-0016.

*Thank you in advance for your kindness,
compassion, and generosity!*

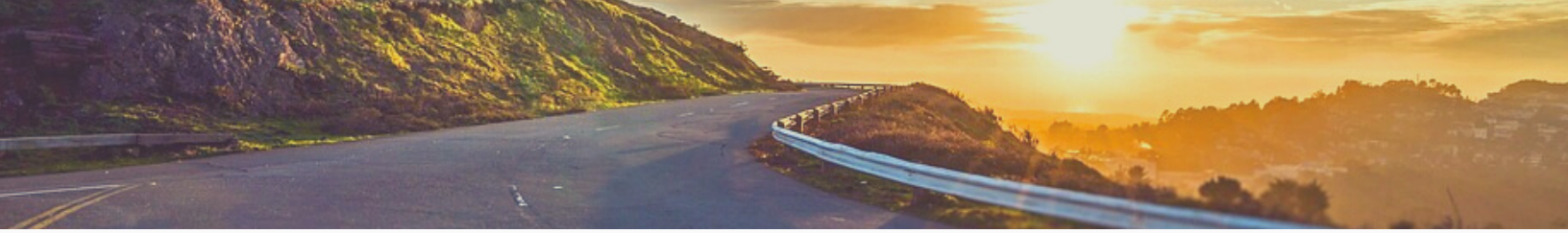


Keynote Speaker



Sheriff Walter A. McNeil

Walter A. McNeil was elected Sheriff of Leon County in November 2016. In his distinguished 40 year career, McNeil has lead the fight against crime in Tallahassee. From 2007-2011, he led two state agencies under former Gov. Charlie Crist, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrections. For 10 years at the helm of the Tallahassee Police Department, Chief McNeil was recognized for his progressive voice and his effective response to citizen concerns. In 2012, as President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Chief McNeil traveled to foreign countries to discuss methods to combat terrorism, human trafficking, cyber-crimes and other 21st century concerns that may impact global security and policing issues. The Sheriff and his family are active members of New Mount Zion AME Church.



A Message From Our Board President

Whether your continued support of Good News Outreach is through program involvement, financial giving, or spiritual uplifting (or some of all), please know that it is greatly appreciated and not taken for granted. It is very humbling to pause and consider the good works done by all those involved with this faith-based organization. There have been many changes since the beginning of the year. It is clear to me that our Lord has His hand on the work being done at Good News.

First, please welcome our new Executive Director, [Dr. Donald Parks](#). Donald comes to Good News with high energy and excitement. He previously was Dean of Flagler College - Tallahassee. He has stepped into the shoes of our departed Director, Deborah Lloyd. As Deborah embarks on the next step in her career, she continues to be involved in volunteer roles, and we are grateful for her continued love for the mission and ministries of Good News.

Next, Jeff Hornsby has retired from Good News Outreach after over ten years serving in both the Mission Oaks and the Maryland Oaks Community ministries. He is best known for his profound impact at Maryland Oaks. Many of the resident benefits have come from his heart for making a difference in the lives of others. Please join me in wishing him well as he enters into retirement.

Lastly, please welcome [Dale White](#) and Eric Collins. Dale is now managing the Mercy House ministry and is no stranger to working with previously incarcerated men. Eric has been working with Jeff at Maryland Oaks for several months, and now has taken up those reins. Both these men are believers in “a hand up” rather than “a hand out” approach to helping others. I am very happy to introduce our new Board Member to you: Anthony Carro. Anthony is a retired CPA and brings that specific expertise to the table that is crucial for the continued success of Good News and its programs.

If you would like to join this dynamic, diverse and committed group, please let me know. Please plan to attend our annual Prayer Breakfast scheduled for November 9th. You will find additional information herein to help you navigate attendance. It is an honor to serve alongside the Board and Staff of GNO. It is a privilege to know that you keep all those involved in your daily prayers.

Blessings to you and your family!



Linda Barineau

Romans 8:28
Jeremiah 29:11

A Message From Our Executive Director

From my heart to yours,

My new professional journey began July 22, 2019 – my first day as Executive Director of Good News Outreach (GNO). The Board gave me the chance to experience a whole new world – a world filled with humility, excitement, and reward. I have seen first-hand how GNO serves citizens in need and the impact we have on their lives. I am profoundly grateful for the chance to learn and grow from the persons we serve. Good News has “good bones” and a rich spiritual legacy dating back to 1986, when four men were touched by God to leave their jobs to serve those in need. From its inception as a French Town Food Bank, GNO has operated with an emphasis on faith and volunteerism. Good News is non-denominational – our partners come from all faiths and those who do currently profess faith. We united in our desire to serve “the Least of These”.

Here is a brief ministry update for those who are not familiar with Good News:

- **The Elder Services Program** serves senior citizens who live at home.
- **The Food Ministry** provides groceries to needy citizens on a bi-weekly basis.
- **Maryland Oaks Crossing Community** allows over 100 single parents and children a safe and affordable place to live in a lovely shaded community and a wide variety of educational and social services.
- **Mercy House** is a Post Release Transitional Substance Abuse Program which helps men recently released from prison achieve a successful life. Services include job readiness training, money management and budgeting, social activities, and spiritual development.

We plan to increase the impact and efficiency of our programs through strategic partnerships with like-minded agencies. Ready 4 Work – Tallahassee currently offers job coaching and employment assistance and substance abuse and mental health counseling, and other services to the men of Mercy House. In the next 90-days, ECHO Outreach Ministries will start providing case management services to our clients. Partnerships allow us to increase our impact and to be better stewards of our resources.

Thank you!



Donald Parks

I Corinthians 1-27

Like all ministries, we have room to grow and improve. We must always consider our spiritual roots while being open to change. We also have a solemn obligation to be good stewards of the Good News. We will make mistakes but we will move forward as we strive to discern God's will in our work. We need your help, and most of all your prayers.

God bless you!



How Can YOU Help

- **Provide us with your e-mail and other contact information by completing and returning the enclosed contact form.** To save time and postage you may e-mail DirOperations@goodnewsoutreach.org with the subject line "contact information>" We will resume our regular newsletter and need your e-mail address if possible. E-mail delivery will enable use to save printing costs and use funds for ministry, but we will happily mail a copy of the newsletter to you, if you prefer. Please note that the e-mail version will give you access to information that cannot be delivered in print.
- **Volunteer.** Here are a just a few current opportunities... Food Pantry – fill bags of food for our clients on Wednesday mornings and/or assist clients on Thursday mornings. Senior Program – deliver food and personal contact to our senior citizens one day per month. Website – we need a creative mind to enhance our web presence. Other Information Technology needs. Office administration – help us serve clients with your administrative, phone, and organizational skills. Spend a Saturday pressure washing and painting. Support a man at Mercy House. Mentor a child or parent at Maryland Oaks Crossing. Contact our Director of Operations, Rebecca Howard, at 416-0016 or DirOperations@goodnewsoutreach.org
- **Be a 2019 Prayer Breakfast Sponsor.** November 9, 2019 at St. Louis Catholic Church. There are four sponsorship options available. Please consider you or your business sponsoring this event.
- **Consider a monthly, quarterly, or annual gift.** You can sign up to make regular donations via our website at <https://www.goodnewsoutreach.org/donate>. I would be glad to meet with you to discuss other options. You can contact me on my cell phone at 904-377-6534 or via email at donaldp@goodnewsoutreach.org.

Areas of In-Kind Support:

- **Truck, Van or SUV** to support Mercy House, The Food Program, & senior program
- **Non-perishable food items** such as: boxed pasta-cereal-milk; canned soups-vegetables-ravioli-fruits; peanut butter; jelly; juice; fruit cups. We serve 150-200 families per week. We receive 30-40% of our food from Second Harvest and Farm Share but depend on YOU for the other 60-70%
- **Senior supplies:** Ensure, Boost, Glucerna, adult diapers (size S, M, L, XL, XXL). We serve on average 180 seniors each week so these supplies are a wonderful addition to the food they receive.
- **Painting, pressure washing, paving, mobile home skirting and light Maintenance** and repair at Maryland Oaks Crossing and Mercy House.
- **Administrative assistance** to include office coverage, IT, website, social media.

Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Hours
 Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. to noon or until food is gone

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