

MISSIONS: PRISON OUTREACH



HUNT MISSION TRIP

May 15–19 • Baton Rouge, LA

A team from Elmhurst CRC will serve at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center—a multi-security men’s facility—partnering with **Dr. Lawton and Rhonda Searcy**.

They will serve through:

- Encouraging conversations
- One-on-one prayer
- Hospital & hospice visits
- Worship with believers
- Sharing the Gospel

Please pray for safe travel and Spirit-led interactions throughout the trip.

Hunt Mission Trip Team Members:

Ken Blauw, Donald Cala, Doug Groters, Lidia Iwaszkowicz, Richard Kuhr, Barbara Rietsma, Rob Roedell, Jerry and Amy Vandermolten

PARCHMAN FARM MISSION TRIP

Mississippi State Penitentiary

Parchman Farm is an 18,000 acre maximum-security men’s prison with a long complex history and an ongoing need for Gospel ministry. Our church has served there for years, as part of ongoing prison outreach.

Today’s speaker, **Rev. Reggie Watts**, serves faithfully in this mission field.

We plan to return to Parchman in the fall.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

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MISSIONS SUNDAY

MAY 10, 2026

Prelude: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

GATHERING

Welcome

Jesus Messiah

Christ is Risen

Children’s Choir: Gospel Medley

Kids to Children’s Worship (PreK–4th grade)

Offering

LISTENING

Prayer

Philippians 1:1–18a

Message from Rev. Reggie Watts,
Chaplain at Parchman Prison in Mississippi.

RESPONDING

Lean on Me

Prayer: Prison Ministry Trip

Hold Us Together

SENDING

Blessing

Get Involved!

Scan the QR code or visit
elmhurstcrc.org/missions.

After the service, stop by the
Garden Room for more info.



SERMON NOTES

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-4

What I heard from God today:

Car Question (TAKE IT TO GO)

What missions efforts do you feel most excited about and why?

Pastors: Gregg DeMey, Jeff Klein
Guest Speaker: Rev Reggie Watts
Music Team: Gregg DeMey, *Leader*
Tim Lundeen, Billy Heschl, Daniel Reitsma
Ayden Oquendo, Olivia DeJong,
Robyn Vitson, *Children's Choir Director*

GET CONNECTED (IN)

Find more at elmhurstcrc.org/events

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTOS | MAY 10 & 17 Join us in the lobby for a photo! We'll use these for an upcoming updated directory, and we can share them with you digitally.

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE? Let us know so we can honor them in a future worship guide. Email office@elmhurstcrc.org. If college grad, include school and degree.

WAYS TO SERVE (OUT)

ELMHURST FARMERS MARKET WEDNESDAYS | JUN - OCT | 7AM-1PM

Partner with us: a variety of open volunteer spots are available. Also, we are walking in the Elmhurst Memorial Day parade! Sign up at elmhurstcrc.org/events or email farmersmarket@elmhurstcrc.org

HOPE MOBILITY can be supported through mobility device donations (new or used, drop off at ECRC). More at hope-mobility.org

COINS FOR CARING NETWORK Pick up a baby bottle to fill with coins to support local moms, babies, and pregnancy care services. Due back by June 14.

GOT KIDS?

NURSERY for ages 0-2 available
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP for ages PreK - 4th
ACTIVITY STATIONS in the lobby & Java Stop

ANNUAL 5TH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION MON | MAY 11 | 5:30-7PM 5th graders stop by during that time to receive your Bible and share a bit about your favorite Bible verse.

YOUTH GROUP Off tonight

MISSIONS: MORE PRISON OUTREACH PARTNERS

CROSSROADS PRISON MINISTRIES

Crossroads connects incarcerated individuals with Christian volunteers through Bible study. Volunteers write personal letters as students work through structured Bible courses.

Through this ongoing exchange, participants are encouraged and supported as they grow in faith and hope. Many experience meaningful life change through these consistent connections.

Everything is provided: training, materials, and postage.

Join this ministry of encouragement: sharing God's Word and Christ's hope, one letter at a time.

JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER

The Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center serves youth ages 10-18 awaiting court proceedings.

Partnering with **Chaplain Eric Peng and Good News Global**, ECRC members visit in-person to build relationships, offering encouragement, and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

This ministry includes:

- Weekly visits on Tuesday evenings
- "Adopt-A-Pod" outreach
- Gospel Explosion weekends
- Cards and encouragement from our Children's Ministry

Each connection reminds these youth they are seen and not forgotten.