

## ***ABOUT THE FOUNDER***

Rev. Jim Bracken started Mission Teens Discipleship Program in 1969 because of an overflow in his home prayer meeting. He saw the need for a more effective ministry for some of the younger people and the doors were opened for him to start a residential program for them. After two years of little success, God dictated a program to him that, when put into effect, brought immediate results in their lives.

Since 1962, Jim's desire has been to minister God's love to people. He has seen this desire fulfilled, as over the years thousands of lives were touched, not only through the discipleship program, but also through his radio ministry, newsletter articles, counseling, prison outreach, and maintaining his weekly home prayer meeting for 35 years. Please keep this ministry in your prayers and visit or write when you can as we are encouraged by your support.

**If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send your name and address to:**

**GRACE MBTC  
PO BOX 1035  
PARAGOULD, AR 72450**

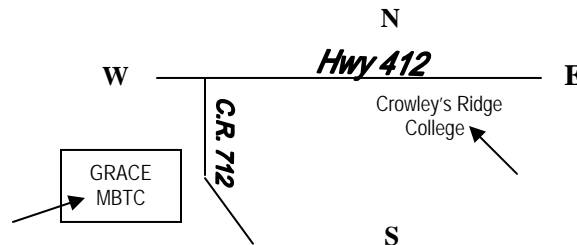


## ***WEEKLY SCHEDULE***

7:00	Wake up
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Daily Chores
9:00	Devotions
9:40	Class
10:40	Class
11:40	Reading & Counseling
12:45	Lunch
1:30	Roll Call / Work Projects
3:30	Free Time / Showers
5:30	Dinner
6:15	Daily Chores
7:30	Devotions
9:00	Snacks
10:00	In your own dorm
10:15	In your own rooms
10:30	Lights out

Saturday and Sunday schedules vary from the weekly schedule in that the people are allowed to sleep a little later, may stay up longer on Saturday nights and have more free time on Sunday. Resident visits take place on Sunday afternoons.

Friends of GRACE MBTC are invited to join us at our evening devotions. The meetings are from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, and are led by a different speaker each night.



**GRACE MBTC** is 7 mi. west of Paragould down Hwy 412. Turn left on county road 712. Go .70 mi. & look for the sign on your right. Turn right onto driveway.

# ***GRACE*** **MISSION BIBLE TRAINING CENTER**



### **Office:**

**PO BOX 1035  
PARAGOULD, AR 72450**

**(870) 573-6414**

### **Resident's Mailing Address:**

**732 GREENE 712 RD  
PARAGOULD, AR 72450**

### **Website:**

**[www.gracembtc.com](http://www.gracembtc.com)**

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**GRACE MISSION BIBLE TRAINING CENTER**, a branch of **MISSION TEENS, INC.** is a non-profit, non-denominational organization with a Christ-centered discipleship program for people 18 years and older, with history of addiction and/or emotional problems.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Stephen Schwartz**

### **ASST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**Paul & Donna Carlin**

## ***ABOUT THE CURRICULUM***

We treat each resident as a member of the family. The newer residents are treated as younger children would be, but each person is expected to mature and take



more and more responsibility. There are 5 ½ hours each day spent in Bible study and worship, and the course amounts to approximately one year of Bible school. There is a comprehensive study of the New Testament and a general survey of the Old Testament. Each resident matures through four phases of discipleship development, gaining more and more responsibility and privileges. He will learn to lead devotions, counsel, teach, and discipline. He will become an inspiration to others, and will be able to direct them to Christ. He will grow in decision-making and learn to make his stand for the Lord.

## ***PURPOSE***

It is our goal to direct people to the Lord Jesus Christ, to find love and purpose for their lives, and to make disciples of them as the Bible directs.

## ***LENGTH & STRUCTURE***

The Discipleship Training program is divided into 4 phases, with increasing responsibilities and privileges as the resident completes each phase. An additional 10-12 month staff-training program may be offered to the graduate if he wishes to stay and help run the center.

Upon entering the program, the resident will be given a 2-month induction period with few privileges other than sending and receiving mail,

and will have no responsibilities other than simple daily chores. He is, in fact, on retreat to seek the Lord. Generally, it is during this time that he will receive salvation and the Holy Spirit. In the next 2 stages, he will begin to assume certain job responsibilities that will add pressure and lead him to the Lord for help. With these increased responsibilities come additional privileges, such as receiving and making phone calls, visits from family and weekends at home.

In the final phase of the program, the resident actually is in training to be a counselor, and will counsel another resident of a lower status, and then make a report to senior staff. In this way, he will learn to help others as he was helped.

Each person in the program will be required to follow a daily schedule, which includes attending Bible classes and devotional meetings, receiving counsel, and participation in recreational activities and work chores.

Written compositions or Bible verses, loss of privileges, or extra work chores will be given to help correct negative behavior.

## ***SUCCESS RATE***

Since 1969, well over 20,000 persons have come to the Mission centers in - **Norma, NJ - Tuscumbia, AL - Gaastra, MI - Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Savannah, GA - Cresco, IA - Portland, OR - Brazil, IN - Honeydew, CA - Jerseyville, IL - Crossville, TN - Marked Tree, AR - Salyersville, KY - Greenville, KY - Hillsboro, OH - Holcomb, MO - & Roscommon, MI.** 85% of the graduates and 40% of the non-graduates reporting back to us are doing well.

## ***ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS***

To be accepted into the program, a person must be willing to seek God as the answer to his problems and to submit to authority. All court cases must be taken care of or postponed for at least two months. Prescription medication

is allowed upon approval of the Overseer. (Narcotics and alcohol-containing medication are not allowed). A preliminary interview is taken before acceptance.

## ***EXPENSES***

There is no charge for any services administered. Residents are required to have money for a return bus ticket plus \$50.00 for gas and food. This is kept in an account for the duration of their stay. Any expenses such as trips to doctor, court, etc., are at the expense of the resident, both for himself and the accompanying counselor. Personal spending money and money for prescriptions are the responsibility of the resident.

## ***FUNDING***

GRACE MBTC does not receive any governmental or denominational funding. We are totally dependent upon God to move upon the hearts of people to supply our needs, either as individuals or as church groups. Our needs include basically anything it takes to run a large household (food, finances, cleaning supplies, etc.) None of our staff are paid, although they may receive any funds donated specifically for them by name or 'for staff'.

