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***“Remember those in prison as  
if you were their fellow prison-  
ers, and those who are mis-  
treated as if you yourselves  
were suffering.”***

**Hebrews 13:3**

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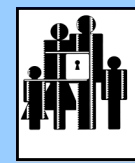
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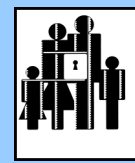
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*“A home away from home for families who visit their loved ones in prison”*

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## Tabor City Catches The Matthew 25 Center Vision

A group of people has caught the vision of replicating The Matthew 25 Center near the new state prison set to open in Tabor City, NC this fall. Burnett Coleman, a retired banker in Tabor City, first heard about The Matthew 25 Center from Pete Cowan, Mayor of Burgaw, at a planning meeting of local government officials. He was impressed with the idea and began to consider the possibility of implementing such a ministry in his community. He began to share his vision with people in the Tabor City area and soon had a core group who also shared his desire to see it become a reality.

The group began to explore the possibility and formulate a plan. They sent a delegation to Burgaw to tour the Center and to sit down with representatives of the Board of Directors in Burgaw to gather more information. Impressed with what they saw, the group resolved to move forward with the project. They scheduled a planning meeting on March 27, 2008 in Tabor City and formed an ‘exploratory committee’ to flesh out the idea. As more people heard of the idea, excitement grew among those involved. A public information meeting was scheduled for June 19 and drew approximately 50 people.




Future Site of Matthew 25 at Tabor City

The group has formally constituted as “The Matthew 25 Center at Tabor City, Inc.” and is actively working to bring the dream to reality as rapidly as possible. The group has been given a 2 acre tract of land near the entrance to the new prison for the new Center.

Hopefully, some day there will be places like The Matthew 25 Center in locations across the state to assist inmate families who have been so adversely affected by the incarceration of a family member, and to minister to some of their most critical needs in Christ’s name.

## Matthew 25 Happenings

- ✦ March 27 - Met with representatives of a group interested in starting a ministry like The Matthew 25 Center in Tabor City, NC.
- ✦ April 5 - Hot Dog Sale at Sam's Club in Wilmington. 
- ✦ April 8 - A WMU group from Wallace FBC brought cleaning supplies and paper products.
- ✦ April 14 - Presentation about the ministry of the Center to Long Creek Baptist WMU.
- ✦ May 2 - 3 - Third One Day with God Camp at Pender Correctional Institution.
- ✦ May 20 - Matthew 25 representatives went to Tabor City for information meeting about our ministry.



- ✦ May 26 - 28 - Rock of Ages Prison Ministry team stayed at the Center while conducting evangelistic services at New Hanover Correctional Center.

- ✦ June 14 - Promoted Matthew 25 at SummerFest 2008 in Buies Creek, NC.
- ✦ June 19 - Attended a public meeting in Tabor City to help promote the vision of a Matthew 25 Center there.
- ✦ June 21 - Participated in the Blueberry Festival in Burgaw.
- ✦ July 15 - Directors spoke to Wrightsboro Baptist VBS.
- ✦ August 1 - Directors spoke to Maple Hill Baptist VBS.

### Upcoming Events

- ✦ September 12 - Bar-B-Que Plate Sale—Dine in or take out!
- ✦ October 1-5 - KAIROS #16 Retreat at Pender Correctional.



### The Matthew 25 Center Statistics

Since April 2008, 163 inmate family members have stayed at the Center. They came from Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia and 35 cities in North Carolina.

## Bar-B-Que Dinner

**Friday, September 12, 2008**  
**The Matthew 25 Center**  
**1196 Penderlea Highway, Burgaw, NC**

**Serving: 11:00 a.m.—Until it's gone!**



**Dine In or Take Out**

**Menu: Home Made Bar-B-Que,  
Cole Slaw, Potatoes and Hush Puppies!**  
**(Dine in plate includes free iced tea.)**

**\$6.00 per plate**

**Free delivery in the Burgaw area  
for customers ordering 5 or more plates  
in one location.**



**Call 259-7133 to reserve your plate!**

**Volunteers are needed to help with the sale.**  
**Please call 259-7133 for more information.**