

## AN UPDATE OF MASTER'S TOUCH MINISTRY

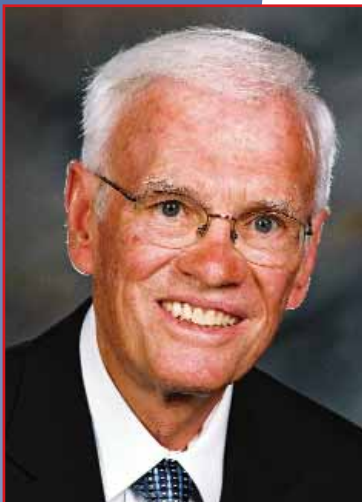


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## DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2010 EVENTS



The dates have been set for the 2010 Master's Touch Friendship Dinner, and for the 2010 Master's Touch Bowlathon.

On Friday, June 25, 2010, The Master's Touch Friendship Dinner will be held at The Lincoln Inn, 1345 S. Batavia Ave., in Batavia. Ken Cooper will be the guest speaker.

Ken is the author of *Held Hostage: A Serial Bank Robber's Road to Redemption*, a book in which he details his double life as a respectable husband, father and "gentleman bank robber." Ken professed faith in Jesus Christ in a county jail while awaiting sentencing for his crimes, and after serving his time in prison, co-founded a number of prison ministries.

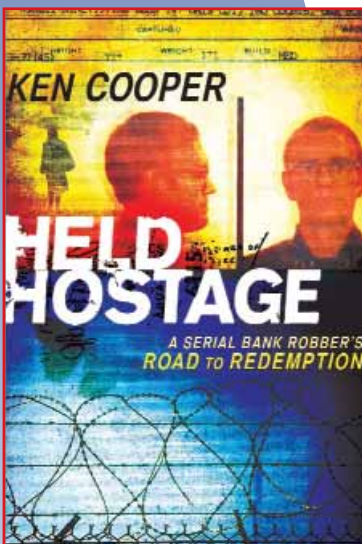
"Although our banquet is several months away, we're already very excited," said Master's Touch Director Randy Tomassi. "Ken's life is a tremendous testimony to the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which, of course, is what Master's Touch is all about."

On Friday, August 6, 2010, the 5th Annual Master's Touch Bowlathon Fundraiser will take place at Funway Ultimate Entertainment Center, 1335 S River St., in

Batavia. "We are very pleased to be able to hold our 2010 event on a Friday evening," said Master's Touch Steering Committee volunteer Bill Brogran, who will chair the event. "Bowling is the perfect way to keep cool on a hot, muggy, summer night—and to be able to raise funds for Master's Touch in the process makes it that much better."

**The Master's Touch  
Friendship Dinner**  
Friday, June 25, 2010  
The Lincoln Inn

**5th Annual Master's  
Touch Bowlathon  
Fundraiser**  
Friday, August 6, 2010  
Funway Ultimate  
Entertainment Center



Further details regarding both of these events will be provided in the months ahead. We want you to be a part of both evenings, so please be sure to check out future issues of *Life Change*, as well as our website: [www.waysidecross.org](http://www.waysidecross.org). In the meantime, please remember to **SAVE THE DATES!**

## Director's Corner

Thanks for taking the time to read *Life Change*, a quarterly newsletter intended to keep you abreast of how Our Lord is at work in our Bible-based, Christ-centered residential program for men who are seeking a permanent solution to the crisis of a broken life.

This is our last issue for 2009, so let me take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Day, a Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

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**Randy Tomassi**  
Director,  
Master's Touch  
Ministry

2009 was a year of significant transition for The Master's Touch Ministry — Craig Phillips has "retired." For many years, Craig faithfully volunteered as our Phase II instructor, serving Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. In addition to being a Bible teacher, Craig has served as a mentor, role model, counselor, and friend to literally hundreds of Master's Touch residents over the years. He also served on the WCM Board of Directors. Today, at age 87, Craig is as mentally and spiritually healthy as he was the day I met him; unfortunately, he's reached a point where he is physically unable to get out and about.

To say "we miss Craig" would be quite the understatement. Fortunately, he lives just a few minutes away and he's always "up" for a visit; if you're ever in the neighborhood, I'm sure that he would love to see you; or, if you're so led, feel free to give him a call or drop him a line. His contact information is:

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Many of Craig's quotes have become part of our everyday vocabulary around here. I'll leave you with my favorite: ***"There are only two kinds of people in the world: saved and lost; and there are only two places in eternity: heaven and hell."*** Amen.

If you have any questions concerning The Master's Touch Ministry, I welcome your phone calls and/or email. I can be reached at **(630)723-3422** or at **[rtomassi@waysidecross.org](mailto:rtomassi@waysidecross.org)**

May God richly bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy".

**Randy Tomassi**  
Director

## Transformation... and Transition

On October 31, 2009, Master's Touch graduate Don Thomas left WCM after serving six months on the Master's Touch Staff as a Resident Coordinator. Many of you will remember Don's moving personal testimony at the Master's Touch Friendship Dinner this past June. "This is what the Resident Coordinator position is all about," noted Master's Touch Director Randy Tomassi. "It's a short-term, 'next step' for our graduates as they continue to be transformed by the power of God into independent, functioning, members of society. All of us are very grateful to Our Lord for the work that He's doing in Don's life." Don plans to resume his career as a perfusionist, a highly trained health professional who operates the heart-lung machine during cardiac surgery and other surgeries that require cardiopulmonary bypass.

On November 1, 2009, Melvin Hinton joined the Master's Touch staff as a Resident Coordinator. Melvin, who was featured in our May issue, graduated from the Master's Touch program in March of this year. For the past seven months, he has served as a Resident Assistant.

Arthur Turner also joined The Master's Touch staff as a Resident Coordinator on November 1. Arthur graduated from The Master's Touch program in June of this year and has been serving as a Resident Assistant since then.

With the departure from the staff of Don, and the addition of Melvin and Arthur, Master's Touch Chaplain Jim Dunn now has three Resident Coordinators assisting him: Ray Gordon, who has been on staff since September of 2008, Melvin, and Arthur. Please pray for Our Lord's blessing on these men as they serve Him in The Master's Touch Ministry.



**(Left to right) Chaplain Jim Dunn and Resident Coordinators Melvin Hinton, Arthur Turner, and Ray Gordon**

## A MEMORABLE END TO SUMMER

June Young and family, along with a number of dear brothers and sisters in Christ from First Presbyterian Church (Aurora) provided a spectacular end to summer for residents of Master's Touch.

June orchestrated a fabulous picnic at Phillips Park on September 20. The afternoon consisted of a sumptuous cook-out catered by Jeff and Cathy Jones of River's Edge Café, games, and fellowship. As evidenced by the accompanying photos, everyone enjoyed the day.

"First Pres is the epitome of a Master's Touch Covenant Partner Church," beamed Master's Touch Director Randy Tomassi. "Our residents are genuinely welcomed as part of their church community. What June put together that afternoon will not be soon forgotten!"

...at least not before Christmas. Residents were delighted to learn that a Master's Touch Christmas Dinner to be held on Decemebr 17th at the church is in the works! Be sure to check out the next issue of *Life Change* for a full report.

