## MAURY CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

Ministering to Inmates and Staff at the Maury County Jail

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September 12 6:30 pm The Memorial Building Columbia, Tennessee



# Want to help with the fundraiser?

#### WE NEED TABLE HOSTS!

All you have to do to host a table is simply invite guests to join you to enjoy the evening's delicious dinner and learn about the exciting ministry going on at the jail.

If you would like to sign up, please contact Maria Cline at push4him07@gmail.com 931-284-6705

THANK YOU!

# BEHIND THE WALLS

'I was in prison and you came to Me' Matthew 25:36



# NEW CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT

Maury Chaplain Ministries is pleased to announce the addition of a chaplain's assistant to work at the jail. David Curtis Baker is twenty-six years old. He has been to Bible College in Texas and Kentucky and is now working full-time with us.

David grew up in the ministry as his dad was a pastor and is now the senior chaplain at the jail. Even as a boy, he accompanied his dad to pick up men for church that had just been released from jail.

David said, "My heart has always been touched by the men who didn't get to grow up in a home and family like I had. I wonder how my life would have turned out if I had grown up around alcohol, drugs, and the environment they grew up in." David's duties are to work with the residents of the jail, help facilitate the programs, and work with all our mentors and preachers that volunteer.

David is also available to speak at any churches or groups in the area to present the ministry of the chaplains at MCM.

David is married to Victoria and they have one dog named Dixie.

# **MIKE COUPE'S ADDICTIONS CLASS**

We just had the graduation ceremony of our first Addictions Class with Mike Coupe, the director and founder of the Place of Hope. When we offered the class to the inmates, we had an overwhelming



response from men that wanted to take the class. We stuffed the classroom full, but could have really had five different classes, and still wouldn't have been able to handle everyone who wanted the teaching.

Some people think that people come back to jail because it is easy, and they get "three hots and a cot." That is so far from the truth. Most of the people that are here have an addiction that they cannot get victory over, and it keeps bringing them back. If we can give them the tools to conquer the addiction every day, they can live a victorious life on the outside.

Thank you, Mike Coupe and the Place of Hope, for all you do.







Come join us for a delicious meal and enjoy hearing about God's work at the Maury County Jail

Maury Chaplain Ministries

#### 2017 Annual Fundraiser

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The Memorial Building

308 W. 7th Street, Columbia, Tennessee

Doors Open at 6:15 pm

Dinner Served at 6:30 pm

Seating is limited. The courtesy of an RSVP is requested by September 5.

Text "chaplains" to 41444 • call/text: 931-284-6705 • push4him07@gmail.com

#### **MAURY ALLIANCE BREAKFAST**

We were privileged to host the Maury Alliance Breakfast on August 9th at the Maury County Jail. It was a good opportunity to show everyone what we are doing to help the residents of the jail and their families.

### **NEWS AT THE JAIL**

#### **GED UPDATE**

Over 50 residents have received their GED's

#### AUGUST 2

Addiction Class

#### **AUGUST 5**

Financial Peace University

#### STARTING SOON

New Entrepreneur Class

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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

Chaplain David Baker

I had the privilege to sit in on many of the classes that Mike Coupe taught and they were fantastic. I would like to share with you one of the truth's he taught that can help us all.

Do you ever ask yourself, "Why does this always happen to me? Why is the outcome always the same no matter what I try to do?"

We are constantly trying to fix the outcomes of our circumstances. The problem is we are focusing on the result of a problem rather than the root.

#### Formula:

Thoughts = Feelings = Decisions = Actions = Results, Outcome, or Consequences

As we know from science, for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

**Proverbs 23:7a** "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Our thoughts control our actions.

Do you have something you need to overcome?

Is there something you are trying to accomplish?

How are your thoughts?

The reason people use drugs and alcohol is to alter their feelings. If they can learn to control their thoughts, which in turn effect their feelings, they will no longer need the drugs and alcohol. The way we control our thoughts:

#### 1. Serving the Lord

 When you are focused on serving God, you don't have time to think about the things of the world.

#### Proverbs 16:3

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

#### 2. Pray, ask God to cleanse our minds

• The more "God" you put in, the more "Devil" you push out.

#### Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me.

#### 3. Set a goal

 Consider where you are at, where God wants you to be, and what you need to do to get there.

#### Psalm 119:59

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.