

Ministering to Inmates and Staff at the Maury County Jail

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September 13 6:30 pm Faith Hall First Baptist Church 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



WE'RE GOING VIRAL!

A few weeks ago, we had a baptism service at the jail and posted a few of the pictures on Facebook. It was amazing what happened...

The post was shared 503 times, it was reacted to by 789 people, it had dozens of great comments, and it was seen by over 73,000 people. It is amazing to see the reach of this ministry! Check out our FB page.

READING ACTIVITY

Inmates who have completed a class and haven't had any write-ups are being granted special days to meet with their children for a reading activity. The kids read a book to their dad, their dad reads a book to them, and then, the sheriff reads a book to all the kids. This is an effective time of building



Sheriff Bucky reading to a group of kids and inmates

positive relationships both between the kids and law enforcement, and the kids with their dads. Dads are making stronger commitments to change their lives so they can continue to have good relationships with their children. These events are powerful for everyone involved, and we are witnessing the difference they make.

Thank you for the blessing of your support of this ministry!



IT'S FOR THE CHILDREN

Almost every man in this jail has children. Unfortunately, the jail can become generational as children follow the poor role models of incarcerated parents. Through your financial support and prayers, restoration efforts give inmates the chance to transform. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us to help break this generational cycle.



RECIDIVISM RATES

One of our major goals for inmates is to lower return rates to the jail. Our challenge is two-fold: to make sure inmates know they're on their way to Heaven, and to help them change their lives, and never come back.

Statistically, 70% of the inmates will return to jail within three years of their incarceration. However, it has been proven that rate can be reduced to 12% if an inmate obtains their GED and completes two other classes. YES, you read it correctly - 12%!

The care, classes, mentoring, and education provided by your

faithful support, can make a difference at the Maury County Jail.



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.maurychaplainministries.org Come join us for a delicious meal and enjoy hearing about God's work at the Maury County Jail

Maury Chaplain Ministries' 2018 Annual Fundraiser

Thursday, September 13, 2018 Faith Hall • First Baptist Church 2790 Pulaski Hwy, 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 6. Call or Text 931-284-6705 • push4him07@gmail.com



From the desk of Chaplain David Baker

Through the years, people have often asked about the name "Maury Chaplains Ministries." They have wondered if we provide chaplain services at a hospital, nursing home, or some other health care facility. We have always had to explain to them that we were the chaplains for the Maury County Jail.

Last month, the board for Maury Chaplains Ministries voted to change the name of Maury Chaplains Ministries to "Restoration Jail Ministry." We believe this name explains more specifically what the ministry is and helps us explain what we are actually trying to do...

helping restore people!



First, we are trying to restore them to God: If they aren't saved, then we are showing them how to be saved. If they have been saved, then we are trying to bring "the prodigal back to the Father."

Second, we are trying to restore them to their family: We want to restore them to their moms and dads, to their wife and their children. When someone goes to jail, it doesn't just cause problems for the inmate, but for his whole family.

Third, we are trying to restore them to the community: We want them to be able to get a job, pay their bills, and become a good citizen for our county.

We are excited about restoring every person we can through this ministry!



THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE

In April, we lost a good friend of this ministry, Mike Guess. Mike had been a volunteer at the jail for over 20 years. He had a great and giving heart to help the men who were incarcerated there. He taught Celebrate Recovery, mentored, preached, and helped however he could. He will be greatly missed by all.