

MAURY CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

Ministering to Inmates and Staff
at the Maury County Jail

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Training for all current volunteers will be held on Thursday, March 10, 6:30 pm at Maury Hills Church, 101 Unity Drive, Columbia, TN Information: 615-414-0563 or jilljoiner@me.com Dessert will be provided.

THANK YOU !

Two of our Board Members just finished their "tour of duty" with Maury Chaplain Ministries:

- Rev. Buddy Roberts served as President of our Board for five years and his wisdom and experience (he's also an attorney) helped guide this ministry to the place we are today: structurally and financially sound. Buddy is a friend and great encourager to me personally and to this ministry.

- Sarah Willems has been our Board Secretary for four years and served us well. Her gentle spirit, excellent secretarial skills, and wealth of experience have been a blessing.

Thanks to you both and may God richly bless your efforts!

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BEHIND THE WALLS

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

"I NEED WHAT THEY PROVIDE"

by Jill Joiner, Women's Mentor

Walk in to the Maury County Jail at any given time and you will be confronted by many things – brokenness, bitterness, addiction, anger, and depression. However, there is one thing you won't find too often...*gratitude*.

But gratitude is exactly what Tina, a current inmate, has for the Chaplain's office.

She is so thankful for them that she says she wouldn't transfer

to a different jail with t.v., better food, or other improved amenities. Why?

"I need what they provide," she says. "I've been told that one day I can live the life I lived before I got into all this trouble. But, no I actually can't, because even if my life seemed morally upright then... I wouldn't

trade it for what I have learned about God during this time."

Tina credits the Chaplains for counseling her, bringing mentors and teachers to her, and giving her a chance to break out of the entangling cycle of sin. She even wrote the Chaplains a thank you note.

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There is no difference between Tina and me – we both need the same savior. We both need to be pointed to him in all areas of life.

And today, through her gratitude, it is Tina pointing me to Jesus. If we truly see ourselves as beneficiaries of His great mercy at the cross, can there really be any response other than gratitude?

Thank you, my friend, for the reminder.

GRATITUDE

FUN AT THE FALL BANQUET

Our October fundraising banquet was a great success! Our theme was the effect of drugs (meth in particular) on inmates and their families. Our Drug Task Force made a presentation and we had a wonderful guest speaker that's on her way to a better life with her family. A huge thanks to our speakers and to all who

cooked, set up, served and cleaned up. We also want to express our gratitude to our sponsors and to all who attended the banquet.



Officer Bob Zaidan, Chaplain Jeff Boggs, guest speaker Cynthia McGowan, & Chaplain Dave Derryberry.



The Banquet Feast & the faithful servers.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

by Minnie Moore, Treasurer

Our annual Fall Banquet was a success raising over \$22,000 - more than a third of our annual 2010 budget. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting this ministry during difficult economic times.

Our goals for 2011 include hiring a woman to minister particularly to women's needs. We currently have 290 inmates, 56 of which are women. In addition to the female inmates, her ministry would extend to the jail staff and their families. We also need a part-time administrative assistant to free the Chaplains from this time consuming responsibility. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward into 2011. Again, thank you for partnering with us in spreading God's word. We thank God for you and praise Him for His provision!



MORE BANQUET FUN



FROM THE CHAPLAIN...

by Chaplain Jeff Boggs

We started our Christmas dinner by each saying one thing we were thankful to the Lord for. I will start this newsletter with a list of things I am thankful for this past year.

- The fact that God is indeed in control of all things and all people – this is necessary for me to list because it's the very thing that I have to keep reminding myself of.
- Chaplain Dave Derryberry – He continues to do an outstanding job and is a tremendous blessing to our

jail and to me personally. It's so great to have a comrade in the trenches.

- Our Board of Directors – These men and women keep us moving in the right direction as efficiently as possible. They are also responsible for making sure this ministry continues long after Chaplain Dave and I are gone.
- Our Ministry Volunteers - This faithful group of men and women are like clockwork coming into the jail teaching, preaching, and mentoring our inmates. Their group and one-on-one interaction is a blessing to the inmates.
- Our Faithful Supporters (last but in no way least) – It is people like you that keep this ministry going with your prayers, encouragement and financial gifts.

Our prayer is that the Lord Jesus will continue to be the God Of All Comfort to those in pain, affliction, and rebellion.