

MAURY CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

Ministering to Inmates and Staff
at the Maury County Jail

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WELCOME SHERIFF ROWLAND!

The Chaplains and Board of Directors of Maury Chaplain Ministries want to congratulate and welcome our new Sheriff, Bucky Rowland. We are looking forward to a long and productive working relationship with Sheriff Rowland and appreciate the support he has already shown to MCM.



"Maury Chaplain Ministries is vital for our mission to rehabilitate and change lives, not just incarcerate."

Sheriff Rowland

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BEHIND THE WALLS

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

MEET OUR TWO NEW CHAPLAINS



CHAPLAIN KRISSY NIMBLETT

I grew up in Maine, the daughter of a Swedish father, who was a small business owner in landscaping and paving, and an American mother, who grew up in Arkansas and was, and still is, a high school English teacher.

For most of my own professional career, I have been a teacher, starting out as a teacher of the deaf at the elementary level and later middle school level.

In 2003, I got a job in the learning center of an alternative high school for students with behavioral and emotional disorders in Massachusetts. There I discovered that I loved working with these students one-on-one and getting to know a little bit about their stories.

I moved with my family to Tennessee in 2005, and in 2012, I began volunteering at the Maury County Jail, teaching a class called the 180 program. Later I tutored several inmates in pre-GED/GED skills.

Becoming a chaplain wasn't even on my radar at that point, but I have tried to listen and respond to God's calling for my life, and I believe that I am where He has called me to be now. It is an often heart-breaking job, but also an enormous privilege and blessing to see the real nitty-gritty of Jesus at work in people's lives.



CHAPLAIN MIKE OSBORNE

After twenty years of alcohol and drug abuse, I never would have imagined that I would become a chaplain at the jail. I have traveled across the United States and worked at many different occupations, but I never was satisfied or felt like I was where I was supposed to be.

I came from a broken home, which led to brokenness in my life. At the age of eleven I began to drink and by the age of thirteen I was an alcoholic, then began to use drugs. I was arrested several times and struggled until the age of twenty-one, at which time I gave my life to Christ. The next five years I lived a sober and genuine Christian life, but the trials in my life resulted in my turning away from God and back to what I knew best: alcohol and drugs. I eventually became homeless.

Later, I repented and committed myself to growing closer to God. I was feeling a growing call to ministry when my Pastor suggested volunteering at the jail ministry. Starting out mentoring one inmate a week, that number grew to thirty! I continued helping at the jail for another two years and last December, I officially became a Chaplain for MCM.

For the first time in my life I am both satisfied, and certain I am doing what I was born to do. Along with the burning desire that is within me, God reassures me daily that being a jail chaplain is my calling.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

by Chaplain Jeff Boggs

REACH DEEP TO HELP MCM

We are grateful to you, our many supporters, but as the end of the year draws near we are finding our finances quite lean and ask once again to reach deep to support MCM. We now offer the option to sign up for recurring bank draft donations through e-giving on our website: maurychaplainministries.org

Thank you!

The frantic voice message from her father informed us that Lacy had been found dead that morning in her apartment. The little girl that we watched blossom into a beautiful 30 year-old woman would never again light up a room with her smile or make us all laugh. We were stunned. Nearly a month later we are still stunned.

Just a few weeks earlier her Mom asked me about rehab programs in Nashville. Lacy was battling her pill addiction again and her Mom was trying to convince her to get treatment. I suggested that a rehab far away would be better because Lacy had Nashville family and friends and would try to manipulate them. A year long program in California was an option but Lacy didn't want to be that far from home. I wish she had entered into ANY program.

People that abuse prescription drugs are masters at hiding their addictions. They laugh, they love, and they are best friends - all the while living a dual life. It's only when we see their dark side; when they are coming down off the drugs and freaking out about how they will get more pills, that we realize there's a serious problem. They become mean and hateful and will steal, lie, and manipulate to get more drugs. They just want to stay numb.

But we continue to love them and live somewhere between hope and denial. We know there is a problem but think maybe they will grow out of it or "hit bottom" at some point.

Surely getting arrested, surely having their stomach pumped, surely losing yet another job will wake them up to the fact their lives are out of control. If they'd just wake up.

Sometimes they do wake up. In my thirteen years at the jail I've known a handful of addicts that got treatment and are still clean and sober. I know far too many that are still dabbling with drugs and alcohol thinking they have control over their addictions

but in reality they are a ticking time bomb. I fully expect to see them in our jail again. But sometimes they don't wake up.

In Lacy's case she never intended to die. She took pills she had taken so many times before. But this time she didn't wake up.

Lacy had made a profession of faith in Christ as her Savior. The Scriptures tell us she is now in the presence of her Lord.

No more pain, no more guilt and shame, no more addictions. Please keep Lacy's family

in your prayers as they begin the first year of their lives without her.

I keep Lacy's funeral program in my desk drawer and show it to inmates daily. The majority of inmates in our jail have addictions and think they have their lives under control. They whine and complain about their situation but I know that only the Lord can wake them up. That's why as Chaplains we keep coming back to the jail day-after-day and are so thankful for your support that makes this possible.

