

# MAURY CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

Ministering to Inmates and Staff  
at the Maury County Jail

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## SAVE THE DATE

October 24, 2013

# Evening of Swing



### WE NEED TABLE HOSTS!

All you have to do is simply host a table of eight by inviting guests to come enjoy an evening of delicious desserts and fabulous entertainment!!

If you would like to sign up, please contact Maria Cline at [push4him07@gmail.com](mailto:push4him07@gmail.com)

931-284-6705

**THANK YOU!**

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# BEHIND THE WALLS

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



Maury Chaplain Ministries'  
2013  
Evening of Swing  
featuring  
Swingtastic

Music Dancing Dessert  
Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm  
Westbury House 125 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street Columbia, TN

"It don't mean a thing if  
it ain't got that swing."  
Duke Ellington

Suggested donation \$30 per person  
Limited Seating - Please RSVP by October 17<sup>th</sup> 931-284-6705 or [push4him07@gmail.com](mailto:push4him07@gmail.com)

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! MCM'S EVENING OF SWING - OCTOBER 24

Would you be up for having a fun time AND helping support your local jail Chaplains? If so, please join us for our third annual Evening of Swing!

The date is Thursday evening October 24th at The Westbury House on the Square in Columbia. I will be playing the drums with Swingtastic – a talented group from Nashville playing great music from the 1940's and beyond. There will be songs of all tempos and styles for your enjoyment.

This year, as an added bonus, we are offering free dance lessons one hour before the event. Tiffany Stahl, a wonderful dance instructor, will teach you a few steps that you can immediately put into motion when Swingtastic gets the place jumpin'!

We'll have coffee, tea, and tasty desserts and the suggested donation of \$30 per person will help keep us Chaplains in the jail where we belong. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Chaplain Jeff*

**Come early and join us for  
FREE DANCE LESSONS**

**6-7 pm • October 24 • The Westbury House**



P. O. Box 735  
Columbia, TN 38402-0735

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## BEHIND THE WALLS

### AN INTERVIEW WITH CHAPLAIN JEFF...

#### How many inmates are you ministering to at this time?

Our current head count at the jail is 348. There are so many requests, we have to prioritize them and deal with the real crises first. On a typical day we probably see 10-15 inmates.

#### Do you have organized bible studies at the jail?

On Sundays we have ministry volunteers come in and lead church services in all the pods. The inmates attend voluntarily but most of them participate.

#### Is most of your inmate counseling one on one?

I would say 98% of our inmate counseling is one-on-one due to confidentiality issues. As Chaplains we minister under a legal term called "clergy-penitent privilege." That means we cannot be subpoenaed to testify against an inmate based on what we've discussed with that inmate. In my twelve plus years I've heard things that I wish I'd never heard. Many times we "know too much" and are not able to discuss it with anyone.

#### Do you still collect paperback books for the inmates?

Yes! We are always in need of paperback books in good condition that cover a wide range of topics.

#### Does the ministry have material needs?

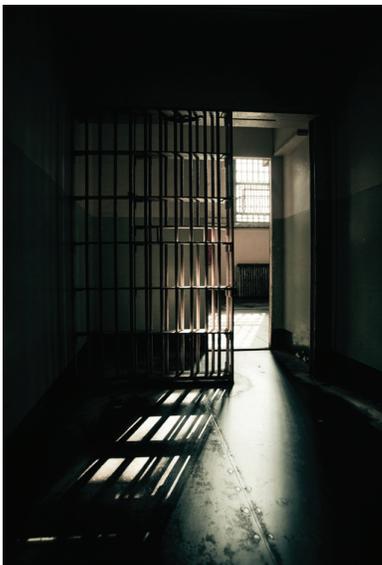
Our primary need is always funding to enable us to actually stay in the jail. The jail provides us an office and phone to use so our admin costs are minimal. We occasionally need toner cartridges for mailings but overall our material needs are pretty basic.

#### How can supporters participate with the ministry in addition to their financial support?

We could really use prayer support. I don't say this lightly because the jail can be a very dangerous place and there is a fog of oppression over the place that we can feel. Please pray for our safety, wisdom, and endurance.

#### What kind of support does the ministry give to the jail staff members?

We try to offer encouragement and a listening ear to the staff. At times we've helped them financially or with a meal. We've attended funerals of staff family members and also made hospital visits.



### MARY - A STORY OF LIFE AFTER INCARCERATION

I head my little Saturn Vue onto the mobile home park. I have asked God's help and protection; I know this is not a 'good' neighborhood. I am going to check on a young woman who is dealing with life after incarceration.

Mary (not her real name) wants to stay clean and live a decent life - she has children who need her - but surely the odds are against her. Her addiction is screaming at her to use again. She has no home (she is staying with a friend of a friend who has agreed to put her up for a few days); no job; no income; no transportation; no insurance; no solid support system; even her clothes and ID are with her former dealer and all her friends are from the drug scene. Take a moment - what would you do? - where would you go? - who would you turn to?

Our inmates face tremendous challenges when released. Not all are like Mary, but her situation is very common. Some overcome huge obstacles only to be re-arrested for failure to pay their fines on time or missing a court date. For many, the pressure of life is too much and they turn again to drug usage or crime. Thus, they live in a cycle of hopelessness BUT for the love and power of God to change hearts and change circumstances.

Thank you for your support as we speak of this loving and powerful God to men and women caught in the lies of the enemy. We continue to rely on your prayers and help in speaking "Life" to those who feel only hopelessness and death.