

MAURY CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

Ministering to Inmates and Staff
at the Maury County Jail

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HELP PROMOTE THIS MINISTRY

Your church or organization can help promote Maury Chaplain Ministries by inviting Chaplain Baker to come and share this ministry's vision and hear all about the way God is at work in the Maury County Jail.

We would welcome and appreciate the opportunity to get our message spread throughout the community. If you would be willing to help us in this way, simply contact Chaplain Baker by phone or email at the information in the box below.

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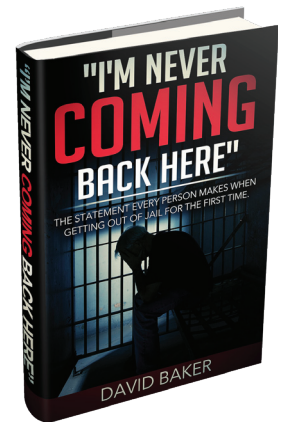
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BEHIND THE WALLS

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



WELCOME CHAPLAIN DAVID BAKER!



Maury Chaplain Ministries would like to welcome and introduce David Baker as their new chaplain at the Maury County Jail as of May 1.

David has been preaching for over 27 years and has been a local pastor for 23 years. For over 20 years he has served as a jail ministry volunteer at the Maury County Jail and many other jails and prisons. A native of Maury County, David has been married to his wife, Laura, for twenty-six years. They have eleven children. Before entering the ministry, David served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division.

David's passion is to help jail residents not only reconcile with their families and with God, but to also make life changes to help avoid future incarceration. He has recently written a book, *I'm Never Coming Back Here*, which is about helping people get out of jail and stay out of jail.

Affordable Housing Project

In April, Maury Chaplain Ministries began meeting with members in the community who feel the need to address the issue of affordable housing for inmates leaving the jail. Sheriff Bucky Rowland believes this is the one piece missing in helping inmates make the transition back to being productive citizens in the community.

Because we know the inmates, their families, and their needs, the chaplain service is the natural group for taking the

lead in developing ways to assist inmates in finding affordable housing. Others involved in this initiative are local people who know the homeless, women in crisis, and families struggling to have a place in the community.

This is our opportunity to reach out into the community and show how we are committed to positive change. Please pray for wisdom and direction as we "all as one" strive to honor God by serving and caring for our fellow brothers and sisters.

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RECENT JAIL NOTES

The average recent attendance for worship and Bible study has been 286, about 86% of the inmate population.

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The chaplain office sees on average five inmates every day for coaching.

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Mentors have increased to 30 volunteers a week, and the number continues to grow!

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We constantly hear from the inmates how much they appreciate people taking time to show the Living God to them.



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From the Chaplain's Desk...

Don't Sell the Farm *by Chaplain Baker*

Many parents have teenagers, or even adult children that are not going the direction they need to in their life. One of the biggest burdens a parent can have is to see their children messing up their lives. For many years, I was a rebellious son, and I know I put my parents through a lot of heartaches. If I could give you one piece of advice it would be this: **DON'T SELL THE FARM.**

You are probably wondering what selling the farm has to do with rebellious children. Let me explain. The prodigal son in the Bible (Luke 15:11-32) left home and went into the world. He wasted his life in riotous living. One day, he came to his senses and decided to go back home. When he got home,

there was his dad on the farm waiting for him. If the father had gotten so discouraged that he had quit and sold the farm, the prodigal would not have had a place to which to return.

There are many parents that sell the "spiritual" farm and when the child wants to come back to do right, the parents have "sold the farm." The parents don't go to church anymore and don't live for God.

Parents, if your child is not doing what they need to, you need to be living right yourself. They need to have a place to which they can return where things are right. When one of the residents at the jail is released, they need to come home and find the family doing right so the family can help them to do right also.

BECOME A MONTHLY MINISTRY PARTNER

JUST A SMALL AMOUNT... We need 400 people to commit to giving only \$10 a month to MCM. We are calling this MCM program the "Least of These 400". Why? Because the Bible says when we minister to the "least of these", we are actually ministering to Jesus. Just \$10 a month would be the blessing we need to help our budget stay on track. ***Would you consider becoming one of our 400?***

Ten dollar donations may be given monthly or as a one-time yearly gift of only \$120. For your convenience, an automatic bank draft for recurring monthly payments can be set up through eGiving on our website.

We greatly appreciate you partnering with us to fulfill the mission God has given to minister and serve those in jail! www.maurychaplainministries.org