

Pray with Jail Chaplains 19 September 2024

Ministry Focus:

1. **For Fall Groups** For facilitators / participants / host churches. Need women for open groups (anger & facing fear) **Ongoing collaboration with meals/ childcare at First United Methodist.**
2. For people to volunteer with **Compassionate Visitors** (one-on-one, through the glass at the jail), and with **Friday Night Worship** (8pm) in the Women's Pod. For visits with Jail Mentors led by the Holy Spirit.
3. **Upcoming events: Facilitator Training (Saturday Sept 28), Breaking Bread Behind Bars (Tuesday Oct 1), Dessert Social Fundraiser (Thursday Oct 17)**
4. **For those recently released** – first steps and next steps. Their recovery journeys. For connection of returned citizens and their entire families to churches, groups, resources and Christ-centered support.
5. **For transition as Chaplain Mike Sonju takes on role as lead chaplain.**

Typical Requests from Jail *Spiritual: *Forgiveness *Restore hope, faith, courage – to be at peace no matter what. *Rescue from sin and death *To sustain a new way of life, *for encounters with Jesus through His Word, Spirit, His people...in conversation, prayer, dreams and visions. *That the Cass County Jail will be a kingdom sanctuary where Jesus and Truth are known and reign. *Comfort for those who are grieving *Protection: against spiritual attack and works of evil, for safety, freedom from night terrors, *That Satan and every demon and all evil spirits will be banished at the portal. *For lowered tensions, peace in the pods. *For good, restful sleep with minimal disruptions at night *Health: For healthy pregnancies and deliveries for those incarcerated. *Healing and strength for recent newborns/infants. *For relief from dental issues, pain, needed dental procedures. *For healing of addicted brain, PTSD, Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, old patterns and habits, *For those struggling with challenging mental health issues. *Continuing road of sobriety *For kids and caregivers while mom / dad is away. *Legal Next Steps: For favor and second chances through the legal system. *For repentance and grace. *Communication with lawyers. *Reentry: For those struggling to find housing & treatment *For very first connections upon release -a clean/sober ride and a healthy place to stay. *to connect quickly to a Jesus-centered church when released Relationships: *For wisdom and healing in relationships. *For partners to grow closer together as they grow closer to Jesus.* For improved communication skills, anger management, wisdom in conversations ***For every group:** Anger, Men's 33, Facing Fear, Stepping into Freedom, AA, Alpha, Worship Services, Celebrate Recovery, etc. ***For healthy staff and officers...health in the pods...recruitment...officers' relationships** ***For recently released** to connect to churches and groups (Celebrate Recovery, Alpha, Men's 33, Peer Support). *For healthy next steps. *For strength to keep doing the next right thing even when reentry is overwhelming.

Staff Requests: (Heather, Eric, Mike): For health and healing, covering for spiritual warfare. Heather's step dad (PET scan next week to determine if tumors have shrunk through chemo), Eric's Mom (Continued adjustment to move to Moorhead/ diagnosis of Louey Body Dementia), Mike and Eric – Family and School Year Schedules. Chaplain Mike – grief (death of his brother)

Individual Prayer Requests & Praises (from recently released, community groups, and volunteers):

W – Incarceration in Grand Forks with Relapse with large ripple effect (R, B, S, S, N, B, M), Second Chance Ministry (Paul P.), C&T – continued next steps / praise for apartment and furniture and ac unit. K – praise for job and apartment (looking for work with better pay). Multiple requests: for favor and provision released (food, jobs, safe place to stay, continued steps of sobriety, connection to believers and churches). M – likely shoulder surgery / healing. H – for safe place to stay and that previous partner will stay away.

For Facilitators and Participants of Fall Groups

- For ongoing community groups: Anger (Men), Anger (Women Online), Facing Fear (Women Online). Thursday Noon with Lunch (Women). Men at Noon at Babb's.
- Walking in Freedom at Perry Center (Women).
- West Fargo Library – Facing Fear Finding Faith
- Multiple Insight Groups for 55 newly trained facilitators
- Crossroads (Bethel)
- Widows Group (Bethel)
- Overcoming Disappointments (Men at Babbs Coffee)
- Tuesday Night Mens Group (Genesis Guys at Babbs Coffee)
- Wednesday Night Financial Group (Heart of Clay)
- Ten Commandments (1st United Methodist)
- Financial Success (Men at Babbs Coffee)
- Insight Groups
- Coping with Losses of Life (1ST United Methodis)
- Practical Parenting (1st United Methodist with Meal / Childcare)
- Youth Insight (school year / once-a-month) 1st United Methodist

Jail Chaplains in Wise Correctional Facility in Texas (With Bob D) – Men's Anger and Women's Facing Fear. Praying for more volunteers and churches to join.

Upcoming Events:

- **Family Resource Night (Monday, 9/23 – table at Friends of the Children)**
- **Facilitator Training (Saturday, 9/28)**
- **Lunch at the Jail (Tuesday, 10/1)**
- **Dessert Social Fundraiser (Thursday, October 17)**

Save the Dates for next Third Thursday Prayer (at noon at Relevant Life):

October (TBD), November 21

Psalm 107:1-22 NLT

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.
- 2 Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out!
Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.
- 3 For he has gathered the exiles from many lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

- 4 Some wandered in the wilderness, lost and homeless.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty, they nearly died.
- 6 “Lord, help!” they cried in their trouble,
and he rescued them from their distress.
- 7 He led them straight to safety,
to a city where they could live.
- 8 Let them praise the Lord for his great love
and for the wonderful things he has done for them.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

- 10 Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom,
imprisoned in iron chains of misery.
- 11 They rebelled against the words of God,
scorning the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 That is why he broke them with hard labor;
they fell, and no one was there to help them.
- 13 “Lord, help!” they cried in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.
- 14 He led them from the darkness and deepest gloom;
he snapped their chains.
- 15 Let them praise the Lord for his great love
and for the wonderful things he has done for them.
- 16 For he broke down their prison gates of bronze;
he cut apart their bars of iron.

- 17 Some were fools; they rebelled and suffered for their sins.
- 18 They couldn’t stand the thought of food,
and they were knocking on death’s door.
- 19 “Lord, help!” they cried in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.
- 20 He sent out his word and healed them,
snatching them from the door of death.
- 21 Let them praise the Lord for his great love
and for the wonderful things he has done for them.
- 22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and sing joyfully about his glorious acts.