

Pray with Jail Chaplains 17 October 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: Dessert Social Fundraiser (Tonight - Thursday Oct 17). Breaking Bread Behind Bars (Tuesday – Jan 21).**
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 with Chaplain Mike Sonju taking 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, Mike S, Eric, Mike L,): For health and healing, covering for spiritual warfare. Heather's step dad (for tumors to continue shrinking / no new tumors / tolerating 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. 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 – shoulder surgery / healing. H – for safe place to stay and that previous partner will stay away. Anon. – for favor regarding disability case.

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)
- Understanding Depression (That's the Dream Farm)
- Single Christian (1st United Methodist)
- 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) & (Men at 1st United Methodist)
- Insight Groups
- 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. **Bridgeport Prison in TX** also started Living Free Group in Sept.

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

November 21. December 19.

Psalm 19 NLT

¹The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

The skies display his craftsmanship.

²Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.

³They speak without a sound or word;
their voice is never heard.^[a]

⁴Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.

God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.

⁵It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding.
It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.

⁶The sun rises at one end of the heavens
and follows its course to the other end.
Nothing can hide from its heat.

⁷The instructions of the Lord are perfect,
reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸The commandments of the Lord are right,
bringing joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are clear,
giving insight for living.

⁹Reverence for the Lord is pure,
lasting forever.

The laws of the Lord are true;
each one is fair.

¹⁰They are more desirable than gold,
even the finest gold.

They are sweeter than honey,
even honey dripping from the comb.

¹¹They are a warning to your servant,
a great reward for those who obey them.

¹²How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart?
Cleanse me from these hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant from deliberate sins!
Don't let them control me.

Then I will be free of guilt
and innocent of great sin.

¹⁴May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart

be pleasing to you,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer