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CAPTAIN FROBIG'S CHALLENGE Who will you invite to the Dessert Social?

Last fall during his presentation at the Dessert Social & Fundraiser, Captain Andrew Frobig, Cass County Jail Administrator, asked how many people in the audience were attending the event for the very first time. Many hands in the capacity filled room at the Holiday Inn were raised. He went on to ask, "How many of you think you know someone you could bring to the Dessert Social next year who has never attended before?" Again, many hands were raised.

Captain Frobig then said, "Hold

that thought," and went on to say, "Jail Chaplains is making miracles happen. They are giving people who have often lost all hope, a chance of a new beginning. The effort of this organization is the one single thing I can point to and say this is working! There is a whole new beast in our community, the opioid crisis. The only way we are going to win this battle is all of us working together. Law enforcement alone is not going to solve the addiction problem. We need to continue to encourage more people to grow the Jail Chaplains organization."

At the end of the above comments Captain Frobig called out to Gerri Leach, Executive Director, and upon making eye contact, he said, "I will be the first Table Sponsor for the 2017 Dessert Social and make the commit that all the guests at my table will be first time attenders."

Who will join Captain Frobig to sponsor a table for the upcoming Dessert Social and invite guests who have not previously attended the annual event?



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TUESDAY · AUGUST 15, 2017
TROLLWOOD PARK MAIN SHELTER
3664 Elm Street North, Fargo

- 6:00PM Gospel Music, Karaoke, Children's Activities & Photo Booth
- 6:30PM Picnic Dinner will be Served
- 7:30PM Second Chance Stories

Join us for a wonderful evening of music, fellowship, family fun & inspirational second chance stories.



Thank you Sponsors!

Prayer » Relationships » Community

BY GERRI LEACH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Prayer is at the foundation of every step taken by the Jail Chaplains team. Pastor Curt Frankhauser modeled this for us from the very start of the ministry. The Board of Directors, Chaplain Mike, the volunteer team and I regularly cover each decision and program we lead in prayer and ask for the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom. This is God's ministry, He is the one who repurposes lives, we are simply His hands and feet working in the harvest fields.

Earlier this summer, while working on a grant application, I recognized **95% of what the Jail Chaplains ministry does is relational.** First, is the personal relationship we each have with Jesus Christ. This motivates us to want to tell others how he has changed us. Next are the relationships we develop with the men and women Christ brings in contact with our ministry team. Many of the people we meet have experienced so much hurt, pain and abuse they only know a dysfunctional and messy life. The Jail Chaplains team has the opportunity to meet them where they are and move forward, one step at a time in a healthy manner.



"Often we surround ourselves with the people we most want to live with, which forms a club or a clique, not a community. Anyone can form a club; it takes grace, shared vision and hard work to form a community. If we want the community experience God is offering to us, we have reason to seek a congregation of people "not like us."

- PHILLIP YANCY

Reality is all of us have 'messy spots' and God loves us too much to leave us there. He wants to come in and clean the 'stuff' out of those places in our life so we can grow and become more like Him.

Growth and healing best takes place in community! Men and women leaving jail sometimes allow us to be part of their community. They accept our invitation to attend church or a Bible study with us, or arrange for us to meet their family or we decide to go to coffee. As we interact and fellowship together both the returning citizen and

the Jail Chaplains team member have invited the other into their community. This creates real and very special relationships!

I encourage you to **pray** and ask the Holy Spirit to swell up a desire within you to expand your **community** and help you grow a healthy **relationship** with someone very different than you typically associate with. I am confident you will be amazed at the blessings you will experience!

Below are some of the special people in 'my community' and joys or sorrows we have shared recently

(names have been changed to protect privacy).

Esther reunited with her husband and had a new baby. They are rejoicing for a healthy addition to their family and waiting for an upcoming court appearance. We are praying for God's will to be done in the case. Esther continues to give God the glory for the freedom HE has given her from meth.

Ed's father passed away recently. Attending the prayer service was a special time and a snapshot into Ed's growing up years. It was fun to see how much Ed is like his Dad

Tony was baptized recently. I am SO thankful he called to tell me how meaningful it was for him that for the ceremony took place in a body of water he spent a lot of recreation time in a young person. Tony said having his brother and children on shore to witness the 'dunking' was especially sweet!

Donna called shortly after her son was arrested for the 6th time. Her heart is breaking to see him continue to make the same poor choices over and over. She is starting to realize she cannot 'fix' her son, she can only love him. She tells me her goal when she next visits him in jail will be to mostly listen and tell him she loves him. What else can she do? We are praying Donna's son will let Jesus be in control of his life.

Andy has decided to be serious about his recovery this time. As we drive to church he tells me he is going to attend regularly. After the service that morning he sees a lady & her daughter who he has previously hurt badly. Andy sought the lady out and apologized to them before leaving church that day. He is faithful to attend each week and is committed to doing the next right thing. I thank Jesus for the growth taking place in Andy's life!

Living Free

Jail Chaplains has become aware of a faith based small group model designed to assist people facing life-controlling problems. This unique program uses lay leadership, small groups (3-12 people) and Bible studies on a wide variety of topics which often cause life to become overwhelming. The Christ-centered ministry is designed to help participants learn how and why life-controlling problems develop and discover God's path to spiritual freedom.

Living Free is a grassroots faith-based community ministry that is having a positive impact on a growing number of communities around the nation/world. It serves as a catalyst to bring together all aspects of a city including business, judicial, law enforcement and the Christian community for the common cause of ministering to people and their families who either have experienced the devastation of addictions or life challenges or know someone who has.

Living Free started in 1988 in Chattooga, TN. Today the Living Free small group model is used in ninety-two (92) countries and is translated into twenty-six (26) languages.

About 15 years ago law enforcement and city leadership in Chattanooga went to the faith community and said, "If you

don't get involved in a few years we will not recognize our community because of the negative effects of drugs. As a response the Transformation Project was started which took the Living Free small group model into the jail. They started building relationships with the inmates and upon release transitioned them into small groups in the community. The judiciary system recognized the positive impact the Transformation Project had and began to furlough inmates to the Transformation Project. Judge Clarence Shattuck has been on the bench for 30+ years and is a long time Transformation Project board member.

The Jail Chaplains team has been evaluating the **Living Free** model and materials this summer and are strongly considering implementation into our programs currently offered in the Cass County Jail. Evaluation and conversations about **Living Free** are also taking place with several churches in the community.

Please join us in praying and seeking God's direction on how Living Free may make a significant impact in our community. If you are interested to learn more feel free to contact the Jail Chaplains office.



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