

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

# Kings Crossing Prison Ministries

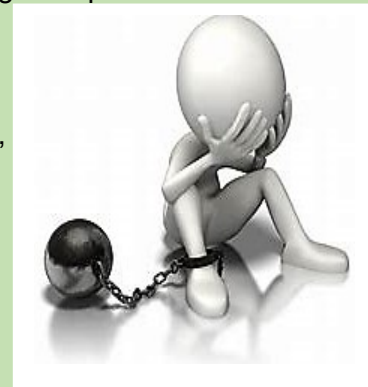
A NEWS REVIEW & EDUCATIONAL TOOL OF JAIL-PRISON MINISTRIES IN CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
Buck Griffith, Editor

“Improving society and making it safer teaching Christ to those in prison”

## Every Christian Ought to Have a Choice

Upon learning of the ripe mission field called *jails and prisons*, folks often respond hot or cold. After giving it more thought, some “warm up.” The difficulty lies in presenting the option. Some church leaders are not eager for members to hear about it, but nothing erases Jesus’ words, “I was in prison, and you came to me” (Matthew 25:36).

It is more difficult to persuade a congregation than individual Christians to get behind prison ministry. And if it is supported by the church, the amount is less than what members want. If given the choice to seek individual versus congregational support, I always prefer taking the case straight to members. Even if a congregation agrees to support us, they write smaller checks than members. Plus, in a few years the church gets bored and switches support to some other effort. Individual members, on the other hand, keep on giving in growing amounts until they die and leave something to prison ministry in their Will!



I have always believed that prison ministry could receive all we need IF we could find a way to present it to every Christian! We receive generous gifts from Christians grieved by home congregations saying “no” to visiting Jesus in prison. But, if the congregation refuses, informed Christians will.



Prison ministry battles for time and attention. Jerry Stephenson (minister and elder at Midwest Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky) calls Prison Ministry “the *best-known secret* in churches of Christ!”

Why? The answer is a lack of education and misinformation. Marie Curie has written, “Nothing in life is to be feared; it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.” We cannot educate unless given a chance. A lack of knowledge leads some to think we are *bleeding hearts* and only want to turn criminals loose. How sad. Our desire is to see captive souls set free by the same blood that cleansed and made us whole. We seize openings to tell a congregation or individuals how they can “visit Jesus in prison” in 2021.

- Buck Griffith



## GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

Many ministry friends find this a meaningful way to remember loved ones and honor persons who have made a difference in their lives – living or not. Whether a person just passed away or died decades ago, it is a wonderful feeling to know you or a loved one is remembered.

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# 47<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

June 9-11, 2021

Midwest Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky is the host of this **VIRTUAL** workshop. Director, Jerry Stephenson, announces the theme: "Networking: Creating a Safety Net for Success." Many believe "virtual" will be a permanent feature added to our future gatherings. This allows a participant to join in for topics of special interest and as available. It spares time, travel, motel, and food costs. However, Midwest expects most speakers to be present and form panels to answer many questions submitted by other participating virtually.

A tentative schedule is enclosed with this newsletter.

The \$35 per participant (Virtual) fee includes exclusive workshop access, and a copy of the official program booklet.

The registration is \$85 per person for those planning to participate in-person.

You may register online by going to [www.midwestchurchofchrist.org](http://www.midwestchurchofchrist.org) (the "donate" button is on the right, select "Community Outreach," and include "Jail & Prison Workshop" in the description box on the following page). Payment and registration can also be mailed to Midwest Church of Christ, P. O. Box 11148, Louisville, Kentucky 40251.

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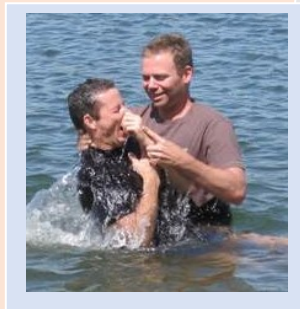
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## "PATIENTLY WAITING TO OBEY"

Last month we shared our growing "Study of Baptism" effort. Some desire to be baptized in facilities that do not allow immersion for many reasons/excuses and we cannot resolve all roadblocks. If a baptistry is needed, we solve that quickly through *Baptistries Around the World*. More often, the resolution is not so easy. In such instances, we use an encouraging tract – "Patiently Waiting to Obey." A copy is sent with this newsletter. Also, we ask for Christians everywhere to pray that obstacles be removed. It is painful to see taught souls denied the opportunity to obey.



## THE DOORS ARE OPEN!

Many of our nation's prisons are open or are in that process now! However, some volunteers have been lost to death, illness, or old age. We are "calling all volunteers!" We receive invitations from jails/prisons throughout the USA. Wherever you live, a facility is usually nearby, and crying for help. If interested, contact us and we will put you in touch with an existing local ministry or assist you in starting a "new" one! This is one call that needs answering. Souls are at stake and time is critical.

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