

Bethlehem Baptist Church Prison Ministry

This ministry is centered in Christ our living hope.

Biblical Foundation – Isaiah 42:6-8:

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee and give thee for a covenant of people, for a light of the gentiles to open the blind eyes to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Goal:

The Prison Ministry of Bethlehem Baptist Church is a comprehensive outreach spanning various areas of need. Our ultimate goal is to reduce the rate of recurring offenders from our communities. To aide in the restoration of their lives through the infusion of actual emotional and spiritual influence that is directed to help them discard harmful patterns and unhealthy relationship and behavior to stay out of prison, and become positive contributors to society.

Focus:

The ministry's primary focus is to equip individuals in the ministry and provide avenues for re-entering society. In addition to on-site ministry, provide other programs support groups at Bethlehem Baptist Church. This is truly the day for the church to step beyond its boundaries and offers not only hope through the gospel but some practical assistance to a word disabled by dysfunction. Locked beneath the trappings of addiction, prostitution, crime and homelessness, lay silent treasures waiting to be released. We must as a body of Christ, the sleeping giant, rise out of comfortable settings and rescue these hidden deposits of greatness. Along with the mending power of the gospel we must point these lives in the direction of their destiny. As a result, they can return to their families as role model to the church as a gift to the body of Christ, and to the community as evidence of the love, power, and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

Mission:

To establish a holistic ministry that will equip and empower offenders, former offenders, and their families to become productive in their respective communities. To be a role model for local churches and raise the standard of prison ministry out-reach program.

Objectives:

- To distribute Christian material in correctional facilities.