

**“Remember those in prison, as if you were their fellow prisoners.”**

**-Hebrews 13:3**

**Contact Info:**

We encourage you to pray and seek the LORD’s will about your decision to serve. If you feel led to serve on the Christ Church Prison Ministry team and would like further information, please contact:

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Sharing the love of Jesus  
within prison walls

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PRISON MINISTRY**

## About Christ Church Prison Ministry

Christ Church Prison Ministry is reaching inmates with the gospel of Jesus Christ and seeing His restorative power at work in the lives of many.

## How You Can Get Involved

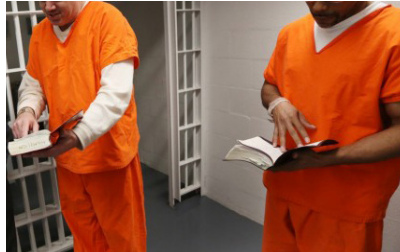
**Bible Study Facilitator:** Help with a variety of Bible studies and courses for inmates including Alpha, CROWN money management, Alpha Addiction Recovery, Alpha Parenting, Men's Fraternity, Jobs Partnership and more.



**Re-Entry Mentor:** Men and women are released from prison every day, returning to our communities. Without help, 2 out of 3 will re-offend and end up back in prison, with children often following in their footsteps. Having a mentor can change not only a life, but impact an entire family. Volunteers develop one-on-one mentoring relationships with an inmate of the same gender while incarcerated and continue that relationship for a six-month to one-year period after the mentee is released. Mentors help with career counseling, encourage wise decision making and spiritual development. Special training is required. Mentor groups meet at the jail in the evenings on Mondays (women) and Thursdays (men).

**Prayer Team:** Join together to pray for the Prison Ministry and inmates.

**Christmas Caroling with Inmates:** This is a one time event in mid-December on a Tuesday evening. Musicians are needed.



## Donations Needed

- New large print bibles and study bibles. All bibles must be pre-approved and paperback (no hardcover or leather allowed).
- Reading glasses. Must be plastic (no metal) and may be donated to the medical department of the incarceration facility.

**“...to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of despair...that He may be glorified.”**

**-Isaiah 61:3 NKJV**

## Angel Tree

Christmas is a particularly hard time of year if your Mom or Dad is incarcerated. A child may feel a sense of shame, abandonment and loneliness and is 7 times more likely to be incarcerated themselves in a few years. Help break the cycle and give joy to a child.



**Angel Tree Christmas Party for Children of Inmates.** Held in mid-December, it's a fun and engaging way for adults and kids to share the love of Christ with children of inmates. Volunteer to be a greeter or help set up or clean up, oversee food or help pass out Christmas gifts.

**Adopt An Angel Tree Family.** One way volunteers can give joy is to help ensure that every child with a Mom or Dad in prison gets a gift at Christmas. Information will be at the Angel Tree tables in Christ Church lobbies in late November. Typically, gifts for children are distributed at the Angel Tree Christmas Party, but separate delivery arrangements also may be made.

**Angel Tree Coordinator.** Volunteers needed to help cover the Angel Tree table in the church lobbies during promotional season and/or help with planning the Angel Tree Christmas Party.

## More Information

In all things, Pray! The battle is the LORD's, so we seek compassionate, caring volunteers who are willing to regularly pray for the inmates, the jail and each other. Volunteers serve at the:

Lake County Jail, Waukegan, IL

- All volunteers must be PREA trained and certified and receive security clearance from the Lake County Jail. We will provide you with the application for security clearance, as well as the PREA training materials and help you become certified.
- You will be paired with experienced leaders. We will train you on security procedures, as well as small group practices inside prison walls.



## Glory to God

Souls saved. Burdens lifted. Anger dissipated. No life is beyond God's grace. Jesus lifts despair and oppression and suicidal thoughts and replaces those with HOPE. Inmates may come to classes depressed, angry and hurting, but often leave encouraged, with peace, joy and hope in their hearts in Christ Jesus.