



Becoming Involved

The Chaplaincy Program depends on area churches and individual Christians to fulfill its ministry. Here is how you can help:

- **Pray for the Chaplain, the volunteers, the inmates and the officers**
- **Volunteer with your church**
- **Assist with worship services**
- **Sponsor the program financially**

The Madison County Sheriff's Chaplaincy Program relies primarily on donations from individuals, churches and businesses to support its programs. It receives no tax dollars. The Madison County Sheriff's Chaplaincy Program is a non-profit organization separate from the Madison County Sheriff's Department. A board of directors comprised of community leaders oversees the program. All contributions are tax deductible.



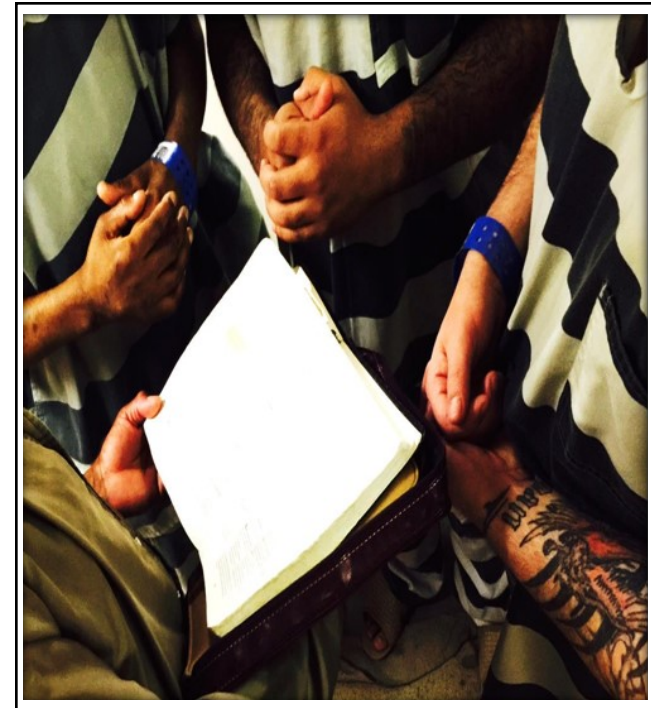
Rev. Benjamin Santiago
A leader and an inspiration

The Sr. Chaplain at the Madison County Sheriff's Chaplaincy Program is Rev. Benjamin Santiago. Rev. Santiago doesn't have to imagine what it is like to be in jail or to feel the hopelessness and despair of bad choices. He has been there. Growing up in New York City, Benny became a gang member at an early age and learned to fight, drink, do drugs, and live on the street. But on Good Friday, 1979, Benny walked into a church where he was overcome by the love shown to him through the pastor and others who led him to Christ. His new life left no room for the old and he became involved in the church's ministries. As his faith matured, Rev. Santiago began a prison ministry in the New York City area. Later, he continued that ministry in Madison County where he resides with his wife, Tammy. Rev. Santiago is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University and is an ordained minister.

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Madison County
Sheriff's Department
Chaplaincy Program



Who will bring
CHRIST
to this world?

“I was in prison, & you came to visit me.”

Matthew 25:36



Why do we need the Chaplaincy Program?

Inmates are searching for answers.

When the steel doors of the Madison County Detention Center lock behind them, many new detainees are forced to face failure—wrong choices, bad friends, and a lifestyle which has distanced them from God.

If a new way of life is to take hold,

seeds of faith must be planted and nurtured. With your help, the Sheriff's Chaplaincy Program will be there to introduce them to the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ and to disciple them in a God-centered lifestyle.

The Chaplaincy Program ministers to law enforcement personnel as well as inmates.

These men and women often put themselves in harm's way to make our community a safer and better place to live. The Chaplaincy Program seeks to meet officers and staff of the Madison County Sheriff's Department at their points of need. This may mean helping a member of the department cope with a death in the family, work through a personal or professional problem, and guiding them to deal with his or her own spirituality.

What is the Chaplaincy Program?

Provides worship services and Bible Studies for men and women at the Detention Center, Madison County Youth Center, and the Madison County Correctional Center.

Sets up church release to permit some inmates to attend Sunday services at local churches through the work release program.

Supports and encourages families of crime and accident victims.

Assists and provides spiritual guidance to Madison County Sheriff's officers and staff.

Coordinates Project H.O.P.E. a partnership of community leaders that is committed to developing future leaders using a mentoring model to invest in at-risk youth in our community.

What is the Chaplaincy Program?

The Madison County Sheriff's Chaplaincy Program communicates and shares the saving power, hope and love of Christ to the imprisoned, victims, sheriff's department employees and their families.

How does the Chaplaincy Program work?

The Chaplaincy Program depends upon volunteers from local churches who care about inmates, staff and want to see lives changed. The care and compassion of these volunteers create relationships often absent from the lives of offenders.

“We know that inmates are changed not by their confinement, but by choosing a new way of thinking and living- a new character. The means for that alternative is offered in the person of Jesus Christ.

Charles Colson

