

It is our heart's
desire to help you
serve these men
and women
through your
congregation.

Mission Statement

To establish and strengthen the Christian life of inmates and their families by providing opportunities for worship, instruction, nurturing of children, fellowship, service, mutual aid, brotherly counsel, and to establish and strengthen the Christian life of evangelism. To bring the Gospel to the unsaved and to lead them to faith in Christ followed by membership in the body of Christ.



This inmate is reading our bi-monthly newsletter and getting ready to write a pen pal

You can also stay in touch with your Pen Pal through JPay Email

Before sending communication to your inmate Pen Pal, you must first register online with JPay at www.jpays.com.

JPay's correctional email service is faster than regular mail, with inmates usually receiving emails within 48 hours.

Each **email requires a "Stamp,"** often available at more affordable rates than traditional postage, and can be purchased online. Prices could change.

Current stamp prices:
\$1.95 – (5) Stamps
\$6.95 – (20) Stamps
\$9.95 – (40) Stamps

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Pen Pal

This is a letter
writing ministry to
incarcerated men and
women who may not
receive letters from
friends or family.



*A letter from a Pen Pal
is a witness of the love
of God to someone
incarcerated.*

Minister while sitting at home; be a Pen Pal

1. Beware as pen pals **about** sending money to the inmates. I realize many times they have legitimate



We want to help you help them.

needs, but when you send money to them it can confuse the message of why you are involved. Anyone that you write to might mention a need and say "Please pray for the financial need I have." Do just that. Sending money can really get out of hand and you do not know if they are using the money for good purposes or not.

2. Receiving collect phone calls is another **no** that could get out of hand really fast. The inmates used to mostly call collect, but the new system does allow them to pay for calls from prison out of their funds. In the past many spouses lost their phone service due to the inmate using it without regard for the cost at the end of the month.

3. If you become involved as a **Pen Pal** you can always use the church address or PO Box instead of your home address. You may come home one day and have a surprise visitor. The person you are writing may lay down the envelope, or they may have shared with another inmate how kind you are, or all the other things you have shared in your correspondence. This other man in turn may just drop by when he gets out. This is a rare happening but could happen. There are many things that could happen, but we can prevent most of them if we are careful and take all the precautions that we can think of. Do not get too personal in your letters and do not share family disputes.

4. I have mentioned elsewhere about men and couples going into the institutions that have all men, and women and couples going into female prisons. In writing, you need to beware of romances that could begin if men write women or women write men who are in prison. Remember, they are lonely and many have lost their spouses for various reasons. If a couple is writing, the man should take the time to be responsible to read the letters and the woman read the letter to the women. Either way, both the spouses should read the correspondence and the inmate should be aware that these people are happily married not looking for romance.

5. In corresponding with an inmate, as you get close to them, you may be asked to make contact



Inmates writing letters and studying the Bible

with his or her family. You need to be careful of this. This may give you a better picture of the inmate

you are writing. You can see if the changes the inmate is claiming are evident to his family. Hearing only one side of what went wrong in a family does not always make for true understanding. But your contact might actually be, the family want does not want to hear from him for many reasons.

6. I encourage anyone to become a Pen Pal and be a witness for the Lord. Someone who is homebound can especially be a blessing in this type of ministry. Plus older people who may be lonely themselves can be blessed by a regular correspondence with a Christian inmate who may not have any family around to write them.

7. When I was incarcerated I was blessed to have family write me regularly, but I also had several pen pals that I corresponded with for years after I came home, and one family wrote until both had gone to be with the Lord after years of bringing each other much joy through letters back a n d f o r t h .

8. Never look up addresses or a phone number for an inmate. He or she might say; "This is an old friend or a relative, can you find them for me?" This person could actually be a victim of this inmate's crime and contact could cause great distress.

Come join us as a Pen Pal.

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