



# Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*Serving Officers  
Serving Community  
Serving Families  
Serving Inmates*

## Celebrating Easter at Community Corrections

Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy volunteers Chip Johnston and Tracy Jennings teach Bible Study classes every Tuesday night for the residents of Community Corrections. With the support of the outreach ministry from a local church, Chip and Tracy also provide an Easter dinner at Community Corrections inviting the residents (who in turn may invite their families) and also the officers and staff who serve there.



The church volunteers supply a complete Easter meal with a variety of meats along with all the fixings. Jennings said, "We do this outreach as a way to emphasize the sacrifice that Jesus Christ has made for them and also to introduce the residents to Christian people who care about them." They want to show love and support to the officers as well. Jennings and Johnston hope to ease the difficulty of residents not being with family during the holidays. They also hope it shows the families of the residents that having faith-based programming at Community Corrections makes a difference in their lives.



For entertainment, there may be singing of worship songs or sometimes drama sketches are presented which depict the meaning of the resurrection. They might also use resurrection eggs to explain the story of Christ.

Jennings said, "Chip and I have received several letters from residents in the past thanking us for the dinners and expressing how helpful the dinner was in getting them through the holidays and mending relationships with family members." They felt truly blessed to receive such a fine dinner.

Jennings said the volunteers who help serve the Easter meal also count it as a blessing and a fulfillment of Scripture, so much so that many of them participate year after year.

*The Chaplaincy is a 501(c)3 charity supported by several local churches and individuals.*

*How you can help:*

*Pray  
Volunteer  
Donate*

*If you would like to donate, please make your check out to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy and send to the address below. All donations are tax deductible.*

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## Remembering our Service Members

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy pauses to remember and honor all those service members who paid the ultimate



sacrifice in their duty to protect and serve our country. We also want to say thank you and offer our heartfelt condolences to each family who has suffered the loss of loved one who served in The United States Armed

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loss is great and we offer prayers of blessings and healing for every family. May they be comforted greatly by our Heavenly Father.

## 2017 Calendar

Mandatory Jail Volunteer Training – January 9, June 5, August 14, and October 30 at the New Beginnings Baptist Church (formerly Christ Community Church), 772 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm – Volunteers are required to be trained once annually.

Open registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – May 1

National Day of Prayer – May 4 – Chaplaincy hosts Prayer Gathering at noon on the Noblesville Town Square

Final registration for the Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 1 or whenever the camp is full. Last year the camp was full by mid-May, so please apply early.

Junior Law Enforcement Academy – June 16

Sheriff's Chaplaincy Conference – October 9-10



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is to serve public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, as well as all residents of Hamilton County. Our mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.