

# 80 Inmates Baptized After Hundreds Find Freedom in Christ

Hundreds of San Quentin prison inmates were “worshipping, praying, crying and rejoicing” earlier this week after dozens of incarcerated men gave their lives to Jesus, a national prison ministry reports.

God Behind Bars, which works to restore the lives of inmates by building their faith during incarceration and after their release, held an outreach event at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center in San Quentin, CA.

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“Eighty incarcerated men baptized at San Quentin prison,” the ministry shared online. “After sharing the gospel and hundreds getting saved, all these incarcerated men came up and got baptized! This was late in the evening, the prison lights were on.”

*is gaining strength and posing a serious threat to several states. Forecasters warn the storm could bring catastrophic flooding, dangerous winds, and life-threatening storm surge.*

*Meteorologists predict the storm could become a Category 4 hurricane with winds reaching 130 miles per hour and up to two feet of rain, potentially causing life-threatening flash floods.*

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*“You can hide from the wind, and there will be significant wind in this storm, but you’ve got to run from the water,” said Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis.*

*Twenty counties in Florida are under mandatory evacuation orders, while the entire state – along with Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina – is under a state of emergency. Meanwhile, state relief efforts are underway, with thousands of linemen stationed in Tampa.*

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*The Big Bend area could see between 10 and 20 feet of coastal flooding, which forecasters describe as an “unsurvivable” storm surge.*

*“If our community remains central in Helene’s path, we will see unprecedented damage like nothing we have ever seen,” said Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey.*

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## ***Students Gather to See God Pour Out His Spirit***

*Thousands of students showed up early on their school campuses this morning with a singular focus – to pray for their friends, schools, communities and the unsaved.*

*See You at the Pole (SYATP) is a global movement of prayer that is student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led. It takes place on the fourth Wednesday in September.*

*The seventh annual event is a part of Craig Church Ministries, and according to its website it “uses worship music (in a variety of genres) and the Word of God (via testimonies and the preached Word) to unite believers, save the lost, bring a community together, and spark a revival that will change our area and beyond.”*

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*Pastor Craig Church, who is the founder and executive director of the ministry, says the event attracts tens of thousands attendees each year.*

*“I can’t even put into words what the Lord has done this weekend,” he shared online. “Everybody is celebrating what the Lord has done.”*

*Clayton King, pastor and founder of Crossroads, spoke Friday night before a crowd of 30,000 people.*

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*“I’ve never seen so many people so hungry and desperate for God in my life. I think we’re in the midst of a spiritual awakening. The world doesn’t see it. But I’m witnessing it,” he remarked.*

*King told CBN News that FaithFest is a unique Christian music festival because its focus is bringing souls into the Kingdom.*

*“I’ve preached at dozens of Christian music festivals over the past 37 years, but what sets FaithFest apart is their focus on evangelism. They prioritized the proclamation of the Gospel and as a result, we saw hundreds and hundreds of decisions for Christ,” he explained.*

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# University of Arkansas Sees 10,000 Seek Jesus in Powerful Revival

*In the fourth major collegiate revival in less than a month, thousands of students gathered at the University of Arkansas on Thursday night, Sept. 19, to seek Jesus Christ and find salvation in His name.*

*Unite US reports that 10,000 students from 67 different universities gathered in Bud Walton Arena.*

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*“Jesus met us there,” the ministry said in an Instagram post. “We were blown away by His presence in the room and how it carried over to baptisms. It was a night we’ll never forget.”*

*One young man shared his powerful testimony right before getting baptized at the event, saying, “I spent a lot of years running from God. I just came to Jesus about five weeks ago, but I got caught up in, I’ll just say it, cocaine and alcohol. I had a lot of really near-death experiences and I think Jesus had His hand on my life because I should not be here.”*

*Necessity, the old adage goes, is the mother of invention.*

*Justin Walker, pastor of Salt and Light Baptist Church just outside Louisville, Kentucky, experienced that proverb firsthand—and it birthed a vision for a tuition-free, church-sponsored grade school, First Principles Academy.*

## **The Origin**

*For years, Walker told CBN News, he led a small but stable congregation alongside his wife Sarah, with whom he shared six children. But then tragedy struck: in the summer of 2020, when the congregation—like many across the country—was struggling to find its footing amid a pandemic, the pastor’s wife received a devastating diagnosis.*

*She had stage four cancer. After months of battling the brutal disease, Sarah passed away in March 2021.*

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*Overnight, Walker became a single father of six—five of whom live*

at home and were homeschooled—as well as a bi-vocational pastor working full-time for a family fabric business. It was in that season of struggle, when he was stretched and struck by grief more than ever before, that Walker saw a need.

“I didn’t realize it at first, but it really stemmed from my wife passing,” the pastor said, reflecting on the origin of his vision to launch a tuition-free school for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. “I used to say that ‘we homeschool,’ and then my wife passed, and I realized, ‘Oh, my wife homeschooled.’”



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That was now Walker’s job. As he began taking on those tasks, the grieving father brought one of his daughters to a local public library to find something for her to read.

“It was the first of June, and they were pushing all of these LGBTQ books on my daughter in the public library, and I was so upset,” he said. “And I just made this personal post on Facebook. I took a picture of the books they were [trying to give my 11-year-old daughter] ... and I was so upset at that. ... I took a picture of [the books] and I posted them on Facebook and I said, ‘Shame on you, public library, for pushing these books on my daughter. We won’t be back.’”

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That post, Walker recalled, sparked “a huge firestorm” on social media and it made clear to him there was “a great need” in his community for a better educational alternative.

“The more I started looking, the more I realized there’s a mission field in our own backyard that the average church is not involved in, and that mission field is 50 million American children that are going to public schools every day where things like what just happened to my daughter in the library are happening all day long. And here I am, the pastor of a church, supposed to be a community leader, and what are we doing about this? No one’s even talking about it.”

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