

170 Inmates Receive 'Fresh Start,' Baptized Behind Bars At County Jail

There is no doubt that an incredible spiritual movement is taking shape in America. From college campuses to beaches on both coasts and evangelistic outreaches in small towns, there is evidence that the Spirit of God is moving as people give their lives to Jesus Christ.

This phenomenon is also going behind bars, including the Sumner County Jail in Gallatin, Tennessee, where 170 inmates were baptized last weekend, according to WTFV-TV.

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Men and women waited patiently for their turn inside the small jail to publicly declare the change that had taken place in their hearts – a newfound relationship with Jesus Christ.

"Here at the Sumner County jail, something very unique is happening involving dozens and dozens of inmates hoping to change their lives," Jerry Scott, the jail administrator," told the outlet.

Long Hollow Church and First Baptist Church of Hendersonville work closely with jail staff to baptize inmates periodically throughout the year, and last weekend's event became the largest they had seen.

Each of the inmates will be leaving the jail soon fulfilling

time served for the crimes they've committed. Yet the baptisms serve as a fresh start.

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"This is a day they can remember that is something about baptism they don't forget," said Chaplain Bruce Raley with First Baptist Hendersonville.

"It's really them committing to live to follow Jesus and not come back. It's a bold statement," Danny Spano with Long Hollow Church added.

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One female inmate shared what the baptisms represent.

"We get a new beginning and new start and live a better life," she said.

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