



Barnabas House

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The History of Barnabas House

In the spring of 2008, Bill Bailey and Andy Stoll were part of the Prison Fellowship Ministry that prepared men to re-enter into society. During this time, both men opened their homes to released inmates in order to help them reintegrate into society. However, after attending training in Raleigh NC, they learned that they were not allowed to bring the released men into their own homes. Determined to provide help to released inmates, they began to discuss a Christian based residential program. Bill Bailey's wife Betty suggested the very appropriate name Barnabas House after her favorite Biblical character; Barnabas was an encourager that sought to help others in their relationship with Jesus.

The concept grew and more men from other Christian groups; such as, Kairos, Emmaus and various churches, began to support Barnabas House. In August 2008, officers were elected and the first Board of Directors was in place. Andy Stoll was the first president, Mark Futrell, the Vice President; Bob Clinkscales, Secretary/Treasurer; Bill Bailey, board Member; C.D. White, Board Member and M.C. Brewer, Financial/business advisor.

In March 2009, Barnabas House was incorporated as a nonprofit organization. In October 2010, we had our first fund raising banquet. Nancy Pritchard made and sold

delicious Swedish Tea Rings to help support Barnabas House.

By God's Grace, In the Fall of 2011, we were licensed as a group home and opened our first home in Elizabeth City, N.C. Dr. Tom Oliver was our Executive Director and Tony Meads the House Manager. During the next 3 years, we served approximately 18 men. Many are working and living independently today.

Eventually, in 2014, the lease expired and we had to vacate the property. During this time, the Board reviewed what worked and what needed to be changed in order to give those we serve the best opportunity to succeed in society.

Today, we are leasing a home in Edenton N.C. Joe Stuter is the Executive Director and interim house manager. Dave Taylor is the president of the Board of Directors; Bob Clinkscales remains the secretary, M.C. Brewer the financial and business advisor. Andy Stoll, Doug Spaeth, and Bill Bailey, are the additional Board Members.

The mission of Barnabas House remains the same: A Christian residential program that prepares released inmates and others to reintegrate into society and become productive members of their community. The men who served in the beginning and those who serve today are men who love God and have a passion to share that love with others.

- NC DOC releases approx. 22,000 inmates each year

- 67.5% of those released are re-arrested in 3 years



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Barnabas Program

When leaving prison a typical prisoner has a little more than a few dollars. Any money saved in their prison account will be mailed to the address to which they are being released, and they are issued only a bus ticket to their previous residence and transportation to the bus station.

This presents some challenging issues upon release:

- A little more than a few dollars
- Feelings of being “lost”
- Housing and transportation
- Lack of valid state ID cards
- Unemployment

Program Description:

- Six month minimum in house stay
- Christ centered with intensive Bible Study
- Steeped in personal development such as work ethics, anger management, budgeting skills and social skills
- Community service and church development

Get Involved

Program Needs:

- Resources
- Commitment
- People in the community
- Money
- A riding Lawn mower
- Clothing

All contributions are tax deductible

Mathew 25:35-40

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’