“Angel Tree provides a welcome lifeline between prisoners and their children. It is a much-anticipated highlight of the year in many lives.”

—Participating chaplain
“I missed out on so much while I was away, and Angel Tree helped me start making up for it. I know nothing can replace Mommy at home, but this was the best we could do. And it did a lot. My kids still talk about it. It’s amazing what a simple gift can do.”

—Anastasia, formerly incarcerated mom in Florida
Dear Chaplain,

As you care for incarcerated men and women every day, Prison Fellowship® wants to affirm that the work you do is simply unparalleled! Because of you, lives are transformed, and those who once felt hopeless are awakening to new hope.

We especially want to thank you for the work you do strengthening relationships between parents and children through Angel Tree® Christmas. Because of your support, parents behind bars can express love for their children from afar—improving outcomes for both kids and incarcerated parents.

Did you know that Prison Fellowship Angel Tree™ doesn’t end after Christmas? Many Angel Tree churches continue to support and encourage families throughout the year. Families are invited to services, youth group, and special events—all with the goal of walking alongside them in the often challenging day to day.

So thank you for making ministry like that possible! Your participation in Angel Tree Christmas opens doors for all kinds of healing, connection, and hope.

Inside this box you’ll find:

1. A pocket calendar created just for prisoners—and free to order online from the Storehouse.
2. Parent Participation Forms for Angel Tree Christmas.
3. Posters for advertising Angel Tree Christmas in your facility (in two convenient sizes).
4. Samples of helpful parenting brochures available to order from the Storehouse while supplies last!

Please read through this booklet to learn more and be sure to return your forms by October 1!

God bless you,

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree
Why sign up for Angel Tree?

1. You want to strengthen your family. No one can take your place in the lives of your children. But Angel Tree can help keep your children supported and engaged in positive activities.
2. You want to help. Ensuring your children receive a Christmas gift can ease the burden on their caregiver.
3. You want to lead your family spiritually. Angel Tree volunteers deliver gifts, but they also deliver something of more lasting value: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Families may also receive year-round support through partner churches.

Important: If your children’s address or phone number changes after you have submitted your form, tell your chaplain right away!

FACILITY DEADLINE: FORM DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Complete, sign, and date the form!

HOW ANGEL TREE WORKS

Find this resource in your 2022 Chaplain Resource Kit!
1. Incarcerated parent gets current information from caregiver.
2. Chaplain distributes forms and tells when and where to return them.
3. Incarcerated parent fills out and turns in form.
4. Chaplain sends forms to Angel Tree.
5. Angel Tree assigns children to a church or organization, and a volunteer calls the caregiver to ask about gifts and delivery.
6. Church or organization gives a gift to prisoner’s child along with their personal message.
Prison Fellowship Angel Tree starts with a gift—but it doesn’t end there.

This simple act of generosity at Christmastime can open the door to ongoing ministry as local congregations enfold families into church life.

To learn more about Angel Tree camping, visit angeltreecamping.org or call 800.55.ANGEL (26435).
Back-to-School Events

Caregivers Night Out

Family Fun Day
Program Guidelines
1. Participating children must be 18 years old or younger.
2. Children must live in the U.S.
3. Parent submitting the form must be the parent, stepparent, mother figure or father figure of the child(ren) listed on the form.
4. There cannot be an order of protection or administrative rule prohibiting contact in place.
5. Parent must have legal authority to allow their child’s information to be used by Prison Fellowship Angel Tree.

Important Reminders
1. Display posters as soon as possible.
2. New this year: You can personalize your posters with your facility’s deadline and place where prisoners should return forms.
3. Discard any forms and shipping labels you have from last year.
4. Forms must be postmarked by October 1, 2022.

New! Incarcerated parents now have the option of submitting forms digitally.
Here’s how it works:
- Chaplain emails fillable forms to parents.
- Parents complete and return forms to chaplain.
- Chaplain emails the completed forms to AngelTreePPF@pfm.org.

For more resources or information, contact Angel Tree at 800.55.ANGEL or angeltree@pfm.org.
In 2021, we received 121,228 parent participation forms from 1,374 prisons
236,965 children were signed up to receive a gift, and those kids were served by 5,712 churches and organizations.

Let’s work together to make those numbers grow in 2022!
Thank you to our 2021 partners!
Congratulations to the 2021 Angel Tree Prison Partner Award Winners

Our new Prison Partner Award Program celebrates facilities and chaplains who work tirelessly to support parents in prison—at Christmas and all year long!

The top chaplains in each state were recognized with a certificate and credit from Tyndale Publishers to purchase books and materials for their facility.

The two categories were:

**Children’s Champion Award**
This award went to the chaplain at the facility with the highest increase in percent of participation between 2019 and 2021.

**Renewal Award**
This award went to the chaplain at the facility with the highest increase in number of 2021 applications compared to applications received in 2019.

2021 National Winners

**2021 CHILDREN’S CHAMPION AWARD**

Matthew Tuzas  
Saginaw Correctional Facility  
Michigan

**2021 RENEWAL AWARD**

Caroline Brown  
New Hampshire Correctional for Women  
New Hampshire

For a complete list of all 2021 state winners, visit [pfm.org/prison-partners](http://pfm.org/prison-partners)
CHURCH HIGHLIGHT

SECOND BAYTOWN

BAYTOWN, TEXAS
Second Baytown Church Goes Above and Beyond

The vision of Prison Fellowship Angel Tree is not only to strengthen parent-child bonds but to connect families with churches that want to encourage and support them all year. Second Baytown Church in Baytown, Texas, is an example of a church doing just that.

Second Baytown’s ministry to local families began over a decade ago with Angel Tree Christmas. But the church wanted to do more. They added three more yearly events for Angel Tree families: a back-to-school party, a Thanksgiving dinner, and an Easter celebration. Volunteers help prepare for the special get-togethers and stock backpacks and Easter baskets.

Then Second Baytown started a monthly meeting just for Angel Tree families. Every fourth Sunday, families gather for fellowship. They receive a door prize—usually a gift card for gas or groceries. Children work on letters or drawings for their incarcerated parents, and then the families eat a hot meal together. There are birthday celebrations and small group meetings, where kids and caregivers can share their struggles in a safe place.

“These people are taking their time and sacrificing what they have—or what they may not have—to love on our kids,” says Amber, a mom who participates. “Angel Tree has helped remind me that I’m not alone and that I have a support system standing behind me.”

And it’s this kind of support system that can make all the difference.
THE LIFE RECOVERY WORKBOOK
A Biblical Guide through the Twelve Steps

STEPHEN ARTERBURN and DAVID STOOP

It's time to take the first step! This workbook is about transformation: from death to life, from addiction to recovery. It is about walking with God, humbly accepting and doing his will. As you work through each of the Twelve Steps, you'll discover challenging spiritual lessons that will allow you to live your life free from addiction.

Features include:
• Profiles of Recovery: Each step includes a real-life story of a fellow traveler on the road to recovery. As they share their experiences—and successes—you'll be comforted, encouraged, and inspired.
• Guided Questions: Open-ended questions, designed to encourage introspection, personal growth, and self-discovery, will give you the tools needed to build a renewed life grounded in biblical truth.
• Scripture Helps: Foundational verses point you back to the Bible and help to guide you through the Twelve Steps.

Though the path to recovery is hard work, it is definitely worth the effort! God will be with you on this journey as you find freedom, healing, and peace of mind.

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The Storehouse
The shelves of the Storehouse are stocked for those you serve!

Did you know that Prison Fellowship offers dozens of life-giving resources just to support the vital work you do as a chaplain? And, they are all completely free.

Resources include:

• Large-print Inside Journal Life Recovery Bible (NLT) in English and Spanish.
• The Life Recovery Workbook: A Biblical Guide Through the Twelve Steps.
• And many other spiritually nourishing books and pamphlets in both English and Spanish!

Check them out at pfm.org/storehouse.

Floodlight
Floodlight is our newest platform, offering free, downloadable content to be shown directly on prison TV systems and tablets across the nation.

We are attracting stellar content partners like ALPHA, Celebrate Recovery, Fourth Purpose, Purpose Driven Life, Compass, and more.

Let Floodlight help the prisoners you serve use their time in service of their transformation!

Check it out at pfm.org/floodlight.
SECOND CHANCE MONTH

WE BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES!
Second Chance Month

Approximately 70 million Americans have a criminal record, which hinders them from obtaining employment, education, housing, and other things necessary to live a full and productive life. No person is beyond God’s reach. Just as God forgives our sins and offers us a second chance, the Bible shows us that we can offer a second chance to those who have paid their debt to society.

Since 2017, Prison Fellowship has been leading the national effort to celebrate April as Second Chance® Month, the movement to unlock brighter futures for people with a criminal record. Nearly 600 organizations, congregations, and businesses have joined Prison Fellowship as official Second Chance Month partners.

As part of the Second Chance Month initiative, departments of corrections and prisons have taken initiative to engage in a variety of ways, including signing up as Second Chance Month partners, hosting in-prison Second Chance 5Ks and prayer walks, and encouraging the incarcerated in their care by sharing information about the national movement for second chances.

Consider how your facility might share and advance Second Chance Month this April.
Visit prisonfellowship.org/secondchances for more information.