



Pathway to Freedom, Inc.

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27 For The Lord

By Scott McLean

On April 3 of this year, we witnessed an inspiring and deeply moving baptism service in which 27 men publicly declared their faith in Christ through water baptism. It was truly a sight to behold. Several of these men made their decision just minutes before the service began. We give all glory to God for His presence and for the Holy Spirit stirring in their hearts, calling them into a deeper walk with Him.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our partners and volunteers. Thank you for your faithfulness and obedience. Because of your support, this ministry continues to restore lives, families, and entire communities throughout Arkansas.



Celebrating New Life



Jermaine Lindsey's Baptism

Freedom In Christ

By Jermaine Lindsey

Before arriving through the back door of Pathway to Freedom, my life was a complete wreck. I had been in and out of state custody, juvenile detention centers, jails, and prisons since I was 14. I was involved in every element of street and criminal life imaginable; drugs, gangs, theft, violence, and my past reflect it all. Although I grew up in a relatively good home in Camden, Arkansas, I have been estranged from my parents and entire family since I was 14. My defiance, disrespect, and the many years I spent in prison drove us apart. I served six years, stayed free for only four months, returned for another 10 years, and now another eight years. This means I literally spent half my life incarcerated. What went wrong in my life? How do I change it? For nearly 30 years, that was who I was and those were the questions I had to ask myself since returning to prison this time.

After sharing parts of my story with other inmates, I was strongly encouraged to contact PTF and see if I could join their program. Since coming here, I've not only found answers to those questions but also uncovered and addressed deep-rooted internal issues that I probably never would have discovered or confronted without this program and the supportive environment it creates. I've made tremendous progress in my life, improving my relationships with my family and my son. Most importantly, PTF has given me the space and opportunity to experience the love and obedience of Christ and all the joy, peace, and victory that come with it. Before baptism, I recognized the stark contrast between my proclaimed faith and my actual life. While at PTF, the Lord began stirring my heart, convicting me not only about my past but also about the sins still dwelling in my heart. In that moment, I cried out to God for rescue. I resolved, not only mentally, but in my heart that I no longer wanted to live the life I had. I longed not for a seasonal change, but for an eternal, lasting transformation achievable only through the blood of Jesus Christ. From there, I immersed myself in the Word, studying, praying, and learned about an upcoming baptism.

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Meet the New Faces at Pathway to Freedom



Chad Crabill - Director of Development

Chad Crabill serves as the Director of Development at Pathway to Freedom, bringing a diverse background in leadership, public service, and financial expertise. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University. Chad is passionate about mission-driven work and empowering others to reach their potential. Prior to joining Pathway to Freedom in 2025, Chad enjoyed an accomplished 18-year career in the financial services industry, where he held roles including Financial Advisor, Development Manager, Field Director, and Partner. His earlier career was dedicated to law enforcement, serving 12 years with the Searcy Police Department. Rising to the rank of Detective Lieutenant, he supervised the Criminal Investigation and Narcotics Divisions, as well as the Crimes Against Women Unit. Chad and his wife are active members of The Church At Rock Creek in Little Rock. In his free time, he enjoys riding his Harley Davidson, hunting, fishing, and traveling with his family to RV campgrounds across Arkansas.

Jeffrey Gibson serves as the Marketing and Project Specialist at Pathway to Freedom, Inc., where he leads strategic marketing efforts and cross-functional projects that support the organization's mission. With a background in broadcast journalism and almost five years of professional experience in TV news from Kentucky, West Virginia, and most recently Arkansas, Jeffrey has a keen sense for storytelling, communication, and audience engagement. Most recently before he joined Pathway to Freedom, he worked as a news producer at THV 11 in Little Rock, earning a regional Emmy Award for his contributions to their morning newscasts. Jeffrey holds a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Communication and a master's degree in organizational leadership, both from Western Kentucky University. His career includes service in the United States Marine Corps (active duty), public sector roles with the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, and leadership in university residential life — all of which shaped his passion for impactful communication, structured project execution, and community-centered work.



Jeffrey Gibson - Marketing & Project Specialist



Group 46 with counselor Anousack Vongphachanh, celebrates pre-release phase completion

Members story continued...

Deep in my spirit, I sensed this was my moment: to obey God's call and publicly declare before my peers that I wasn't just a believer, but was a follower of Jesus. I wanted to renounce my identity as a gang member, a convict, and all the chains that had bound me. So, on April 3, 2025, I seized that opportunity. Many doubt the supernatural power of baptism itself, but I disagree. When I came out of the water, I truly felt changed. A surge of rejuvenation and redirection washed over me. Since then, I've experienced profound peace, joy, and most of all, freedom. It's as if I'm on a natural high, without anything illegal. I'm deeply grateful to Mr. Scott and the entire PTF community for fostering such an environment and providing this opportunity.



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