

Since 1984: Reconciling persons to God, families and society

“THE MEN ARE COMING”

California’s Governor Gavin Newsom signed S.B. 132 – *The Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act* – into law, effective January 1, 2021. Similar bills have been passed in Connecticut and Massachusetts. The law “requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to, during initial intake and classification, and in a private setting, ask each individual entering into the custody of the department to specify the individual’s gender identity whether the individual identifies as transgender, nonbinary, or intersex, and their gender pronoun and honorific.” The law would additionally “require the department to house the person in a correctional facility designated for men or women based on the individual’s preference, except as specified.” Hearing this, females in one prison screamed: “*The men are coming!*”

On April 7, 2021, Mary Margaret Olohan reported: “Since January, 261 California prison inmates have requested transfers to prisons aligning with their gender identity, 255 of them biological males who say they identify as women, with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.” This report is according to the Daily Caller News Foundation.”

On the opposite end of the United States (Rhode Island), Representative David N. Cicilline introduced H.R.5 – “Equality Act” – on February 18, 2021. It was passed by the House of Representatives on February 25, received in the Senate on March 1, and has gone through two readings. It is now in committee on the Judiciary. This bill basically says . . .



“This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. Specifically, the bill defines and includes sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation. The bill expands the definition of public accommodations to include places or establishments that provide (1) exhibitions, recreation, exercise, amusement, gatherings, or displays; (2) goods, services, or programs; and (3) transportation services. The bill allows the Department of Justice to intervene in equal protection actions in federal court on account of sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill prohibits an individual from being denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual’s gender identity.”

No one can predict if and/or when the “Equality Act” may be adopted into law by the Senate, but these are matters in our society that do affect prison ministries. You are encouraged to do your own research and study its impact in your locality.

IN LOVING MEMORY • IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach, Inc. expresses gratitude to those that choose to remember loved ones and honor those they respect by donating generously to this good work. In this way, others – even strangers – receive God’s message of hope and redemption.

Received from:

- Anonymous
- Buck & Janet Griffith
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- Don & Linda Crofton
- Buck & Janet Griffith
- John Henry Pruitt

In loving memory of:

- Perry Barnes
- W. B. Coleman
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- Buzz Jackson
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- Anonymous

In Honor of:

- Dr. H.M. Motsinger



COMMUNITY SERVICE



As a qualified nonprofit, we will soon be able to utilize more men and women serving probation in Nueces County. We have done this on a limited basis in the past with judges and probation officers with personal knowledge of us. Official recognition, however, places us on a larger list. Those helping fill "volunteer" roles and must not displace paid personnel. They will be a big help processing our Study-by-Mail materials faster and returned to students. Glenda Watson provides immediate oversight and does necessary reporting. In the past, some have returned to help *after completing their mandatory time* with us. We like to think this is a two-way street.

47TH NATIONAL JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY WORKSHOP

June 9-11, 2021

Midwest Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky is host of this mostly **VIRTUAL** workshop. Director, Jerry Stephenson, announces the theme: "Networking: Creating a Safety Net for Success." Most speakers will speak "live" in Louisville. You are welcome to attend. "Virtual" may be a permanent feature of these gatherings, allowing people to join for topics of special interest as available while sparing time, travel, motel, and food costs.

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2021-Virtual Workshop

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A "tentative" schedule is enclosed. The \$35 per person fee includes exclusive electronic workshop access and a copy of the official program. \$85 is the in-person registration fee. You may register at www.midwestchurchofchrist.org (the "donate" button is on the right, select "Community Outreach," and include "Jail & Prison Workshop" in the description box on the following page). Payment and registration can be mailed to Midwest Church of Christ, P. O. Box 11148, Louisville, Kentucky 40251. More information is available at (502) 774-3986 or by emailing midwestchurchofchrist@aol.com.

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