



NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office

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**SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE OF RE-ENTRY TO HOST COMMUNITY PRAYER
EVENT WITH COUNTY LEADERS**

The Office of Re-Entry is inviting members of the Greater Memphis community to join their staff, clients, and religious leaders for a day of prayer for hope, compassion, and reconciliation.

WHO: Shelby County Office of Re-Entry Director DeAndre Brown, local clergy, Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAH), and Shelby County leaders including: Mayor Lee Harris, Sheriff Floyd Bonner, and District Attorney General Steve Mulroy

WHAT: A Day of Prayer

WHEN: 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2022

WHERE: Shelby County Office of Re-Entry, 1362 Mississippi Blvd., Memphis, TN, 38106

Shelby County, TN – Tomorrow, Wednesday, September 14, at 12:30 p.m., the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry, and the recently incarcerated Shelby County residents they serve, will host a day of prayer. The event is open to the public and will include clergy from across Shelby County and leadership from the District Attorney General's Office, Shelby County Mayor's Office, and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. This Wednesday will mark one week since the horrific events that took the lives of four members of our community and wounded three others.

DeAndre Brown, Director of the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry: "Our community is still reeling from the recent violence. The Shelby County Office of Re-Entry works every day to help ex-offenders get back on their feet and contribute to society. Our team, and the people we serve,



are deeply rooted in this community, and want to do our part to bring the county together during a very difficult time.”

Charles Daniels, Senior Pastor at the Truth Church: “God is not done with our city and there are great opportunities for all citizens to enjoy a peaceful and prosperous life. This is the message of hope we must remember as we move forward.”

Kenny Baker, Senior Pastor at Imago Dei Church: “Where the acts of crime have injured our city, the work of reconciliation brings healing and transformation. We must be active in the work of re-entry and reconciliation for our city to experience the healing it needs and deserves.”

Lemar Walker, Senior Pastor at Christ Community Church: “It’s my hope that we don’t focus our attention on what’s been done, but we move forward as a city onto what we can become. Not only, should this be the approach for our city but also for the men and women who are returning home. To do this it will take compassion from all of us.”

About the Shelby County Office of Re-Entry: The Shelby County Office of Re-Entry is located at 1362 Mississippi Blvd. It connects ex-offenders to resources and employers willing to hire them. There is technical and vocational training for small engine repair, construction, low voltage electrical apprenticeships, and forklift operation. Through the 10-to-12-week FOCUSED program, ex-offenders can get help with employment deficiencies, mental and emotional needs, family reconnection, financial literacy and the restoration of their rights. Partners with the Office of Re-Entry include Workforce Mid-South, Hope Works, the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, FedEx, the University of Memphis, and more.

For more information, or to schedule a consultation with an Office of Re-Entry representative, ex-offenders are encouraged to visit www.scofficeofreentry.com or call 901.222.4550.

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