



# Debi Sharkey

CELEBRATION CHURCH

## About the Family

My husband, Rick, and I have been married for 35 years. We have three daughters, five grandchildren and one more due in February 2018.

## About My Ministry

I am the chaplain with women incarcerated at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW). I also direct the Bible college where inmate students are working on their bachelor's degrees through New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS). The students are being equipped to serve as peer ministers to other inmates on the compound. One of my favorite lines in a movie resonates with me: "You don't throw a whole life away, just cause it's banged up a little." Those who are incarcerated are considered "throw aways" to many in our society. But for NOBTS and to many of our volunteers, the ladies incarcerated at LCIW are precious in God's sight. They have redemption through Christ. They have potential and purpose through Christ. Thank you for praying for them and for all of those who work with them for our wisdom and guidance.

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

### PRAY.

For peer ministers and volunteers as we push back darkness in the prison.

For receptive hearts among the prisoners at LCIW.

For wisdom for all of the chaplaincy staff to serve the people in love (1 Kings 3:9).

For churches and individuals to partner with missionaries and chaplains and to give of their time and talents.

For the Father to send more workers into His harvest to join these missionaries

### PARTICIPATE

Chaplains serve as an extension of the local church in places that other members and church staff sometimes cannot go. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain in one of the many settings where chaplains bring gospel ministry with compassion and convictional kindness. Be involved in supporting chaplains and their families. Pray for chaplains and their families

### PROVIDE

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