News 25 November 2026 | English article

200 Inmates Give Their Lives to Christ as Revival Hits Oklahoma Prison

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"On 28 October 2026, about 300 incarcerated men gathered for a worship event at Mack Alford Correctional Center in Oklahoma, organised by the ministry God Behind Bars with Pastor Michael Todd of Transformation Church preaching"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

On 28 October 2026, about 300 incarcerated men gathered for a worship event at Mack Alford Correctional Center in Oklahoma, organised by the ministry God Behind Bars with Pastor Michael Todd of Transformation Church preaching. The ministry reports 200 men gave their lives to Christ and 47 were baptised on the spot in a portable tub. CBN News reported the story on 17 November 2026, and Charisma and others carried it the same week. Men in orange uniforms weeping, lifting their hands and crying out to Jesus, in a place most people have written off.

That image is the whole story. Not a statistic, but a room full of men who have lost almost everything, standing with their hands in the air, weeping, while a pastor preaches about a God who has not given up on them. One newly baptised man came up out of the water shouting with joy. In a prison, joy is not a small thing.

Mack Alford Correctional Center sits in Stringtown, Oklahoma. It is a medium-security men's prison, and like most prisons it is a place the outside world prefers not to think about. The men inside have sentences to serve and pasts they cannot undo. On 28 October, about 300 of them walked into a worship event, and according to the ministry, two out of three walked out changed.

The figures here come from the ministry itself. God Behind Bars reports that 200 men gave their lives to Christ and 47 were baptised in a portable tub on the spot. Those numbers have not been independently verified, and they should be read as the ministry's account of its own event. But the shape of the story - a large gathering, a well-known preacher, baptisms inside a prison - is the kind of thing that happens, and keeps happening, in American prisons.

Michael Todd is the lead pastor of Transformation Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and one of the most recognisable preachers in the country. He does not need to go into a prison. He has a church, a platform and a schedule full of invitations. He went anyway, and he preached to men in orange uniforms the way he preaches to anyone else: plainly, directly, and with the message that Jesus meets people where they are.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

READ THE FULL STORY

Continue on FaithStories -- the complete article, with sources and related stories:
https://faithstories.onrender.com/articles/news-1143.html?utm_source=pdf_guide&utm_medium=organic_pdf

More from FaithStories

FaithStories - Home
https://faithstories.onrender.com/

(Spanish) Última hora: Los obispos españoles piden votar en conciencia ante el 29N y un arzobispo y 31 curas llaman a votar contra la xenofobia
https://faithstories.onrender.com/articles/es/news-1145.html

(Portuguese) Catedral Evangélica do Brasil em Niterói Celebra Restauração do Domo Após Tempestade de 100 km/h
https://faithstories.onrender.com/articles/pt/news-1146.html

(Hindi) Amethii Men Dharmaantarana Ke Aaropa Men 10 Giraphtaara - Pulisa Ne Kahaa Munbaii Kii Rivaaivala Charcha Se Juraa Netavarka
https://faithstories.onrender.com/articles/hi/news-1147.html