

Violence and Crime



Everyone is talking about the crime and violence in New Orleans. People are blaming the city, the police, drug trafficking, poor schools, lack of recreation areas and even parents. Blaming others is not the answer because we are all a part of the problem just like we are all a part of the solution. We want IT to stop and we want to keep our children and our families safe.

To combat violence we the body of Christ, those of us who sit in Church Sunday after Sunday, must see this issue as something we are called to address individually, as families, together as communities and church. The situation of violence and crime presents the faith community with an opportunity to do the mission of Jesus by becoming instruments of peace, a place for healing, and transformers of society.. Only then will crime and violence decrease and even end. **You can do something.**

EDUCATION - Today there is a lack of understanding of what constitutes violence among our youth and even among our adults. By some in the streets, a violent act is seen as justice, whether it is the person getting their “just do” or the person taking care of a wrong that was done to them or their family. To address violence and crime means we must come together to talk about what it is, its causes and to begin to seek solutions that work.

IS IT IN YOUR HOUSE? Secondly, we must examine our lives and the lives of our family to see how we are promoting an attitude of violence and openness to crime among our loved ones on every level. Are we teaching our children that is it okay to hurt or cause others to hurt with words and actions. What about TV, video games, BB or other toy guns? Have we become numb to what is happening in our community as long as it is not US or OUR family? Are we silent afraid to speak up because we fear what can happen to us?



TOGETHER - We cannot act in isolation. As a church a beginning place may be to come face to face with the problem by sponsoring a Summit to raise the factors that lead to violence and crime as well as name solutions to prevent it from happening. Everyone is talking about what to do and how violent crime can be stopped As a church we can pray together. We can sponsor class on of how to deal with conflict. We can act.







