New Partnership Highlights Mental Health Awareness Through Community Initiative

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In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office is partnering with Galilee Baptist Church to support a month-long community initiative focused on mental health and domestic violence awareness. The series, titled Healing Matters: It's Time to Talk, will take place each Wednesday in May and is designed to connect residents with resources and support systems.

Sessions will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with dinner served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. They will include guided discussions led by local mental health professionals and community partners, offering insight into recognizing warning signs, responding effectively, and taking steps toward recovery.

The weekly schedule includes:

May 6 – Understanding and Awareness
Sessions will introduce key concepts related to mental health and domestic violence, including common conditions, warning signs, and the broader impact on individuals and families.

May 13 – Recognizing the Signs and Impact
Discussions will focus on how mental health challenges appear in daily life and explore the emotional, psychological, and physical effects of domestic violence.

May 20 – Responding and Taking Steps Forward
Participants will receive practical guidance on how to support those experiencing mental health challenges and how to safely respond to domestic violence while connecting individuals to trusted resources.

May 27 – Closing Gathering
The series will conclude with a gathering centered on hope and healing, featuring special guest Pastor Greg Oliver and Mount Canaan Baptist Church.

All sessions will be held at Galilee Baptist Church's E. Edward & Leslie Jones Family Life Center. The event is open to the public.

Attachments

