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LONDON, Ky. -- A Kentucky judge is facing criticism for letting some drug and alcohol offenders attend worship services instead of going to jail or rehab.

District Judge Michael Caperton said he's trying "to help people and their families."

He said there's no violation of the separation of church and state because he said "worship services" instead of "church." He also said it's optional for the offenders.

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Well, let's pray that some of these dear people meet the Lord, through the worship, and find themselves more addicted to His love than they were to noxious chemicals.