

# MEN'S CHALLENGE CONNECTION

**OCTOBER  
2025**



***With God on my side, I don't think  
there's anything I can't do.***

**My name is Tanner, and I was born in Franklin, NC, where I grew up in a loving and Christian home. I was baptized at eleven years old in the Nantahala River. I grew up as a three sport athlete with baseball being my first love. I played baseball in college and got an associate degree in Turfgrass and Horticulture. I would get married and be blessed with two beautiful children.**

**My drug addiction started in high school with smoking weed and drinking alcohol on the weekends. Partying eventually led to an everyday use of Xanax and cocaine, which quickly turned to using fentanyl and meth and that's where I met the devil.**

**On September 19, 2024 I was arrested after twelve years of addiction. After eighty-three days at Men's Challenge, I was arrested again on another charge and back to jail I went. That's when I really surrendered to God. Thank God for answered prayers and Men's Challenge, who took me back with open arms. God was trying to tell me how many times must I humble you, teach you to deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow me. I now have a peace about my life that I could never fathom. I refuse to be known as an addict, but I want to glorify God for what he's doing in my life.**

**Now God has been showing me to seek him in everything that I do. Slowly but surely, the way I speak my mind and my attitude has become more Christ-like. I've been working on becoming a better Godly man and father. I want my kids to grow up in a Christian home, and also become a better family member. Addiction doesn't only affect you, it affects your entire family.**

**My favorite bible verse is Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Because with God on my side, I don't think there's anything I can't do.**



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# HAPPENINGS



So thankful for two recent baptisms here at MCS. We are grateful for Seth & Jason & their declaration of faith!



Mount Pleasant Baptist Church



Tuckasegee Baptist Church

*Thankful for the recent opportunity to share testimonies and worship with these wonderful congregations.*



We were honored to participate in Macon County's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.



Journey Church



Victory Baptist Church

**10TH YEAR!**

**Hunter's Mountain Ride**

LOCATED AT THE VACANT LOT NEXT TO ACE HARDWARE

**SATURDAY OCT. 4TH**

REGISTRATION: 10:00 am

RIDE: 11:00 am

LUNCH: 11:30a - 2p

CONCERT: 12p - 2p

**FOR INFO:**

**828-524-4484**

A BENEFIT FOR:



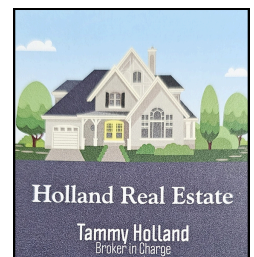
## Graduation



**Saturday, November 15th 10am**  
**336 Living Hope Way**  
**Reception immediately following**  
**Everyone is invited to attend**



*We want to recognize and express gratitude to the following Businesses/Organizations for underwriting and sponsoring our first annual Hope Gala this past March. We will continually recognize in our newsletters the many groups who sponsored the Gala and made it such a special evening.*



Jeff Cloer



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