



# MEN'S CHALLENGE CONNECTION

April 2026

## ***Psalm 37:5***

***"Commit your ways to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will act."***



My name is Adam Arterburn, I'm 50 years old and I'm from Hayesville, NC. Through the mercy and grace of almighty God, I have been delivered from a 30 year dependance on alcohol and drugs. I lived a life of selfish abandon with a work hard, play hard mentality, that led to building my life up only to burn it to the ground. I was a liar, a cheat, a thief, and a master manipulator who never thought for a moment about the effect my actions were having on those around me and those I cared about. I was in and out of jail, did two tours in prison and am a felon for life; all for the sake of "fun."

Addiction is a vicious cycle of good times that last for a season, but eventually catch up to you and put you in the mire. This mire and muck, the pit, is where the Lord met me and I heard Him. He put me in places where I met disciples of Jesus, who invited me into their community and loved on me despite my filthy rags.

I started attending church regularly. Wednesday night small groups, Sunday morning Bible study, and service. I volunteered and gave my time, I served. It wasn't enough. Outside the doors of the church, I was still in my addiction and being double minded; only making the problem worse. The Lord was patient with me, and one day The Spirit said to me, "Are you ready? It's time."

I had become acquainted with Men's Challenge of the Smokies through my pastor and a recent graduate of the program. I was accepted into the program and started my journey into The Word and developing a personal relationship with God, thanks to the saving grace of His Son Jesus Christ's work on the cross.

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Today, I have joy and a certain peace that comes through faith in Jesus and a hope for the future. I am redeemed, justified, and forgiven. I am a new man walking in The Spirit every day, trying to be better today than I was yesterday, in my pursuit of Holiness. I thank my Lord God every morning in prayer, that His mercies are new every day, and that the works He has begun in me, He will see to completion.



# What's Happening

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## Men's Challenge

OF THE SMOKIES

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