



XTeen Challenge

of the Smokies
Men's Center



November 2018

THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



PEACE FROM GOD

My name is Zack and I am 22 years old, I was born and raised in a Christian home with two God honoring parents in Sylva, NC. We went to church and I was very involved with the youth group.

As I began high school, I met new friends who replaced my church friends and I became more focused on athletics, girls and social status.

By my senior year of high school, I had earned a scholarship to play at the collegiate level, It was everything I had dreamed of growing up. I placed all of my time and effort into training for my freshman season in college. Soon after the season started, I tore a muscle in my right leg leaving me sidelined the rest of that year. Overnight everything I had worked toward was taken away and I was left with a void, A "friend" at the time could tell I was in a lot of physical pain from my injury, so he offered me prescription pills. It started innocently at first, but before I knew it, I was taking them multiple times a day. Slowly these pills began to fill the void I had inside until I needed them just to function.

I decided it was best to move back home and so I transferred to Western Carolina hoping to leave this habit behind me. After a few months back home, I got reacquainted with old friends. These old friends led me back down a too familiar road of parties and pill use. A few of my old friends had started selling the same drugs I had used previously, but at a much higher dosage. It only took a few times of using for me to become all out addicted to these opiates, and before I knew it, I began spending every dollar I had on them. I often would lie, steal, and manipulate my family to support my habit. After being confronted by my parents, I realized I needed help, so I came to Teen Challenge here in Franklin. At first I had no desire to change or have a relationship with God at all. After a few months, a fellow student and roommate, told me to stop trying to hold onto my addiction. He told me to try and give it to God and He would help me, That same night I got on my knees and prayed for God to change my heart and to help me through this. From that moment on, I have had a tremendous peace from God. I have hope again for the first time in years.

(Titus 3:3-5) Once we too were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But when God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.





THE THIRD ANNUAL HUNTERS MOUNTAIN

So thankful for Hunter's Mountain Ride fund raiser for Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center held on October 6, 2018. Special thanksto Dave Linn, Tony Curtis, Monica Curtis and all of the volunteers for all of their hard work. Hunter's Mountain Ride began in the fall of 2016 after the death of 22 year old Hunter Curtis asa result of addiction. The event is held each year in his memory and to raise funds for Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center to help m en struggling with addiction.



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Come join us in support and celebration as Roddy graduates on November 17, 2018, at 6:00pm. Contact Betty at the office if you would like to help supply refreshments for the reception (828-524-2157or betty@mtcots.com).

NEEDS - 5 dehumidifiers, ceiling mount propane heater for wood shop, gutters (\$2500)



Mike and Betty Barres

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