



MEN'S CHALLENGE CONNECTION

September 2026

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

"Be on alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

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My name is Matt Dyas and I am 40 years old. I am from a small mountain town in California called Tehachapi. I had a great childhood with loving parents that are still together today. Playing basketball, camping and fishing were my hobbies. My family went to church when I was young, but as I grew older, I faded away and started filling my time with other hobbies. I started drinking and smoking cigarettes around the age of 14. As years progressed, my drug use turned to marijuana, cocaine, and hallucinogens.

I could never seem to put down the alcohol.

I have been in and out of jail since the age of 17. I would build up a great life then turn around and burn it to the ground.

I have lived in quite a few different places. Eventually, I ended up in Idaho where I landed myself some pretty serious charges. From the help of my family, I was bonded out and made my way to Tennessee where I had a cousin.

I cried out to the Lord and he directed me to Men's Challenge.

Upon arrival, I was welcomed with open arms. I began to rebuild my relationship with Christ as well as my family. I vowed to build Christ's kingdom instead of my own.

It's been a process of learning, growing, and healing as I serve. He's changed the desires of my heart and met each one.

Moving on from here, I plan to teach others all the skills, talents, and gifts the Lord has blessed me with. I hope to build a family that is rooted in love. Where sin and death tried to kill, steal, and destroy, God brought healing, hope, and restoration.



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What's Happening



Here's a glimpse of what God has been doing at Men's Challenge of the Smokies

Congratulations to our recent Graduates!

Last month, we celebrated two more men graduating from Men's Challenge.

Jason (left) and Corey (right) both completed our 12-month program. Jason is now in our Grad Program and Corey is an Intern here at Men's Challenge. We are so thankful for all that God has done and will continue to do in their lives. This is only possible because of your faithful prayers and support of MCS. Congratulations Jason and Corey!



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT GRADUATION

Saturday, September 19th @10AM

336 Living Hope Way-Franklin, NC



Please save the date and make plans to join us for our next graduation.

Light refreshments will be served. If you can't make it in person, you can watch live on our Facebook page. Thank you for your continuous support of MCS!



Thank you to Tessentee Baptist Church for having our men come and share music and testimonies. If your church is interested in having MCS come for a service, please reach out to our office. We would love to come and share what God is doing here at MCS!

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