



MEN'S CHALLENGE CONNECTION

May 2026

Ephesians 2:8-10

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."



My name is Jason Stevens and I was born and raised in Stanly County, NC. I have a twin brother, so I always had someone that was there for me. At 5 years old, my grandpa passed away; that was the beginning to a very long childhood. That's when my Grandma met a man that we would live with for 11 years and where we would experience years of mental and physical abuse as well as being around drugs and alcohol.

Through school, I spent most of my time quiet and alone; I wasn't social at all. Around the age of 10, I started smoking weed and drinking occasionally, and eventually every day, to make "friends". Progressing into high school, I started trying more substances that was no longer used to make friends, but to forget the pain I was feeling inside; when it was really making it worse.

After graduating high school, I became homeless. I had a job the majority of the time, but that did nothing but feed my habits which eventually led to the worst addiction I had which was meth. It took everything, including me.

After about 2 years of being at my bottom, my brother had gotten into some trouble and had to do some community service at West Stanly Christian Ministries. There, he was offered the opportunity to go to Teen Challenge in Princeton, WV. That's when my brother had asked me to go talk to Robert, the owner of WSCM and consider getting help as well. I didn't realize it then, but just as Romans 8:28 says, "God works everything together for the good..." He used my brother getting in trouble, to ultimately bring us both to salvation.



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When I first came to MCS, I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know God at all. But, seeing Him work through everyone here, I know He is real and alive, working miracles upon miracles, every day! Since being here, my relationship with God is above all other relationships. He is my creator and provider. He has replaced a heart of stone and a broken spirit, with a heart of peace and joy and a fire in my soul for Him that will never be put out. From now to the day I leave this earth to join Him in Heaven, I will serve Him with my whole heart! My life is no longer mine, but His to do mighty works for His Kingdom.

What's Been Happening

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



Graduation



Join us for our next graduation on Saturday, May 16th @10AM. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend!



Congratulations to our most recent graduate, Thomas.



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