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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



PEACE AND JOY I CAN'T EXPLAIN

My name is Caleb and I am 41 years old. I was born in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The city life was getting to be too much for our family so my parents decided to move to Macon County when I was 16. It was a very difficult transition.

My life growing up was really good. My parents provided a healthy home for us to grow up in. My mom and dad were wonderful, Godly parents that loved us very much. They took us to church every Sunday. I have 3 sisters and had one brother. We were always there for each other.

When I turned 18 is when things started to change. I started smoking pot with some new friends. I never thought of pot as a gateway drug, but it led to taking pills also. Then I was introduced to Ecstasy. About this time, my brother was killed in a car accident on his way to work. When that happened, I hit the drug world full throttle. This happened in 2001. I was out of control for a while, doing whatever I could to stay high. Then in 2013, I met my wife through a family member. In 2014, I moved to Charleston, SC to be with her. It was the change that I needed and things went great for a while. Then, unfortunately, I was prescribed oxycodone for a back injury. That was the start of a downward spiral once again. I tried getting help a few times since then, but it was worldly help that didn't work or last. Finally, June of 2020, my wife was done with my addiction. She was leaving and taking our daughter with her.

I had finally hit what they call rock bottom and it hurt bad. That is when I decided I needed to get help. My dad told me about Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center. I looked into it and decided to enter the program.

June 15, 2020, I rededicated my life to Christ. Since then God has been showing me how much He loves me and wants to bless me. The only way I am going to make it through life or this program, is to have a relationship with Jesus and surrender to Him daily.

I am so thankful for what God is now doing for me. My relationship with my family is beginning to heal and I am blessed. Coming to Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center has definitely changed my life. God has given me a sense of His peace and joy that I can't explain. I am a new creation in Christ because of what He did for us on the cross.

(Luke 1:78-79) "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky. On us who live in the dark shadows of death, this light will shine to guide us into a life of peace".



YOU'RE INVITED

Our next graduation will be held in our auditorium on Saturday, February 20, at 10:00am, 336 Living Hope Way, Franklin. We invite you to come out to support the graduates. Please wear masks and socially distance.

Thank you to everyone who prayed and those who have brought by groceries and meals during our Covid quarantine. We are happy to say that no one was seriously ill. We have all recovered and completed quarantine. We are very proud of our staff for handling things so well.

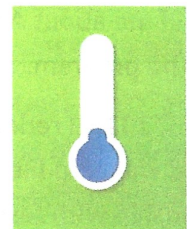


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