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Day*

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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



My name is Jason and I was born in Silver Springs, Florida. My parents divorced when I was 3. I lived with my mother and just saw my father every other weekend until 3rd grade. Then I moved in with my father. We never went to church, although I did go to Sunday School a few times with my grandmother. Most of my childhood was spent hunting and fishing with my dad and brother.

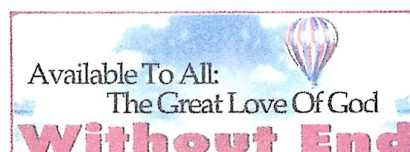
When I started middle school, I started smoking cigarettes, weed and drinking beer. About this time, I realized what adrenalin was. I was hooked on any action sport that would make my heart pound. I was injured and ended up in the hospital, where I was put on a morphine pump for a week. That's where my addiction to opiates started.

I got married when I was 19 and we had 3 kids. I thought I was maintaining my life until I was about 25. I lost my wife and kids. I also lost my house, all my belongings, and my self respect. I was bouncing from house to house, job to job, state to state, jail to jail. Chasing the next high, days turned into years. I became an IV user and contracted Hep C. I became so lost, thinking only of myself and my next high. My only worry was where I'd get my next shot of heroin to briefly escape reality. I didn't care whether or not I hurt the people who loved me or if I lived or died.

Thankfully more jail time and probation led me to Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center. It has shown me that the only way to fill the hole in my heart is with Jesus. Since I've been here I've surrendered myself to Jesus Christ. I have been trying my best to be more Christ like and I've been trying to give my burdens to God. I can say that gives me a peace of mind beyond understanding. It's shown me there are people in this world that really care and love each other and want the best for complete strangers.

Since being in the program, I've completed 150 community service hours. I've been cured of Hep C and God is still continuing to restore relationships with my family that I destroyed.

I am super thankful for this ministry and everyone involved. I'm thankful for my family and most of all thankful for Jesus dying for my sin. My favorite Bible verse is Psalms 23:4-Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me, your rod and staff comfort me.





We were honored to lead worship at both services at the United Methodist Church in Franklin this past month. The men enjoyed the delicious taco meal that some of the ladies prepared afterward.



We would like to say a great big thank you to all who made our auto shop possible and for those who have helped us to get a really good start on equipping it. We will be doing service on our ministry vehicles and we will be receiving vehicle donations, to repair and resell to help pay for our program. This will help produce revenue, to help us with our expenses, and it will be another way for our men to get vocational training. We will not be doing any work for the public.



Congratulations Cody



Congratulations to Cody who graduated in January. Cody is living in the Graduate Housing and working locally.

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