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*The Faith Based Solution to the
Addiction Epidemic*



I COULDN'T SHAKE THE HORRIBLE ADDICTION

My name is George. My childhood was really good. My mama and nanny raised me and my sister in church, so I knew about God from a young age. I was born and raised in Jesup, Georgia. It is a small town in south Georgia.

That is where I started smoking marijuana around the age of 14 and drinking alcohol around the age of 15. I used marijuana for 15 years and alcohol for nearly 30 years. I got hooked on meth for a few years in my late 20's until I got caught in some serious drug charges. I quit meth and marijuana but continued to drink.

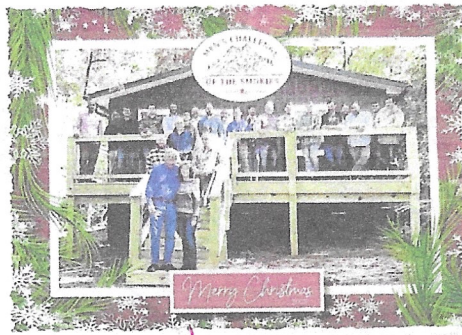
I started using meth again about 5 years ago and I quit drinking alcohol about that time. I tried to stop doing meth several times, but could not shake the horrible addiction. I reached out to my mother and asked her to help me get in a rehab. She said, "I know just the place you need".

After coming to Men's Challenge of the Smokies, I soon realized that I couldn't shake the horrible addiction because I was living in sin and I needed God in my life. Obeying God is often a struggle because it may mean giving up something we truly want. We should not expect our obedience to God to be easy or to come naturally; rather, it is often our struggle to obey that drives us to pray more and depend on Him. With God in my life, I have everything I need to go forward and live the Christian life I so desperately want.

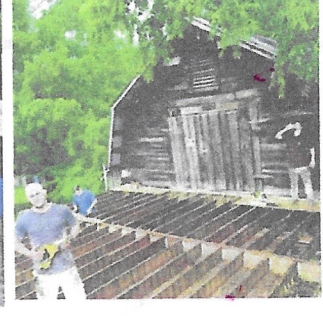
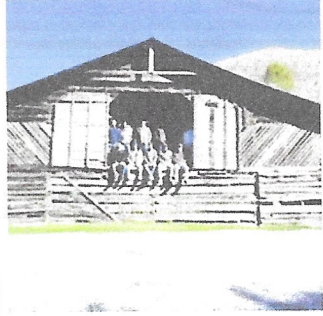
Romans 6:23—"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 5:5 "Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us".

**Happy
New Year**



A LOOK BACK AT A VERY GOOD YEAR



Our next graduation will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 10:00 am. This will be held in the auditorium at Men's Challenge of the Smokies. Please join us in congratulating and encouraging these

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Thank You

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