



Adult & Teen Challenge

of the Smokies
Men's Center



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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC

NO EXCUSES



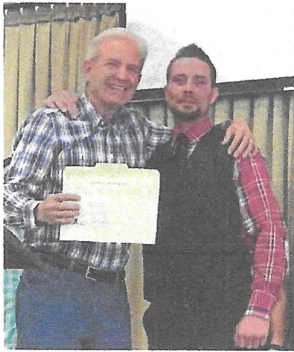
Clint

I grew up in Haywood County. The people were simple and so was our way of life. I had two of the best parents anyone could ask for who reassured me daily that I was loved and supported. I had a great childhood, laden with responsibility and discipline.

I have no excuses for any of my actions. My relationship with narcotics started relatively early, sometime in my early teenage years, but remained pseudo-social and recreational until later in life. Dependency and addiction didn't become a problem until a spine injury and the advent of prescription pain medicine.

After many years of suffering and battling, I eventually overcame that chemical dependency only to face a new chemical, in the midst of a failing marriage, crystal-meth. My bad decisions led to more poor choices and cascaded. I was eventually incarcerated due to a traffic stop and drug possession. It was while being detained at Haywood Co Detention Center that I learned of the 12 month discipleship program here at Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center.

The program here has strengthened my relationship with some of my family and also mended my relationship with myself. The program has also helped to bring me closer to God than I have ever been. All of which has helped me to re-establish a lost or skewed sense of self-worth, purpose and drive. I am truly thankful for friends, family and a God who has never forsaken me, who has always believed in me, loved me and supported me. Without that support, I don't know if I could have made it on my own. In fact I'm sure I couldn't have. I am thankful for the staff and teachers here at the program who have made it their life's mission to help people like me find the path, the truth, the way and the light. I have many favorite Bible verses but the one that spoke to me the loudest at a desperate time is found in Revelation Ch 2: 10. "Do not fear anything that you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil will cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested and you will face tribulation for ten days. Remain faithful even unto death and I will give to you the crown of life". When we face affliction, there will be a definite beginning and end. It will be brief and God will be in control the whole time.



Congratulations Jason

Congratulations to Jason who graduated this past month. He will be working locally and will be living in the graduate housing here at the center.



On May 22, we were at Pine Grove Baptist Church where Mike preached on "No Magic Wand". The men sang and testimonies were given by Matthew, Clint and Kasey.



BRING A MEAL

We are looking for groups or individuals who would like to prepare and bring a meal. This could be a one time event or monthly. This would be on Monday and Thursday evenings for about 25 men and delivered between 5:00-5:45pm. If you are interested or want more information, call the office and speak to Betty 828-524-2157.

TO MAKE A DONATION:

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