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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



FACING MY PAST

—THE WORST AND BEST THING TO EVER HAPPEN

My name is Sean. I am 50 years old and I'm from Warner Robins, Georgia. At an early age I was introduced to alcohol. Alcoholism had a deep hold on members of my family. I tried my best to stay away from it, but in my mid 30s I started drinking hard liquor along with using various other drugs. It caught hold of me so fiercely that I began falling into a very dark and hurtful world full of anger and loneliness.

I believed in God but wasn't living for Him. I was a rebellious, prideful, undisciplined and chaotic individual. I became a master at justifying my actions while having no intention of taking responsibility for them.

Over 20 years of alcohol and drug abuse brought a lifestyle engulfed with fear, depression and no self-control. I suffered the loss of family, friends, relationships and the loss of myself. After numerous encounters with the law, I cried out to God to end this and set me free. With my life completely broken, I reached out to my sister. She introduced me to a Christian man who told me about Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center.

There were legal issues that needed to be dealt with first. I returned to Georgia to face my past. After 30 days in jail, I was able to come back and begin this brand new walk at Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center.

Facing my past was the worst and best thing to ever happened. I am beginning to understand who I am in Christ. Walls are being torn down and a solid foundation is being built to help me be the man God intended me to be.

Matthew 11:29-30 is my life verse. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me. For I am needy and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.





CONGRATULATIONS BRANDON AND DALTON on their graduation this past month. Both of these young men will be staying on as apprentices in the program.



We've had some septic issues recently. Our men did an awesome job digging up three different sections.



Above, Nick and Sam give their testimonies and the group shares in singing. Thank you Praise Assembly of God, Morganton, NC, for inviting us to share and for providing the delicious meal for us.



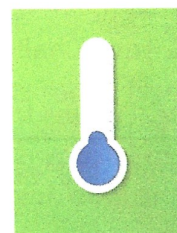
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