



# Adult & Teen Challenge

of the Smokies  
Men's Center



MARCH 2022

THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



## LASTING JOY AND PEACE IN LIFE

My name is Corey and I'm from a small town called Lugoff, SC. I had wonderful parents who loved me and were always there for me. If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be here right now.

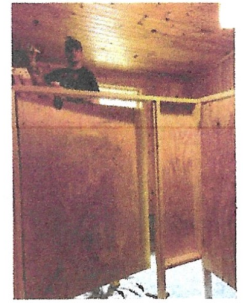
I started smoking cigarettes at a very young age and it progressed into smoking weed at 12. By the time I was 14, it was an every day thing. By the time I was 15, I was smoking meth. This continued throughout my high school years and a brief time in college. I had high aspirations and expectations throughout my life and they came to an immediate halt. All my motivation and drive in life was completely stripped from me. I went from being happy 24/7 and an extrovert to a very negative introvert in the blink of an eye because of drug abuse.

Over time, I overdosed several times and woke up in ambulances and hospitals and sometimes in various other places. I had no idea how I got there. That didn't bother me cause when I got high, everything seemed to be manageable. If I felt good, then life was good. I was deceived and what I thought was fun was so minute compared to a lasting joy and peace in life.

I came to Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center on June 16, 2021. Now being sober and thinking more clearly, I am understanding that there is more to life than a temporary high. I am learning how to have joy and peace. I can invest my time and money toward the future as well as for eternity. On June 25, I was baptized in the Cullasaja River and began my walk with the Lord. I'm still new at this and I'm learning daily how to successfully walk as a Christian. I believe it will be a life long journey, and only with the help of God will I be able to do it. All my thanks goes to the Lord for what He has done in my life and who He has placed in my life. I am thankful for new beginnings and a favorable future. I want to thank all those who prayed for me and all those who have helped me to see that there is a better way to live and a better foundation to stand on.

(Job 37:5) "God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend".





**Construction on the bathrooms** in the back of the auditorium is underway and will be completed by our next graduation. A special thanks to Mike Giaino and crew, along with our students working on this project.



Several of our men shared their testimonies with Maiden's Chapel United Methodist Church and Hickory Knoll United Methodist Church.



## UPCOMING GRADUATION



**Our next graduation will be held on Saturday, March 19, 10:00 am, at 336 Living Hope Way. Refreshments will be served afterward. We hope you will join us.**

### TO MAKE A DONATION:

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