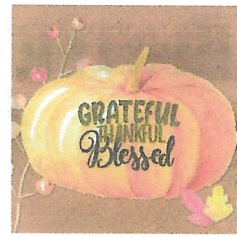




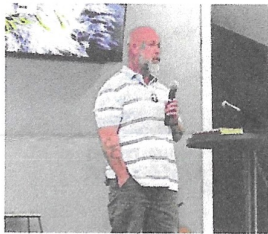
Adult & Teen Challenge

of the Smokies
Men's Center



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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



My name is Bryan and I'm from Texas. Growing up, my mother and father provided everything for me. I had a great childhood. Looking back, I think my problem started around 5th grade. I was struggling in school and getting into trouble, so my mom took me to see the doctor. He said I was hyperactive and put me on Ritalin. Around 9th grade, I started smoking cigarettes and drinking beer. By my junior year in high school, I was getting into trouble with the law and just going to school to hangout with friends and chase girls.

After school, all I wanted to do was party and have fun. I spent most of my time going from job to job. My marriage failed and that ended in the loss of my daughter. I was in and out of jail and programs that didn't work. In 2013, I got into real trouble and was sentenced to prison. When I was released in 2017, I told myself "No more drugs, drinking and getting into trouble".

I left Texas and came to NC to be with my family and start over. I did well for a while, but eventually I relapsed. This time I didn't care and on Mother's day 2021, my mom found me in the backyard unconscious and not breathing. By the grace of God, I was brought back to life and I spent the next week in the hospital. This is when I realized that I needed help.

After 30 years of addiction, programs, prison and death, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. Even though I had surrendered to Christ I was still struggling with addiction. I looked for a place where I could get closer to the Lord and fix myself. This is how I found Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center.

Since I've been here, with the help of staff and the classes I take, I'm learning how to cope with people and my problems. Most of all, I've learned what it means to be a disciple of the Lord, to walk with Christ and share the Gospel.

These are verses that are special to me:

Matthew 6:33 - "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you". Philipians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

Psalms 1:1 - "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful".



HUNTER'S MOUNTAIN RIDE



A Benefit for Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Macon County Fairgrounds

Event registration begins at 8:30am/Mountain ride begins at 10:00am

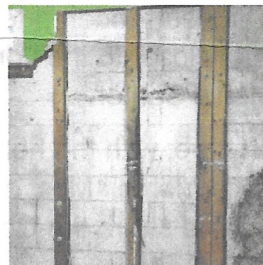
Silent Auction before and after ride* Food and drinks * Singing and testimonies from the men

Call 828-524-4484 for more information

Would you consider helping us with repairing the basement at our Staff house on campus?

Our Program Director and his family of 5 are currently living in the house. We discovered a bad mold problem in the basement. Our friends at TLC (Brian Pitts) came in and did a very thorough job of removing all the mold and treating the walls. That is the good news. The bad news is that they had to remove a lot of walls and flooring to do it.

Now we need to repair and rebuild the basement. The family needs the space. To repair and rebuild the basement, including some plumbing and electrical repair, we estimate the cost to be around \$7000 with our men doing the labor (but not the electrical or plumbing). However, you know how estimates are, it could easily be more than that once we get into it. Anything that you could do to help us with this, would be greatly appreciated.



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