



Adult & Teen Challenge
of the Smokies
Men's Center



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THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



"A WAY OUT OF NO WAY"

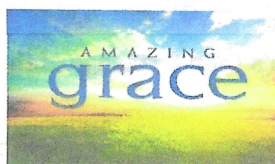
My name is Kasey. I'm 26 years old and was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. My biological father left when I was 2 months old. He took my sister and put her in foster care. My mom did the best she could to provide for me, my brother and other sisters. With work needing to take up most of her time, we got away with a lot. We grew up in church, but I never really took it seriously.

I started smoking weed around 13 yrs. old and started using Xanax shortly after. I moved out of the house at age 15 and started experimenting with pain pills. My addiction started to grow and with no motivation to do anything, I dropped out of high school before I was 17.

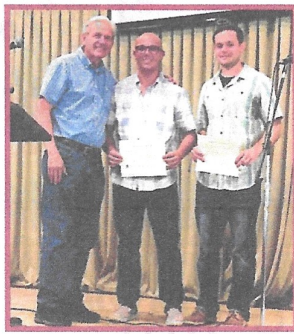
A few years later, I moved to NC. I was introduced to Methamphetamine snorting, turned to smoking it, and then to mainline use. It ruined relationships and caused extended incarceration sentences. Now with a full blown addiction, I started to sell to afford to get high. January 17, 2021, I was charged with armed trafficking, schedule 2, and many more charges. As I sat in jail, I began to talk to God and seek forgiveness. I asked the Lord if He would "make a way out of no way" and in the process, I could be closer to Him. Eight months later, I applied for Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center and the Lord simply "made a way out of no way". I finally was given a bond and then pre-trial accepted me for release for treatment so I could come to the program here. I still had to go to two more county jails before my full release, but God was faithful through it all.

I have been in the program for 11 months. I've been shown many things about my life. I've been able to reconnect with my family, especially my mother. During my addiction and incarceration, she had three strokes. So I'm truly thankful I get to reconnect with her and be a testimony of what God can do and has done. Thank you all who support this ministry to help people like me.

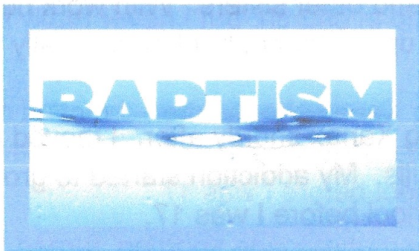
(Romans 8:28) "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."



Congratulations Micah and Matthew



August 22, 2022, was another very special graduation. It was a great time of celebrating Micah and Matthew's accomplishments and all the Lord has done in them this past year. Both will be staying in the Grad cabins and working locally. Our next graduation will be held in October.



Four more men were baptized this past month. Before baptism they are asked to share about when they were saved. They all talked about their thankfulness for God's forgiveness and that they were able to be in the program here. One told of the place, date and time of his salvation. They talked about the hopelessness and shame before, then the joy and peace now. We see such a miraculous change in these men. It's just hard to describe.



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