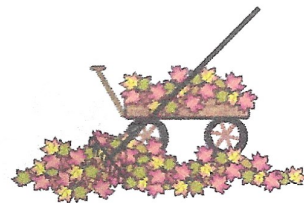




Adult & Teen Challenge

of the Smokies
Men's Center



SEPTEMBER 2020

THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



ENOUGH WAS ENOUGH!

My name is Brandon. I'm 21 years of age and originally from Phoenix, AZ. My family and I moved to the small town of Columbus in Polk County, NC a few years ago. I grew up in a caring adoptive family. My father was a youth pastor and my mother homeschooled the four of us.

Being the middle child growing up, I felt as if I were seeking something, something that made me feel accepted. I was always after other's approval, hoping someone would notice me. This led me to be angry, selfish, depressed, hurt and confused toward my family and others. I still battled with this throughout high school and thought that it was normal.

After graduation, I found myself drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, partying, and pursuing girlfriends. Just the young and reckless life. I still wasn't completely satisfied and I wanted to escape reality and be in my own world. That led me to pills. I saw pills as the new weed and overdosing as the new high. I thought this would finally make me feel satisfied and accepted. It brought me close to death several times, but that wasn't going to stop me. My family also saw the destructive path in my life as did I.

I decided to get some help so I could live the correct life for myself and my family. My father got me into Teen Challenge, November 23, 2018, only to stay for one month. I thought I had everything under control and left. Between November 2018 and May 2019, I've come and gone from this program a few times. The world was calling me to come back to a lifestyle that I felt I was stuck with.

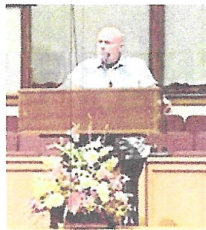
But enough was enough! God put a halt to it, knowing I was broken. This is my third time coming back, and this time, He has all of my attention to serve Him. I know I am accepted by Him and know He's my Savior and I am His servant. I'm all in, to be a slave of His Righteousness, and serve His kingdom.

1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity".





Students Dylan, Jacob, and Greg were baptized recently.

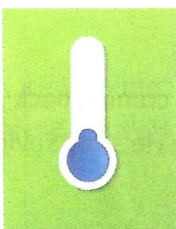


We're Back! We are now scheduling services with our men singing and giving testimonies again. Contact us if you would like us to come to your church or organization.



HUNTER'S MOUNTAIN RIDE

Make plans to attend Hunter's Mountain Ride and Cruise—October 3 (the first Saturday of the month) beginning at **9:00am**. It will start at the Fair Grounds and end up at Adult and Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center at 336 Living Hope Way (formerly 336 AG Camp Rd.) where we will have all outdoor activities with a program by the men singing and giving testimonies. Please contact any businesses you think might donate items for this fund raiser. A big thanks to Tony and Monica Curtis and Dave Linn for heading this up each year.



\$56,044.00
received so far

NEEDS:

Remainder of money needed for grad cabin 6 completion—\$7,000

Remainder of money for Auditorium bathrooms—\$7,400

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