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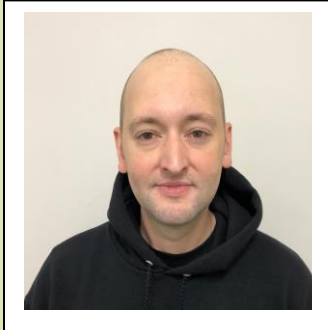
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New Beginnings

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Wes' Entry Photo



Graduation Day, June 10, 2022

My name is Wes, and I grew up in a loving Christian home. I was raised in church and taught right from wrong as a child. I always had the head knowledge of the Bible, but never had the truth down in my heart. Growing up, I never really got into trouble. Most people considered me to be a good kid. In high school, I started to hang out with older kids. This led me to drink and started smoking weed. This turned into a regular habit for me. The longer it went on the more I experimented with other drugs. I still never got into any serious trouble for my actions, other than the occasional fights with my family. This went on all through my teenage years. After I graduated high school, I was stuck working dead end jobs and I continued to drink and use drugs daily. With no real focus of what I was doing or where I was going in life, my path was leading me nowhere.

After serious thought, I decided to join the military. I figured it would clean me up and give me the structure I desperately needed. I joined the Navy in hopes I could leave my problems behind. Once I joined the Navy I slowly began to drink again. I thought everything was fine and I had it all under control. Gradually, it started to take over my life. It began to affect my life in the military, but I kept telling myself I could handle it. That was a lie. One night it all came crashing down. I ended up having a run in with the Military police and was arrested.

After a tear-filled call to my family, I knew I was lost and needed Jesus as my savior. I cried out to Jesus and accepted Him into my heart. I could immediately feel His presence and I knew I was forgiven. After that night, I was on fire for God. Having a relationship with Him was the void I was trying to fill with drugs and alcohol. I got out of the Navy and made my way back to civilian life. I

continued my walk with God and was able to stay sober for several years.

Looking back, I see that over time I began to make compromises in my life. I slowly stopped going to church, reading my bible, and my prayer life became non-existent. I ended up getting a new job. I allowed myself to be vulnerable and fall back into temptation. I began to start taking prescription pills and started to drink again on a regular basis. I fell right back into a life of addiction. Every dollar I had I used to get high, and I was in complete misery.

This destructive lifestyle went on for several years, BUT God kept calling me to come back to Him. I knew I was living in sin, and this only led me to further substance abuse and deeper depression. I knew something had to change. I made the decision to move to North Carolina with my family. I still had not surrendered to God. I was off drugs but was still just as hopeless as I had been before.

Instead of seeking God, I started to drown out all the guilt and shame I felt. For the next seven years I was trapped in my addiction of alcohol. I was beyond miserable. However, God never stopped pursuing me. My family also kept praying for me non-stop. I was at a breaking point. I knew I could not stop on my own.

God gave me clarity to realize I needed help. I cried out to Him once more and He answered me. He gave me the strength to call Greater Piedmont Adult and Teen Challenge and ask for help. I was very blessed to be able to come into the program. After arriving God began working on healing me, physically and mentally. He is restoring relationships with my family and friends. He has restored my peace back to me. Just like He promised in Ezekiel 36:26 He is turning my heart of stone into a heart of flesh. I thank God every day for the blessings He is giving me.

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Wes is in our re-entry program and is doing great. He has found good employment and continues to seek the Lord daily. Praise God for one more young man set free. "Whom the Son sets free is free indeed."

-Dr. Bob

Blessingdale's Thrift Store is a wonderful place to shop for bargains. We have back to school items, Fall Décor, Collectibles and about anything you can think of. Come out to our store and have fun shopping. 1910 Boulevard St., 27407

We also still need more volunteers. Can you give one day a week to help sort items, price, hang clothes or whatever else is needed. See Karen at the store.

August ROCK THE BLOCK was fantastic:

Thanks to all our sponsors. There are too many to list. We thank them all. We also thank Brent Sellers and I Am Outreach Ministries for bringing the huge tent, chairs, and platform. They also helped us canvas the neighborhood inviting people to the event. We were able to give out 220 backpacks, filled with school supplies, a youth Bible, Gospel tract, and a personal note praying over each child. Bradley Guyn, Program Coordinator, and his wife Sarah, did a fantastic job organizing this



Bradley & Dr. Bob



Dr. Bob with Margaret Wooten from St. Mark's church in Burlington. They donated one hundred Back Packs filled with supplies &



Thanks to all who donated for this event. There were twelve salvations. Many souls were blessed by the love of God.



Bradley & Brent Sellers



Last Chance to Sign Up:

Greater Piedmont Adult & Teen Challenge Golf Tournament

Sponsored by:



Grandover Resort

Greensboro, NC
Saturday, September 10, 2022

Starting Time: 8:30 a.m.
Team of four \$1,000.00

For information and registration please call:
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www.gpteenchallenge.com

HOLE IN ONE PRIZES






Carl making cotton candy



Top: Kathy Guyn
Bottom: Sarah Guyn



Dr. Bob completes the obstacle course.