

# Greater Piedmont Teen Challenge, Inc.

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Hello, my name is Jordan Blaylock. I am a walking miracle. **God saved me out of a dark, dark pit.** I am from a small town in N.C. I grew up going to church every Sunday and Wednesday. My parents made sure I always had everything I ever needed. I was taught about a hard day's work from the time I was a small boy. I grew up playing sports and doing what every kid loved doing, but I always had a rebellious spirit in me.

When I was 13 years old I tried alcohol for the first time and right then and there I knew I liked altering my state of mind. All through high school I made good grades, had a job, and worked on the family farm, but on the weekends I would go drink with friends. I always said I would never do drugs, just drink. Eventually, I tried a klonopin, and then smoked weed. I started smoking weed every day and doing benzos, pain pills, and drinking on the weekends and then, I tried psychedelics for the first time. I went from just partying on the weekends to partying every day of the week. I was drinking, smoking, and doing pills and psychedelics every day. I had turned into something I had always said I would never be.

I got a job at a local university with the grounds department. I always had a good work ethic, which my parents taught me when I was young. I was able to hold a great job but was partying behind the scenes.

One night, when I was about 19, I was out partying and a guy had some cocaine. He asked me if I wanted to try a bump. He said it will make you invincible. So I tried it **and that's really where my life started in a downhill spiral.** I had always hid my partying from everyone up until this time. I tried cocaine one

time and I was in love. I had to have it first thing in the morning and last thing at night. By this time I was traveling up and down the east coast going to music and art festivals. I had gotten so far from God I didn't care who knew I did drugs and partied. Drinking and drugging were my daily activities. I stayed up multiple days at a time. I tried every drug known to man. I was trying research drugs. **I was a walking zombie.** I had gotten so out of control and my family didn't know what to do with me. Luckily, they never gave up on me and always prayed for me. I've overdosed at least five times. If it wasn't for my praying family there's no doubt in my mind I would have been dead.

This past October I tried to commit suicide, but thank God, my aunt found me and got me help. I was in the psychiatric ward for about a week. When I got out, I thought I could do it on my own, without God. I ended up going on a ten day binge of cocaine, acid and drinking, without sleeping. I was coming home from a party and sideswiped a probation officer. I was arrested for a DWI. I spent the night in jail. While sitting in jail I began thinking how far from my upbringing I had run. My aunts came and got me out of jail the next day. They told me I had two choices, jail or Teen Challenge. That was an easy choice, I said Teen challenge. I thought "I'll do thirty days and be back on the road chasing music festivals." Little did I know it was a seven month program.

When I arrived at Teen Challenge I was dirty, had long hair, and was broken. The staff showed me the love of Jesus. They took me in and loved me. They didn't care that I was dirty and was wearing tie-dye. *Jesus used this ministry to not only save my life from an addiction I couldn't stop, but to make me a warrior of Christ.* **I thank God every day for saving my soul and using this wonderful ministry to do it.** These are wonderful vessels here who love the students. Thank you, God and the wonderful staff at Teen challenge for helping me change my life.

***Jordan is a delightful person. We asked him to join our staff and he is a wonderful addition. He is joyful and tenderhearted. He loves the men who come to us for help. We are proud of him.***



A big thank you to each man in our mentorship program. We have mature, Christian men who are willing to mentor our students. They come and take the student to lunch during the week, pick them up for church on some Sundays, and are just a friend to them. This program has been a huge blessing to our students and it also blesses the men who are mentors. All the staff and students want to give a **SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU** for your ministry. God bless each of our mentors.

**Teen Challenge is a Matthew 25:35-40 ministry.**

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

**FALL DECOR is @ Blessingdale's Thrift Store.**

Stop by and purchase your new decorations and help support the ministry. Here are two of our wonderful students who worked hard on making the displays look appealing to the eye. Perhaps that is why they wore these helpful glasses.



**FALL BANQUET @ ST. MARK'S CHURCH  
BURLINGTON, NC**

*Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rawson Carlin*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH @ 6:30 P.M.**

**TICKETS: \$20.00 PER PERSON**

**TABLE OF EIGHT: \$160.00; TABLE OF TEN: \$200.00**

**Ticket deadline is November 13th**

**For tickets send your check to: Teen Challenge,  
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