



WAYPOINT MINISTRY

Men's Addiction Regeneration Program

A REGENERATION PROGRAM
BUILDING GODLY MEN
THROUGH CHRIST



“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers, a reconciliation produced by repentance...” Malachi 4:6 (AMP)

Table of Contents

Vision and Mission	03
About Us	04
Campus and Facilities Location	06
Twelve Month Regeneration Program	09
Servant Leadership Training Program	13
Testimony	14
Ministry Staff and Industries	16
Application Process and Financial Arrangements	21
Visitation Guidelines and Ministry Activities	22

Mission

A REGENERATION PROGRAM BUILDING GODLY MEN THROUGH CHRIST

“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers, a reconciliation produced by repentance...”

Malachi 4:6 (AMP)

Vision

- TO TURN MEN FROM ADDICTION TO CHRIST
- TO TURN THE HEARTS OF FATHERS TO THEIR CHILDREN
- TO TURN BROKEN FAMILIES INTO HEALED TESTIMONIES

Our hope is that men, through Christ, would become fathers to their children and to the fatherless. We envision that men would stop and change direction due to the regenerating power of Christ. Our hope is for them to become fathers, heads of family, leaders in the church, leaders in the community, leaders in the work force, worship leaders, mission workers, pastors, addiction counselors, and pursue further education.

About Us

Waypoint Ministry is a regeneration program, not a rehab program. Rehab programs are short-term and are designed to return someone to a “former state.” Regeneration means to be made new. Waypoint Ministry is a long-term program focused on bringing a complete regeneration to body, soul, and spirit. This is a way of life at Waypoint.

Men come into the regeneration program broken and with little hope. They are full of shame and guilt. We allow God to bring their issues to the surface in His timing. We find no need to add shame or guilt, they have come to us with enough of that already.

We rely on God’s perfect timing to heal the men as their pains and hurts surface. Our goal is for your loved one to be regenerated and find new life in Jesus Christ. This form of rebirth leads to a profound freedom from pain of the past, freedom from the shame of the present, and freedom from the bondage of addiction. Men leave here as the spiritual head of their family.

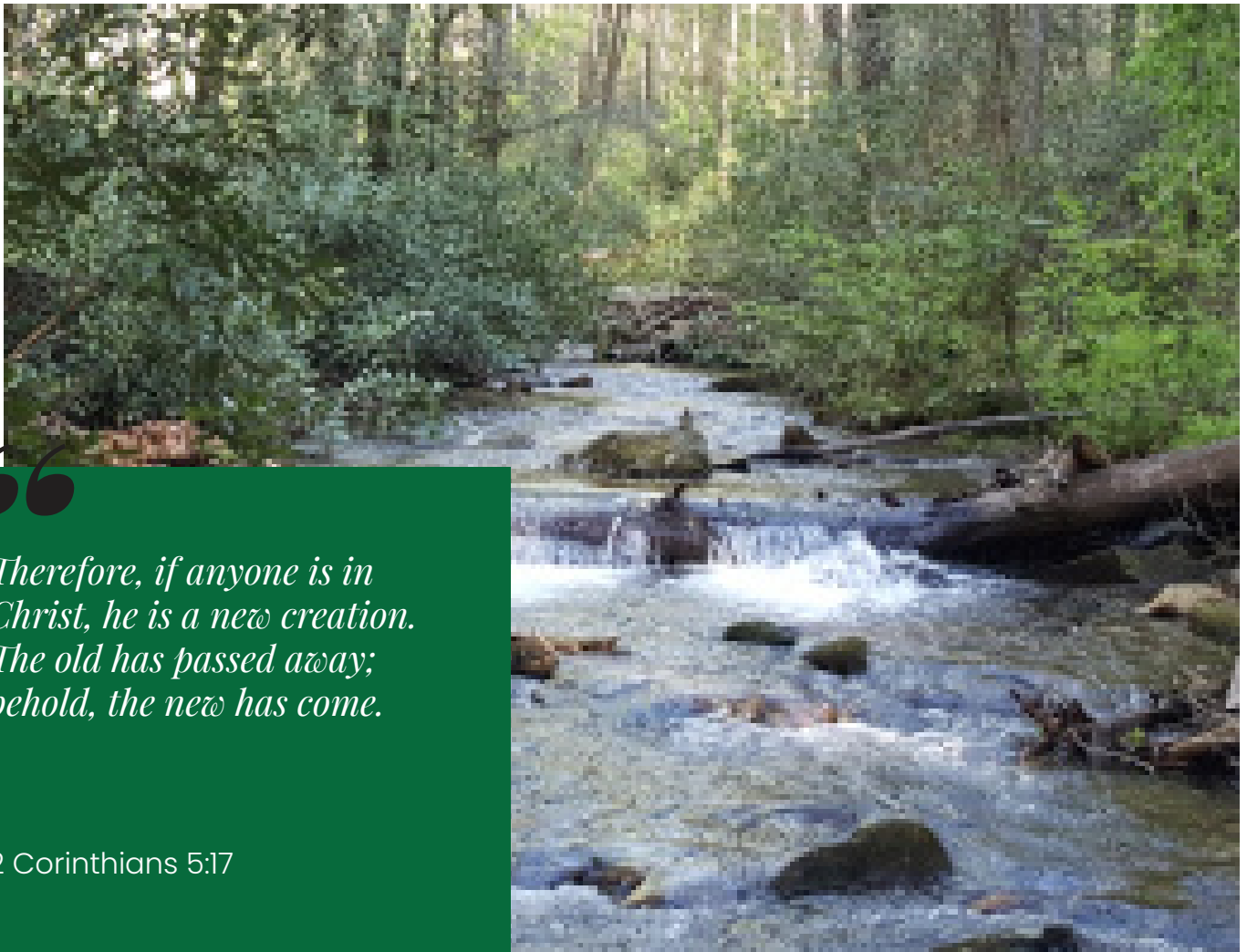
Through their journey to change their lives, these men find that they have not only changed their lives, but the lives of their children.



God has regenerated these men into warriors in His army.

Waypoint Ministry is a Georgia-based, non-profit, 501c3 corporation funded through individual contributions, our industries, and our program fees.

Waypoint Ministry is a THOR approved, state licensed drug and alcohol treatment facility.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17



“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23



Campus and Facilities Location

Waypoint Ministry is located in the North Georgia mountains at 129 Center Point Drive, Dahlonega GA 30533. Our 44 acre campus houses our men, staff and all support functions.

There are 10 buildings on campus including our central building containing classrooms, kitchen, dining and chapel. It is an amazing community of men seeking freedom through the healing power of Jesus Christ.

Men's Residence and Living Quarters

Our men's residence has eight bedrooms and a laundry facility. Each bedroom has its own bathroom and accommodates three to four men. Each man has a bed, nightstand, and wardrobe.









Twelve Month Regeneration Program

Waypoint Ministry Regeneration Program consists of 4 phases:

- Orientation
- Inner Healing
- Regeneration
- Discipleship

“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it will not collapse because it is built on bedrock. The new has come.”



1 Orientation

In this phase, each man will begin to develop his relationship with the Lord and gain an understanding of the Waypoint program. General attitude and willingness to comply to program rules, structure, and authority are evaluated.

During Orientation, the man writes a personal contract stating specific achievable goals he intends to attain during the remainder of the program. He begins to identify amends that need to be made to specific friends or family that have been hurt due to his addiction.

Curriculum topics include:

- Daily moral inventory & Godly journaling
- Assessing relational damage
- Evaluating “where am I from and where am I here”
- Onion Skins
- The Regeneration Contract

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

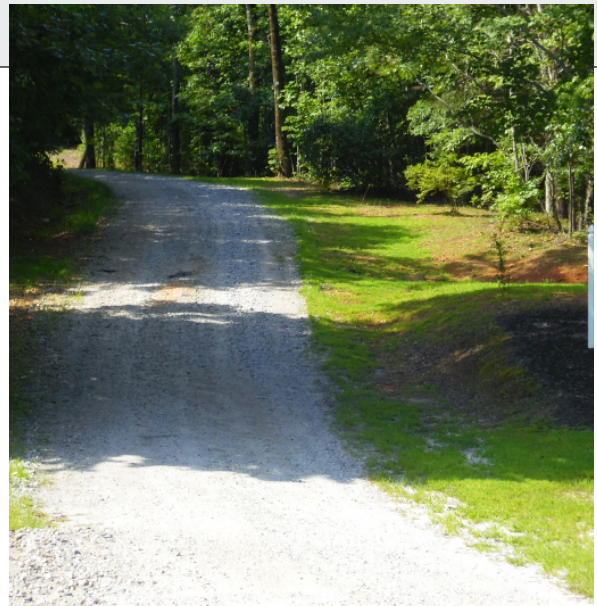
Hebrews 10:24

2 Regeneration

In Regeneration we use biblical counseling, classroom teaching, and small group meetings as methods to address spiritual, mental, and physical issues relative to addiction, and to teach life skills.

Curriculum topics include:

- Aspects of chemical addiction
- Defense mechanisms,
- Overview of the Christian life
- Relapse warning signs
- God’s regeneration process
- Road to recovery.



“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

3 Inner Healing

The fourth phase, Inner Healing, is intensely spiritual and focuses on healing of wounds, trauma, and false core beliefs from the past.



While this one is sometimes viewed as the most essential, it's important to remember that each phase is foundational to the next. The reason there is such an emphasis on this phase is because the focus is on healing the underlying issues or the "root" causes of addiction. When the men leave this phase they have bonded as a group, and know they have truly experienced God personally.

Curriculum topics include:

- Broken bridges
- Rejection
- Grieving
- Forgiveness
- The Condominium Concept
- Judgments
- Vows
- Cutting ties to the past
- Scabs & scars
- Success

*"If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins
and purify us from all
unrighteousness."*

1 John 1:9



4 Discipleship

In this final phase, the men learn to take focus off themselves and their addiction and learn to walk in the truth of who God says they are. **Here, the men are encouraged to give back and serve others with what they have received during the program.**

Curriculum topics include:

- Joy
- Healing
- Prosperity
- Righteousness
- Discipleship
- Relapse Prevention
- Commitment letter and completion of forgiveness/amends letters

We focus on helping the men work through transition in this final phase of the program.



Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

Servant Leadership Training Program

“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:25-28

Upon completion of Waypoint Ministry’s Regeneration Program, a graduate may apply to stay another year at Waypoint and enter the Servant Leadership Training phase (SLT). The SLT Program is a one-year commitment for men who want to give back by serving the men in the Regeneration Program. Typically these men feel led into some type of leadership, counseling, or ministry. As SLTs, our men begin to put into practice what they have learned through a series of studies, mentoring others in the Regeneration Program and assuming leadership roles within our industries. This provides our men an opportunity to properly use their spiritual gifts to facilitate small groups as they deepen their understanding of a call to ministry and missions. Our SLTs learn firsthand how to serve and lead the men, by being a Godly example and speaking truth in love. We feel there is no substitute or limitation for hands-on training.



Testimony

“

My name is Michael and I am 43 years old. I was born and raised in California.

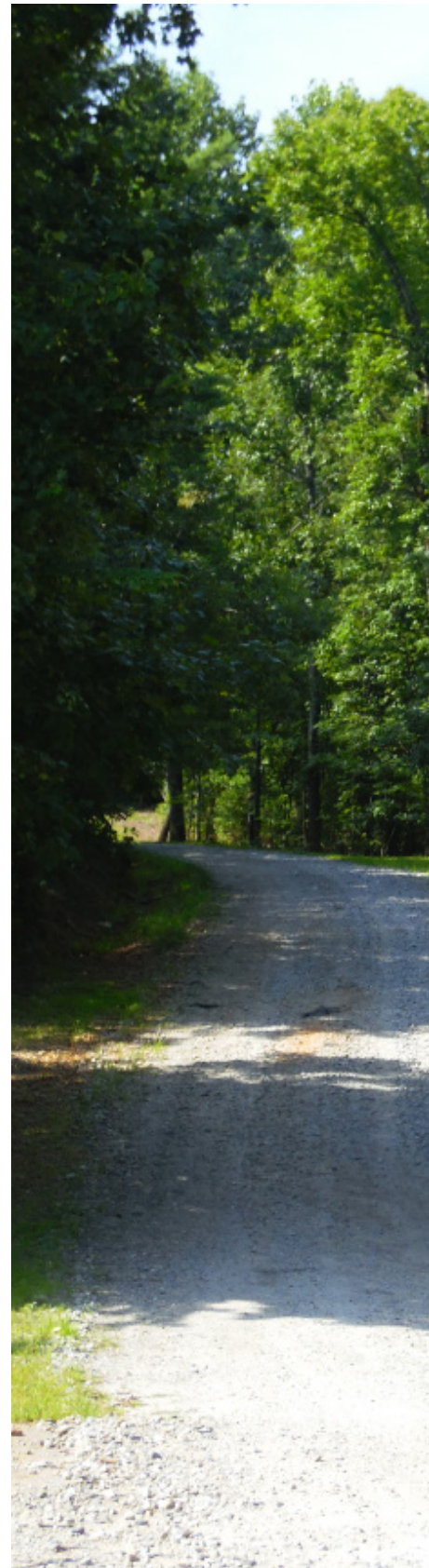
My introduction to the world of drugs and alcohol began around the age of 13 and quickly progressed into full-on addiction by the age of 18. This also was (when I made) my first attempt at getting clean and sober by entering the first of many 30-day Twelve Step rehabilitation facilities.

Over the course of my life, my addiction has landed me in jail on numerous occasions. I watched it crumble my marriage along with my relationship with my kids, family and friends. I have been hospitalized more times than I care to admit and eventually ended up in a coma on life support after overdosing on a combination of methamphetamines and opiates. This still was not enough to detour me from the lifestyle I had grown accustomed to.

In January of 2018, God began to use people in my life to plant seeds that would eventually lead me to Waypoint Ministry.

I had lost everything in my life I had ever worked for. I was jobless, back on probation and awaiting a court date to potentially go to prison. I lived out of my car and a backpack, returning to Mom and Dad's house on occasion to sleep and clean up. I rarely spoke to my children and my mental stability, which I once prided myself on, was deteriorating.

I entered at Waypoint Ministry on 6/14/18. I initially entered in order to remove myself from society and become clean and sober. I also entered as a nonbeliever. However, at this point, I was willing to give anything a try.





I recently was lucky enough to read my intake letter, where I stated that I wanted to turn all of my years of negatives into a positive. This would never have been possible without first surrendering my own ideologies and beginning to build a relationship with Christ.

Over the course of the year, I questioned, fought, and argued every aspect of Christianity and the validity of its claims as well as the Bible. However, the one thing that I could not argue was what God began to do in my life as I continued to move further away from my past and closer to my future. My relationship with my children began to be restored as well as with my parents, siblings and friends. Over time, my sanity was restored and I was able to see God’s handiwork over the course of my life, which had been blinded due to my addiction. Physical ailments that once hindered my mobility have vanished along with prescriptions to medicine for both pain and diagnosed Schizophrenia.

I graduated from the Regeneration Program in June of 2019. I am currently volunteering at Waypoint and am attending school to acquire my Addiction Counselor’s License. Today, I am far from free from bondage; but with a newfound love for life through the relationship I have built in Christ, and the tools, foundation and support from all of past and present loved ones, I am able to work through and resolve any issue or problem presented in my life without the use of drugs and alcohol. That in itself is just one of the many miracles God has performed in my life!!

MIKE A.
California

Ministry Staff

I've had a heart for this ministry since I first started helping here as a volunteer. Later I joined the board. In 2012 it became really clear that God was nudging me to make a change from the corporate world to being a part of Waypoint full time. Robin, my wife, felt the same way. I worked in commercial construction as a senior project manager. I started in residential construction, working with my hands.

Later in management, I worked a lot with people – everyone from temp laborers to CEOs of large companies. (My work spanned the full range of a project, from the beginning phases of estimating, through to contracts, and managed all the way through.) These experiences all play a part in my role at Waypoint. When I first felt God calling me to make this change, I challenged Him over and over that it wasn't really me He was looking for. But He kept giving us signs that this is what He was calling Robin and me to do. So I came on as Executive Director in December 2012.

God has given me a vision for what I feel He wants Waypoint to become. I have a real passion for helping men deal with their addiction and also showing them what it means to have a relationship with Christ. Robin is as involved here as I am. She is called the "Waypoint mom." It's neat to see her heart for this ministry and her perspective; to hear her talk about her vision for it and see how it aligns with what my mind

is thinking and how we bounce things off each other. We have been married over 36 years now. God is showing the men what that kind of stability in marriage looks like. He is teaching them what it means to have that kind of relationship and how you walk that out.

What I love about Waypoint is the men. I like working with the men through their growth and their struggles and seeing how God works in them to change them. I'm blown away by how open and honest they are. It's amazing to work in an environment where God is the primary focus all the time. I enjoy being able to utilize life experiences to try and help others. I also appreciate seeing the hearts of the people who support Waypoint, and how they have a heart for this ministry and what they see happening in these men's lives.

When I came on board full time, what struck me the most is how people step up all the time – that they believe in this program enough to do whatever they've got to do to help Waypoint succeed. God is the key to the success of the men at Waypoint. Every day here, I'm reminded how much He works in people's lives to change them ... when they're willing to obey and listen, when they're willing to surrender. Waypoint is all about a person changing from doing it his way to God's way. That includes me.



Chris Gillhouse

Executive Director

CAC Level II (Certified Addiction Counselor) and
CPI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor



Michael Tucker
Program Director
CIT – Counselor in Training

Michael grew up in Cumming, Georgia. Despite the promise of a degree, he began to struggle with alcohol in his early twenties – an unfortunate reality for so many. Things continued to tailspin for Michael until joining the family here at Waypoint. As a graduate of our program, he relates to the men in our care in a unique and compelling way. Through his twelve-month stay, an additional season of volunteering, and now as a staff member, Michael not only found personal freedom but feels called to serve other men so they find theirs. Michael returned to school and received an Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies from Southwest Bible College. He is currently working on his Bachelor’s Degree in Biblical Studies. In his downtime, he enjoys spending time outdoors.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loves me and gave Himself up for me.”

Galatians 2:20

Miles started a life of drug and alcohol use in his early teens. With a rough home life, these substances were a poor antidote to fill a hole that could only truly be filled through a deeper faith in Jesus. It would, unfortunately, be several years before he came to that realization. In the meantime, he experienced a failed attempt at college and even homelessness as a result of addiction. Like so many of our graduates, he was at the end of his rope when he finally found a home here at Waypoint Ministry. His path toward recovery, rejuvenation, and renewed hope wasn't easy – but it was life-changing. Today, you can find Miles serving the men in the very seats where he once sat. We cannot think of a better person to welcome men into our home than someone who has walked through the same despair and has come out free on the other side. Miles holds an Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies.



Miles Rapier
Counselor Coordinator
CIT – Counselor in Training



Matt Mote
Counselor
Certified Advanced Alcohol and
Drug Counselor

Married to his high school sweetheart Tracey, and now blessed with 3 children, Levi, Ethan, and Marlee, Matt has been working in the field of addiction recovery since 2008 and as a Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor since 2012. He graduated from Liberty University with his Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and his Master of Arts in Professional Counseling. He and his family have been serving as pastors since 2004. They have recently merged their ministry to birth Rehoboth Congregational Holiness Church in Banks County. Here at Waypoint, we employ a holistic approach to regeneration and are grateful for Matt's expertise in understanding the clinical side of recovery. Each and every day, men benefit from tackling their habits with both their head and their heart. We are grateful for Matt's investment that makes change possible for each and every man we serve.

Mike Arehart was born in Ventura, California. He battled drug addiction for over two decades. He originally entered Waypoint in 2018 with the sole purpose to escape from society for a year. His mind was set on exploring Christianity while still holding onto Worldly things. Mike returned to Waypoint for a second time in 2020 to find a true relationship with Christ. Mike decided it was time to surrender completely to God. Mike is valuable to the Waypoint team and works at the thrift store as the Sales Floor Manager. He really enjoys serving the surrounding community by sharing his personal testimony with the many customers that come through our thrift store.

Mike is currently attending Southwest Bible College to obtain his Associates Degree. He is also working on attaining his credentials to become a Certified Addiction Counselor. Mike is also focusing on restoring his relationship with his two kids.



Mike Arehart
Industry Director

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Ephesians 6:12 KJV

Born in Arkansas, Matt and his family moved to Georgia when he was seven years old. His childhood and teenage years were relatively normal and included church attendance and sports activities. He began drinking at an early age. Following marriage, he spent many years working various jobs, primarily in marketing and sales. Despite his successes in business, his dependence on alcohol led to one firing after another.

At one of his lowest points, Matt entered Waypoint Ministry and although completing the 12-month program and returning to the business world, he returned to drinking. Eight years later, following a divorce and his life spiraling out of control, he entered Waypoint for the second time directly upon release from jail, and that's when things really began to change. His effort was, for the first time, put directly into his relationship with God. With the help of the Waypoint leaders and men he was surrounded by daily, he learned to put God first. Not only to stay sober but to lead a joy-filled life.

Since joining the Waypoint staff, It is abundantly clear to him that this is God's plan and path, and he is happy to be in a position to help the men at Waypoint Ministry battle addiction with their walk in the Lord, and to encourage them by sharing his experiences and message of hope.

Outside of Waypoint, Matt is focused on building his relationship with his son and daughter. He is also an avid sports fan and, especially because of his Arkansas roots, loves his "Razorbacks"!

Favorite Verse: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your distress on Him, because He cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:6-7



Matthew Scott
Donor/Marketing Director

Ministry Industries

Waypoint Ministry has a number of industries developed over the years to support our Ministry.

These industries not only generate revenue for our Ministry but provide a training ground for our men in various roles of leadership and decision making.



Waypoint Thrift Store

The Thrift Store was established in 2006. In 2013 it was relocated to its current location at 5636 Thompson Bridge Road, Murrayville, GA 30564. This 17,000 square foot facility on 7 acres houses many of our industries and is located approximately 22 miles from our main campus.



E-Bay

Our E-Bay operations are run from our Thrift Store. Launched in 2010, it has performed well over the years and we maintain a Gold Top Seller rating with hundreds of listings while shipping daily around the world.

Craigslist

In 2013 we began Craig's List at our Thrift Store. It has been a great addition to our sales, allowing us to reach a larger audience for our Thrift Store offerings.

Cars on Consignment and Car Donations

This industry is run from our Thrift Store in Murrayville and offers individuals an opportunity to donate a vehicle to the Ministry or sell it on consignment.

Plastic Recycling

Waypoint Ministry began working with a local plastics recycling firm in 2014. This is a great opportunity for the men to develop working skills in a business environment. The industry is located in Gainesville, GA.

Event Set-up

Forsyth Conference Center at Lanier Technical College contracted with our ministry to set up and tear down for all of their events. The events range from wedding receptions and business conferences to prom dances . This has been a great opportunity for the men to develop working skills in a business environment while working for great people. We currently average about 100 man-hours a week, which has been a financial blessing, as well as being good for the men. Forsyth Conference Center anticipates continued growth in the future as they are currently operating at less than 50% capacity, and we plan on growing with them.

Application Process

The most important consideration for admittance into the Waypoint Ministry Regeneration Program is a sincere desire to change with a grateful attitude. Each applicant is interviewed to see if there is a willingness to seek help. A previous spiritual relationship with God is not a prerequisite for acceptance, only that a man is ready to let God help him.

The admission process is:

- Applicant must call our Ministry and discuss why he desires to enter our program and fully disclose his current situation.
- An appointment will be scheduled to meet with our staff on Waypoint Ministry property during normal working hours.
- A personal interview should in no way be interpreted as automatic acceptance into our program. The purpose of the personal interview is to discern if an applicant is truly ready and willing to receive help and how Waypoint Ministry can meet his needs.
- Waypoint will not accept anyone into our program who is intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic. If detox is required, it must be completed at a medical facility and released before an applicant will be considered for our program.
- Applicants requiring prescriptions for medical reasons or with medical conditions will be considered for acceptance on an individual basis.
- No tobacco products of any nature are allowed. Waypoint ministers to all forms of self-destructive behavior including addictions to tobacco.

Financial Arrangements

The cost for our 12-month Regeneration Program is \$12,000, plus an additional non-refundable \$500 application fee due at the time of the intake interview. This is the equivalent of \$1,000 per month. \$600 is for room and board, and \$400 for the individual's other services including ministry / counseling, evaluations, group sessions, etc. Various forms of payment are accepted and can be

discussed at time of acceptance into the program. Waypoint Ministry reviews every application individually, knowing each circumstance is different. Payment and financial arrangements will be discussed with the Director during the admission interview. **The ability of an applicant to pay will not be the deciding factor of acceptance into our program.**

Visitation Guidelines

For the first thirty days of residency, our men are not allowed to have contact with their families. This time is used to allow our men to focus entirely on themselves as they break down the barriers of denial and begin to return to reality. Weekend visitation is the first and third full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of each month, starting promptly at 1 PM and ending promptly at 5 PM. Visits are on Waypoint Ministry property located at 129 Center Point Drive, Dahlonega, GA 30533. Visits with our men are not allowed at any other time nor at any other location. During Sunday visits, families are required to attend our family recovery classes. There will be periods of time during your man's program that visitation will not be allowed, for ministry purposes.

WAYPOINT MINISTRY PROPERTIES ARE TOBACCO AND DRUG FREE ZONES. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO TOLERANCE FOR ANYONE BREAKING THIS RULE. VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN ALL FUTURE VISITS BEING DENIED.

Family Recovery

Addiction is a disease that has many casualties. It spreads and harms many of those in our lives. This makes healing and forgiveness with loved ones imperative. Relationships are vital to a man's recovery. Family Recovery serves as an opportunity to accelerate the reconciliation process with your loved one in a safe Christian environment. As families participate in Family Recovery, they begin to recognize the underlying causes of addiction so they can break the cycle for generations to come. Waypoint provides a place to manifest healing and move forward in the rebuilding of family relationships.



“And He will turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.”

Malachi 4:6

Ministry Activities





Waypoint Ministry
129 Center Point Drive, Dahlonega, GA 30533
706-864-7110

admin@waypointministry.com
www.waypointministry.com



WAYPOINT MINISTRY

Men's Addiction Regeneration Program