

MR. PETE'S STORY

I was the middle child of seven, three older and three younger siblings. We were raised by good, Christian parents, and we were taught right from wrong early in life.

For whatever reason, I was the only child to wander off the straight and narrow path, in which we were given to follow.

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." I departed from my parents instructions for about 19 years, but I always knew "Who" I was to turn to when ready. I am so grateful now for the wisdom of my parents.

I was 22-years old when my addiction began. It carried me to a world I didn't know existed. It landed me in numerous intensive care units. It showed me the inside of prison for over three years. But today, I except the fact that everything happened just like it was supposed to happen for me, so that I can be where I'm at today.

The last day I used chemicals was October 24, 1989. I spent four months at Bridges of Hope in Argyle, Georgia. God used a man, named George Sirmans, to help me understand and learn how to allow God to change me into what God wanted me to be.

For the next 19 years, I was blessed beyond words in most everything I attempted. I was not problem-free, but Jesus always held my hand and carried me through the rough places.

In the spring of 2008, God gave me a vision. He revealed to me that He wanted a place in Baxley, Georgia, where someone seeking recovery could go 24-hours a day, 7-days a week and talk with someone in recovery, until the compulsion to use left. This was a path in which, I was not prepared.

At first I was not obedient. What He was asking was out of my comfort zone. However, He has a way of getting your attention. In October of 2008, I approached a man who attended church with me. I knew he had rental property, so I asked what was available. We came to an agreement on a house located on Jones Street. February 16, 2009, the first Recovery meeting was held in the Jones Street house. The meetings grew and in a little over a year, there was standing room only.

We moved to our next location October 30, 2010. We had the capacity to house approximately 24 men and 24 women. God used that place for his work until August of 2014. At that time we moved to our present location which we are purchasing that has 20 acres, a nice pond, and housing for 17 men and 8 women. The administration building also sits on this property.

It has been my blessing and I am honored to be able to be apart of what God is doing to help people with the disease of addiction. I am excited and anticipating what God is going to do next!



"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, that you may prove what is good, acceptable, and perfect in the will of God."

Romans 12:2



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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Psalm 133:1



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MISSION

Our mission is to create a recovery atmosphere which is safe, Biblically sound, firm in the 12-Steps, and a gateway to re-enter society.



BELIEFS

Drugs and alcohol and the destruction and darkness that infiltrate the lives of those who live this lifestyle are overtaking society. "For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and His glory will appear upon you." Isaiah 60:2

The disease of addiction is growing. It has the power to over-take not only the individual, but families. We believe a direct specific approach found in God's word is key to overcoming the bondage of addiction. "And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16

Through a firm Biblical foundation together with the 12-Steps, we believe those suffering from addiction are able to over-come the disease and maintain sobriety. Group unity builds a solid support group. The 12-Steps set the principles. God's word is the road map.

HISTORY

In 2010, Appling Healthcare System approved for 24/7 House to lease the Appling Convalescent Center for \$1. The irony of the transaction is that in 1966, Appling Convalescent Center opened its doors so that individuals might have a safe, clean, private facility to live the

last days of their lives. In 2010 the same cinder block facility is a safe haven for men and women seeking recovery from the disease of addiction. God took an empty building and used it as a vessel to begin the transformation of lives. In 2014, God opened a new door and Blessed the 24/7 House with a new property that opened to the men and women we serve in August 2014. We are excited to see what God has in store for the ministry at our beautiful new location!

Old Residence



New Men's Residence



New Women's Residence



PROGRAM

The 24/7 House Residential program is an in depth journey of self, and healing from the life-crippling effects of the disease of addiction. Our program is Christ Centered: we believe that Christ has to be at the center of the process so that the recovery aspect will work effectively. The program provides the individual with all the necessary tools for entering and maintaining long-term recovery.

When the chemically dependent individual comes to us they are often at the end of the road without hope. They may be physically and emotionally ill: their relationships, financial situation and work may be dysfunctional. We provide the support needed for them to eliminate their alcohol and drug use; allow restoration with family and friends; find employment and learn how to be a productive member of their community. Residents must be 18 years of age or older. Residents are required to be physically, mentally, emotionally, and behaviorally capable of functioning in a therapeutic community setting.



Women's Room



Men's Room

FAMILY DAY

On the fourth **SATURDAY** of every month, Family Day will be held. Family members that plan to be part of loved ones recovery are required to participate in Family Day. This is an opportunity to learn about the disease of addiction, to talk about feelings and concerns with other family members that have the same problems and situations. **FAMILY DAY** is about the family member of the addict/alcoholic learning how to take care of themselves and not **ENABLING** their loved one.