

U-Turn For Christ New Jersey

Freedom from Addiction through Christ



Ministry Update – Christmas 2017

As I reflect upon the birth of Jesus this Christmas, I am so thankful that He has allowed me to be a small part of the ministry of U-Turn For Christ NJ. Looking back over the past 12 months, I am awed by the impact He has had on many of the lives of the men entrusted to our care this year. I am also thankful to all of you for your faithful prayers, words of encouragement, and financial support. It means so much to all of us. From myself, Pastor Todd and the entire U-Turn family we wish you a truly joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

I want to share a testimony I received from one of our recent U-Turn grads that pretty much sums up what God is doing in this ministry. It blessed my heart. I believe it will bless your heart too.



Proverbs 2:3-4 NIV — indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

I'm a living example of the truth of this Scripture. When I came into U-Turn I was willing to give it a try. I cried out to God to reveal himself to me and He surely has. He gave me understanding, and showed Himself to me simply because I asked Him to. Today, I have faith to see the things He is doing in my life and that is a great treasure!

Jesus has changed me completely. I will never be the same!!

In court recently the public defender said, "here's the superstar of the hour" (her words not mine). I looked around thinking she was talking to someone else! The judge explained how few people complete their probation, never mind finishing 3 years early! I had a serious charge over me and He put it on my probation officer's heart to terminate it all together. She saw the change in me. She saw Christ in me! I'm still baffled by it all... but I know God is at work. He used me to reveal Himself to her ... God is good! I'm a witness to the things He can do when my heart is in the right place. I don't even know the right word to use to describe how I feel. It's a combination between amazed and confused. I don't fully understand God's ways, but that's okay. He's amazing and that's all I need to know. If he can do this in me in a few months I can't imagine what he can do over time!

Ephesians 3:20 NIV — Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Pastor's Heart

May you know the joy and hope of Christmas this year!

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder.

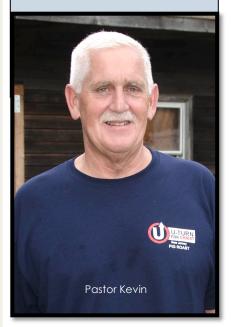
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor Mighty God, Everlasting Father Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. — Isaiah 9:6-7

> Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



Join Us For Our Christmas / New Year Luncheon

All our family and friends are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and feasting as we gather to celebrate what the Lord has done this year.

> Saturday December 30 1:00 pm - 5 PM U-Turn for Christ Property 98 Crow Hill Road, Freehold

We will provide the meal, if you'd like to bring a dessert to share that would be a blessing.



Ways U Can Get Involved

If you would like to come alongside this ministry there are three important ways you can help.

First and foremost we ask that you would **pray** for the lives of the men we are ministering to, and for their families. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you" - John 7:7

Another way you can help is through **financial support**. U-Turn for Christ is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We receive no outside funding and rely totally on donations. If you'd like to support us financially, you can donate safely online at **www.uturn4ChristNJ**.com or send a check to: U-Turn for Christ NJ, PO Box 286, Allenhurst, NJ 07711.

"The generous soul will be made rich" - Proverbs 11:25

Finally, **let us help you**! If we can come alongside you or someone you love who is struggling with addiction, **please call us**. We are here to offer the help and hope that is found in Jesus Christ. That is what we do!

"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" - Galatians 6:1



Praise & Prayer

Praise Reports

V graduated phase 2
J graduating phase 1 and staying on for phase 2
Remodeling & opening of new phase 2 home
Ministry opportunities at local churches & businesses
Ongoing financial provisions

Prayer Requests

Christmas fellowship -12/30
Opportunity for new jail ministry
Continued victory over addiction and growth in the Lord for all.
Open doors to share the work of the ministry with others
Comfort for family members
Continued unity in the house
Provision for upcoming bills

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