

Tabitha

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF TABITHA MINISTRY
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Congratulations 2021 Graduates!



Congratulations to Stephanie, Linda, Lisa, and Chrystal (left to right), who graduated from the residential program on January 31. The graduation was streamed on Facebook Live with limited attendance due to the pandemic.

Help Wanted

Do you feel called to minister to Tabitha Residents and Graduates? Consider becoming a driver with Tabitha's Taxis. Driving needs are posted on Friday for the upcoming week. Sign up for as many or few shifts as work with your schedule.

TABITHA'S CLOSET EXPANDED

Tabitha's Closet has expanded to the space beside it, which now houses the Furniture Nook. The space two doors down has been renamed Tabitha's Treasures, where you can find great deals on housewares.

Come check us out!



Graduate Testimonial: Joyce

Joyce graduated from Tabitha Ministry's residential program in January 2020.

Joyce came to Tabitha Ministry in January 2019, seeking freedom from years of alcohol addiction. She grew up in a dysfunctional family and suffered from childhood trauma. The isolation of her early years in an impoverished rural community deeply impacted her.

Joyce gave her heart to God in 2001 but walked away when her mother passed away in 2009. She ran from God for years, driven by unresolved pain and hurt that she had not dealt with, and used drugs and alcohol in a futile attempt to silence the voices of her past.

Joyce tried to break her addiction on her own several times without success and has

regrets about the ways that her addiction influenced her life. Underlying the symptom of addiction were the roots of anger, bitterness, and blame.

God intervened in 2019 when Joyce suffered an injury, making her unable to work. In the midst of this crisis, God placed a doctor and nurse in her life to shine rays of hope into her dark situation. She recognized her helplessness over her addiction and surrendered to God.

Joyce's time in Tabitha Ministry's residential program was a year of "stillness" for her. In the stillness of this safe haven, Joyce finally heard the voice



Joyce (right) at the Southern "Hatsatility" Tea Party with March 2020 Graduate Debbie.



Joyce has a deep love and appreciation of nature.

Joyce's Life Verse

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Ps. 119:105

of the stubborn child inside and began the painful process of surrendering to God little by little. God taught her how to sit still as He covered her with His wings.

Through Tabitha Ministry, Joyce found a support system and family that she had never before experienced. She had a taste of peace in 2001-2003 after first coming to God, but that peace had been replaced by shame and regret. As God gently led Joyce through the process of healing her emotional pain, that feeling of calmness and peace gradually returned.

Joyce credits Tabitha Ministry with helping her see and learn to use the tools that God gives His children to live a victorious life. She has learned the importance of sharing her life with family and that time with family matters more than money.

Joyce is most thankful to Tabitha Ministry for choosing to help by being part of the solution. She now recognizes that what matters is the parts that cannot be seen. Change that can be seen flows out of the unseen changes that take place in the heart.

Welcome New Residents!

Three new residents have joined the Tabitha Ministry Resident Program.



Tonya



Thalia



Kristin

MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER/CEO

At Tabitha Ministry, we do not treat addiction. Instead, we minister to broken hearts. In my opinion, addictions are just a symptom of buried pain and shame. Drugs and alcohol are nothing but tools used to escape and turn off the voices in our head.

Emotional maturity and coping skills are needed once the physical withdrawal is over. Yet the most important healing will be the heart and self-esteem. Self-hatred is a huge block to healing. Years of being labeled as a druggie and being ashamed of who they are have destroyed their spirit. Most have believed "once an addict, always an addict." But Scripture teaches that we are more than conquerors through Christ (Rom. 8:37).

As Christians, we are commissioned to be vessels of unconditional love and acceptance. Rather than trying to change them to fit into our idea of what is acceptable, we need to love them exactly where they are without any expectation. After all, Jesus went out of his way to meet the Samaritan woman at the well.

At Tabitha House, we provide structure in a safe and loving family-like environment. Through classes, we teach them the skills necessary to cope and deal with life on life's terms. Most importantly, we want them to know who they are in Christ, how much they are loved, and how valuable they are.

Only God's love can heal a heart broken by abuse, neglect, or rejection. Only God's love can heal self-hate, bitterness, and anger. In John 14:12, we were commissioned to be God's hands and feet here on earth. As such, we must embody God's love.

Pastor Cindi Wagner

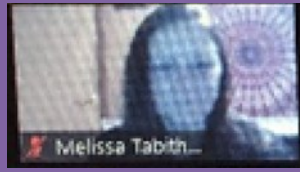


**"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
~ Rom. 8:37**



Cynthia "Cindi" Wagner is the founder and CEO of Tabitha Ministry

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Thank you Women Impacting Greensboro, who donated over \$2,000 to the ministry. We appreciate you!

SAVE THE DATE!!

"Look What Love Has Done Fashion Show"

May 4th, 2021
6:00-8:00

Triad Church: 705 Sunshine Way,
Greensboro, NC 27409

Tickets: \$15.00 per person

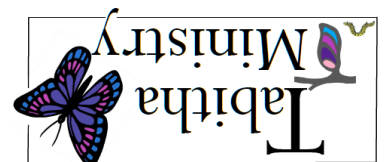
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