

Tabitha

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF TABITHA MINISTRY
JUNE 2021

First Live Public Event Held in a Year!



On May 4, Tabitha Ministry co-hosted a Fashion Show with Pierced Ministries to share with the community how God's love transforms women from the inside out. Photos were displayed of who the women used to be, and then the beauty of how God sees them was revealed.



Drivers Needed

Tabitha's Taxis is looking for godly women to transport residents to appointments. Call 336-253-7569 or email tabithaministryncinfo@gmail.com to learn more.



Graduate Testimonial: Lisa

Lisa graduated from Tabitha Ministry's residential program in January 2021 and gave her testimony at the "Look What Love Has Done" event on May 4, co-hosted by Tabitha Ministry and Pierced Ministries.

Lisa's condensed testimony:

"I grew up in a very severely abusive home, and by the time I was 4, I think my heart was shattered. And by the time I was 8, I was using drugs, and I was writing suicide poetry... I cannot remember a day before I came to Tabitha's that suicide was not at the top of my brain all the time...

"I started doing drugs so I could feel. Drugs became my purpose and my reason to live. Drugs never did any good for me. Because I found out that God created me to need Him, and in that need, I totally was looking for it through drugs, through people, through

institutions, through medicine, and I never found what I found with Jesus.

"I came to Tabitha's, and first I met Cindi. She interviewed me, and then I interviewed her. I mean, I had to know where I was coming... At that point in my life, I had tried to kill myself quite a few times, and I just thought, 'God's not letting me die. I better figure out why'...

"One thing I want to say about Tabitha Ministry is there's a lot of love. Love, love, love. Love through the instructors. Love through the Director. And grace. And I needed that. I needed a lot of grace...



Lisa is known for her great sense of humor!



Lisa works as a powder coater at DJ Powder Coating in Kernersville.

Lisa's Life Verse

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world! ~ John 16:33"

"I notice throughout my life, through all the dark times, through all the caves, through all the terrible things that happened, there was Jesus. He was there. He was chasing me. He chased me and chased me and chased me, and I didn't let him ever catch me. Not until I got to Tabitha's...

"For a long time, I thought salvation was just, 'Jesus died, I'm forgiven, good.' I didn't realize that if God is chasing me, I need to be chasing Him. I didn't realize that it's a relationship that I need to have with Jesus. It's a two-way street. If I love God,

then I need to obey Him...

"I am really grateful to Tabitha Ministry for giving me a year to do no work... It allowed me time to really get to know Jesus...

"It was ME that had to help me. It was ME that had to find that relationship with Jesus, not through anybody else.

"And I am so grateful for the year I got there. And I am so grateful there is a graduate program after that... That's the difference here... It's like a safety net... I really love that, and I really need that."

Photos from the Fashion Show

Tabitha Ministry and Pieced Ministries co-hosted "Look What Love Has Done" on May 4.



Dwona (resident), Cindi Wagner and Thalia (resident) (left to right)



Kristin (resident), Cindi Wagner, and Liberty (resident) (left to right)

MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER/CEO



Every so often, I like to remind myself of the guiding beliefs that Tabitha Ministry stands on:

1. Without Christ, we cannot overcome this world. Christ guides us to the truth and the freedom we were born to have. Through Christ, we can do ALL things (Phil. 4:13).
2. If we are going to make a mistake, let it be on the side of love (Mother Teresa).
3. Abuse and trauma can only be conquered with love and patience. Treat everyone with respect and dignity, no matter how unpleasant they may be. Inside of them, the Creator has placed His light. What is different about us if we only love those who love us (Luke 6:32-36)?
4. Tabitha is a structured Christian living home. We use cognitive behavior therapy and the Bible to teach our ladies what it means to be a Christian. People will know we are Jesus' disciples by our love for one another (John 13:35).
5. Whenever discipline is needed, we try to make it a teaching opportunity rather than punitive. Teaching residents personal responsibility and the natural consequences of their choices will empower them to be in control of their lives.
6. We are not here to catch them doing wrong but to celebrate their successes, no matter how small. We are not policemen. If a resident puts us in a position of having to "guard" her, we know she is not right for our program. Residents must desire change for themselves and remain teachable.
7. Changing behavior is easy, but healing a heart is work. We are only here to lead residents into a deeper relationship and understanding of Christ. It is not our desire to make them acceptable to the Body of Christ. They are already His beloved no matter what the outside looks like.
8. We want them to ask questions and dig for truth, to truly have a personal belief in Christ for themselves rather than just "parrot" us.
9. We want to instruct disciples who will show the world the power of the love of Christ -- disciples who will go out and change the world. We want to equip the army of God to take back what belongs to God.
10. We are nondenominational, and we celebrate the things we have in common, not the things that separate.
~ Pastor Cindi Wagner

**"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
~ John 13:35**



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

Announcements

Farewell Kayla!



Tabitha Ministry thanks Kayla Bingham for her years of service as Tabitha's Closet Manager. We wish her well as she follows where God leads her.

June Graduation

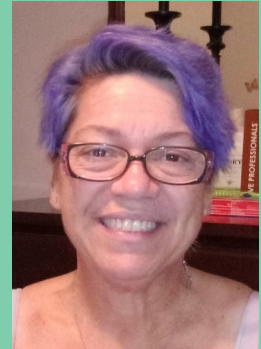


Dwona will be graduating in June. Check the website or Facebook page for details.

Welcome New Residents!



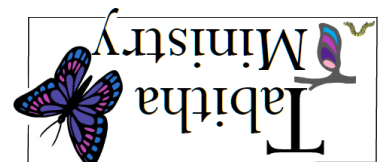
Liberty joined our program on April 15.



Billie joined our program on May 19.

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