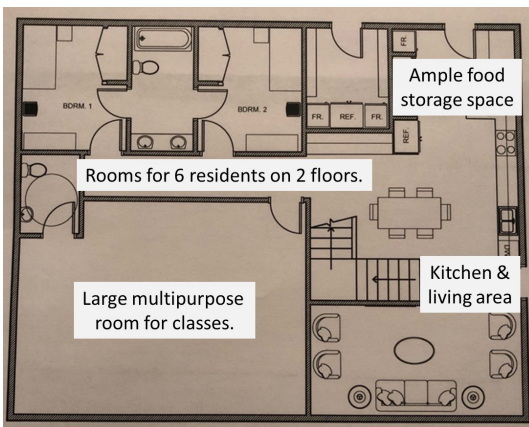


# Tabitha

## news

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF TABITHA MINISTRY  
SUMMER 2021

## Building a New Resident House!



Blueprint for first floor of new resident house.

Tabitha Ministry is in the process of raising \$250,000 to build a new resident house. The current resident house will be converted to graduate housing. The new resident house will include a large multipurpose room for classes and ample space for food storage.

Call  
336-253-7569  
to learn more  
about this  
capital  
campaign.



## Welcome Melanie!

Melanie Todd is the new store manager for Tabitha's Closet.

Please give her a huge  
**THANK YOU** the next time  
you visit the store!



# Graduate Testimonial: Melissa

*Melissa graduated from the residential program in October 2019 and was selected to be profiled for Tabitha Ministry's Annual Direct Mail Campaign. Below is her story, which was mailed to everyone in the ministry's database.*

When Melissa entered Tabitha Ministry's residential program in 2018, she had a drug addiction, a criminal record, and a suspended driver's license from court entanglements in four counties. Her relationships with her two older children were strained, and she had not laid eyes on her youngest son Colton in four years, when he was only 2 years old. Her life was shattered.

Through Tabitha Ministry, Melissa encountered the Living God as the Tabitha Community loved her just as she was and repeatedly pointed her to God. Melissa surrendered her life to God in

every way during one of the hardest, but most fruitful, years of her life. She threw everything she had into changing the way she thinks.

Melissa's hard work continued after her graduation in October 2019. Rebuilding the ashes of her life into beauty required time and effort. As she took responsibility for her actions from her addiction years, God gradually restored her shattered life.

Melissa married the love of her life Easter Sunday 2020. Her husband, Travis, is a graduate of Teen Challenge and shares Melissa's passion for Jesus.



Colton, Melissa & stepson  
Hunter (left to right)



Melissa's driver's license was restored  
on June 17, 2021.

## Melissa's Life Verse

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."  
~ Matthew 17:20

Melissa's relationships with her older children have gradually improved, and she now has custody of 7-year-old Colton every other week. In June 2021, God restored her driver's license. Melissa is living proof that

**God restores  
shattered lives!**

Would you  
consider  
making a  
donation so  
more women  
with shattered  
lives can  
encounter the  
Living God?

# Photos from Dwona's Graduation

*Dwona graduated from our one-year residential program on June 13.*



Cindi Wagner presents Dwona with a graduation certificate.



Dwona's son and family came to celebrate this milestone in his mother's life.

## MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER/CEO



Studies show that without a father present in the home, the children suffer. Children look to their fathers to provide a feeling of security, both physical and emotional. Children want to make their fathers proud, and an involved father promotes inner growth and strength. Studies have shown that when fathers are affectionate and supportive, it greatly affects a child's cognitive and social development. It also instills an overall sense of well-being and self-confidence.

Young girls depend on their fathers for security and emotional support. A father shows his daughter what a good relationship with a man is like. If a father is loving and gentle, his daughter will look for those qualities in men when she's old enough to begin dating. If a father is strong and valiant, she will relate closely to men of the same character.

Boys model themselves after their father's character. Boys will seek approval from their fathers from a very young age. When a father is absent, young boys look to other male figures to set the "rules" for how to behave and survive in the world.

Yet sadly, in many homes there is not a

Father Figure. Sometimes there is a father, but he's abusive, demeaning, and unavailable. I can tell so many stories I have heard through counseling of young girls hiding under the beds or in the closet when they hear their father's footsteps. I've heard horror stories of girls abandoned by their fathers, left to be raised by overworked single moms. When this is the case, their spirits are broken, their hearts empty and always seeking that male attention and male approval. It's called "Father Hunger."

Arriving on the scene will be the father of all lies, who will promise imitation and fake love. Eventually that will prove to be a lie, and the person is even more broken and disillusioned. Welcome addiction, which becomes their best friend so they can hide and not feel. How do you introduce this person to the Heavenly Father, who loves them unconditionally? They have no reference points to what love is.

At Tabitha House, all of our ladies have "father issues," issues deeper than can be seen on the surface. We must make their Heavenly Father's love for them tangible and real. They must see themselves through His eyes and not that of the World. Our only

goal is to help them find their way back home to their Heavenly Father's house. That's the only way a broken and wounded spirit can rise up from the ashes and take back their life. Through love, acceptance, and grace, we do our best to model the Father's love to the ladies who call Tabitha home.



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

# Announcements

## Mark Your Calendar!



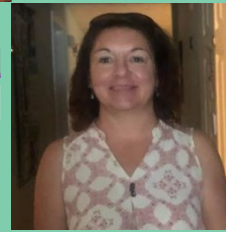
## Welcome our New Residents!



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Regina  
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Misty  
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