



## Spring 2016 Newsletter

### A message from Executive Director Chris Gillhouse



The first quarter of 2016 has been very busy, but also very rewarding. God has blessed us with several more men in both the program, and also in the Servant Leadership Training Program (SLT). We have averaged over 25 men in the program and have also averaged over ten men in the SLT program. I am so blessed to be a part of and get to witness what God does in these men's lives. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we had four men that were baptized at The Church at War Hill. Through seeing how God had changed their lives, they were convicted to publicly proclaim and dedicate their lives to Christ. Congratulations to Chris Mulkey, Jordan Cole, Zack

Maxwell, and Cameron Gwilliams. At that same service, one of our recent graduates, Gage Tracy, was asked to give his testimony. Gage spoke of how God had redeemed him and given him a future to develop a relationship with his son, and to continue to grow in his relationship with Jesus. Thank you to the Church at War Hill for being a part of what God is doing in these men's lives.

We also have been very busy in making much needed changes to the property as we continue to grow. We have moved a building from our old nursery property to the property for our new maintenance building. The additional building has allowed us to build out new office space, and as funds allow, a much needed conference room within the main office. With the increased number of men and SLT's we are very limited on classroom space, so the conference room will also be utilized as a classroom. We are working towards purchasing three new vans. The two vans we currently use have several hundred thousand miles each and are in constant need of repairs. Transporting thirty-five plus of us requires dependable, safe vans. Please prayerfully consider if God would have you join us in either one of these needs. God has made it abundantly clear to us that where there is a need, He will provide. His timing is perfect.

I would like to ask each of you to pray for our long range planning committee. We have started meeting to prayerfully consider where God wants Waypoint to be in five years, and also ten years. We have already seen in the short time we have met, God will give a vision to one and confirm it through another. I am excited about what God has to show us through this committee, and where he will lead Waypoint into the future.

As you can see, we have truly been blessed. I want to thank each of you for your part in what God is doing in all of our lives. Without your prayers and support, none of this would be possible. Please let me know if you have any suggestions, ideas, or if you feel God prompting you to join us in some way. Also let me know if you would like to receive our weekly prayer list with the men's prayer requests along with general prayer requests for Waypoint. I would love to add you to the list of those already praying for Waypoint. **WE KNOW PRAYER WORKS.**

## Rick Lovell

### Program Director



Hey everyone. Hope you all are well. It has been exciting around here and I am grateful to be able to share with you what God has been doing. First, God has really been moving at Waypoint. I have witnessed him move in powerful ways in the men and have seen changes in the men that only he can produce. I love to see when God moves and nobody can explain what has happened but I am in awe at the ways he has showed up lately. There has been a lot of restoration between families as of late, particularly with guys that are in the discipleship class and I believe God for more! We currently have 23 guys in the program and we are set to have 3 more arrive in the near future. We have many men who are fully committed to their recovery and I see them growing into who God created them to be. We also have 8 SLT's. These are men who have committed another year to God and to serve and lead the guys in the program. I see true leaders emerging out of this group and I am grateful to see how God is growing that second year of our program here at Waypoint. We have much to be grateful for here and I am truly blessed to be part of what is happening at Waypoint. Thank you all for your continued support and your prayers.

God Bless,

Rick Lovell

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## Graduation January 2016

In January, Waypoint graduated six men, five from the Regeneration Program and one Servant Leadership Training (SLT). Four of the Regeneration Program graduates have elected to remain at Waypoint for another year and be in our SLT Program. We are very proud of all these graduates and their commitment to serve our



## Newest Staff Addition



We are blessed to announce that Justin Riddle has become part of the Waypoint staff. Justin graduated the program, and has completed SLT and has now joined our staff. Justin will be in charge of our maintenance department for both the Men's Center and our Thrift Store. He will be teaching our Regeneration class as well. Justin can really relate to the men as he knows where they are and has a God given talent to speak truth directly from his heart in a way the men really receive. We are very excited to see how the addition of Justin to the staff will help grow both he and Waypoint. Please help us welcome Justin to his new position.



Things are really moving at the Waypoint Thrift Store in Murrayville! The beginning of 2016 has been a time of change and growth at the thrift. We are being blessed with great items from our generous donors and a growing base of customers. Currently, we have a number of quality items for sale that will work in a number of places in the home or office. There are plenty of pieces and sets for any room in your house. We also have lighting fixtures on display and ready to sell. Additionally, we carry a large number of decorative items that cater to many different tastes. We're always happy to help you find the item that adds a personal touch to any room. During the sunny months we have a daily yard sale. This gives us more show space and promotes a community atmosphere. Our Craigslist and eBay stores have been growing in sales as well as getting our name and mission out to an online community. We often have Craigslist customers coming in from all over metro Atlanta and eBay customers buying our goods internationally! Each store is a valuable venue for our more desired items and each is a cornerstone of our operations at Waypoint Thrift. If you are spring cleaning and redecorating, please keep us in mind for donations. We pick up Monday through Saturday. Contact us at 770-538-7324.

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# Upcoming Events

## Friends of Waypoint

Our next Friends of Waypoint will be Tuesday April 19 at 2 PM. Please join us in fellowship and food on this special day. Hear testimonies of how God is moving in the lives of our men and personally experience the excitement we feel everyday at Waypoint. **Please RSVP to [admin@waypointministry.com](mailto:admin@waypointministry.com) or contact the office at 706-864-7110. Look forward to seeing you.**

## Spring Graduation

Our Spring Graduation will be Sunday May 15 at 2 PM. Four men will graduate, two from Servant Leadership and two from our Regeneration Program. Please plan to come out and celebrate with us as these men move on to the next chapter life has for the.

Please RSVP as above.

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# Around Waypoint



