



Adult & Teen Challenge

Mid-Michigan

Freedom From Addiction Starts Here



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OUR VISION IS THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS FIND FREEDOM FROM LIFE-CONTROLLING ISSUES THROUGH THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST

We are not a treatment program, but a transformation program...

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:1-2



Brian: I was abandoned as a child and moved through foster homes for as long as I can remember. Growing up without stability meant I never had the chance to learn to read or write, and that left me feeling angry, lost, and overlooked. I'm a father, and I adore my son. But after an altercation with his mother, I had to leave home for everyone's safety. It broke my heart, and I didn't know where to turn. In that moment, God sent help through a pastor and his wife - a Mid-Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge graduate - who believed I was worth investing in. They helped me enter the program, and that decision changed my life. At MMATC, I learned to face my anger by discovering who I truly am in Christ, not who my past tried to define me as. I learned skills I never had, and I learned how to walk with purpose, confidence, and peace. I graduated the program and returned home ready to work, grow, and be the father my son deserves. God has restored my life, and I'm grateful for the future He's leading me into.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." Col 3:23

John: Before coming to MMATC, I spent six years in full-time ministry in Florida. God had blessed me with a home, a vehicle, a marriage, and a staff position where I served as a Media Developer, Teacher, Chapel Speaker, and Assistant Faith Home Supervisor. But pride crept in, the enemy attacked my marriage and my walk with God, and over time I drifted from the church and from ministry. Sin entered my home, and I became powerless to stop it. Two hurricanes destroyed everything I had left. I lost my home, my marriage, and every blessing God had given me. At the lowest point of my life, I cried out for help and God answered through Pastor Andres. Within two days, I was on a bus to Saginaw with nothing but a desperate need for the Lord. I came broken in every way, ready to be reshaped. These 12 months became a refining fire. Through prayer, the Word, and surrender, God rebuilt my life from the inside out. I asked Him for peace and joy - and He gave me both. Since graduating, God has blessed me with a car, an apartment, a job, and a brand-new beginning. I give Him all the glory and thank the staff for pouring into my life. I'm committed to continuing the mission God has given me to bless others.

"The Lord is close to all whose hearts are crushed by pain, and He is always ready to restore the repentant one." Psalms 34:18



Maricella: Before coming to Mid-Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge, I was carrying years of unresolved trauma. That pain opened the door to addiction, depression, anxiety, and even attempts to end my life. I was confused about my identity and trying to fill a deep emptiness I couldn't escape. When I reached the end of myself, my church family pointed me to Mid-Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge. Surrendering a year of my life was one of the best decisions I've ever made. The program required real work-facing my past, breaking old patterns, learning discipline, and embracing accountability every single day. Through classes, prayer, structure, and correction, God began rebuilding me from the inside out. Today, I know who I am in Christ, and I

now know *whose* I am. I no longer live under the labels the world put on me. God has renewed my mind and given purpose to my pain. Now, trusting His direction, I'm preparing to transition back into the community, pursue Peer Support certification, and begin college courses this fall. I'm walking by faith, believing that God is going to use my story for His glory. I'm committed to helping others find the same freedom I've found. Thank you, MMATC, for helping change the course of my life. *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good." Gen 50:20*



Glenashden: I am living proof that all things work together for good for those who love God. From the moment I was born, the call on my life was great, and the enemy tried to claim me early. I became addicted to drugs, women, self-absorption, and my own will. I served in ministry for years thinking I was in control - but the truth is, my life was falling apart; it was collapsing right in front of me because I still wasn't chasing the Lord. When I came to MMATC, I finally humbled myself before God and surrendered. In that surrender, He began breaking chains I thought would never come off. Through the teachers, the staff, my praying mom who never gave up on me, and the power of the Word, I am learning how to live a life fully surrendered to Christ. God is restoring my mind, my purpose, and my identity. I know now that He is going to use me for His glory. I will walk in His purpose and not mine, because He has called me, redeemed me, and set me apart. I am different - because I am chosen. *...for those who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28*





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FALL Banquet

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GUEST SPEAKER

AARON HLAVIN

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
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MICHIGAN MINISTRY NETWORK



THURSDAY
OCTOBER 22nd, 2026



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5:30 PM



DINNER
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