

**November/December
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When You Hit Your Spiritual Wall

This January, Jeanie and I will have completed 9 years living among and interacting with recovering addicts. On a daily basis, we see the effects of sin up close and personal. Our experience has given us the ability to see a relapse coming before a member actually gets drunk or high. What we see is him hitting his spiritual wall.

Here is a typical process that leads to hitting a spiritual wall: When a new Project Rescue member arrives, he is sick and tired of being sick and tired of the consequences of his addictions. His gratitude is as strong as a Titanic survivor's sitting in a lifeboat! Then, after about 3 to 4 months, he is afflicted with Addiction Amnesia. All the suffering from which he was rescued has faded in his memory. At this point, he puts his spiritual life in neutral. As he drifts away from gratitude and joy, he falls overboard into resentment and bitterness.

James 1:14,15 describes what will happen if he doesn't quickly begin to climb his spiritual wall: "When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." When sin is born in a man's mind, addiction, ruin and death will soon follow. Here are the steps to take, when you hit your spiritual wall:

Romans 8 shows the inward steps of climbing your spiritual wall:

1. Aggressively abide by "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (8:2).
2. Intentionally acknowledge that the "Spirit of God dwells in you" (8:9-11).
3. Deliberately resist setting your mind on "things of the flesh" (8:5,6).
4. Persistently place your thoughts on "things of the Spirit" (8:5,6).
5. "By the Spirit, put to death" your evil thoughts (8:13).

Here are the outward steps of climbing your spiritual wall:

1. Increase your prayer, Bible study and meditation time.
2. Volunteer to do servant activities.
3. Listen to and help someone else going through a hard time.
4. Prepare and teach a devotional or Bible study.
5. Last but not least, become more involved in your church, serving in a benevolence program, joining a discipleship group, cleaning the building, cutting the grass, etc.

It scares us when a member hits a spiritual wall, but it is a wonderful sight to see someone climb their spiritual wall! Jeanie and I enjoy the privilege of witnessing the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set souls free from the law of sin and death!



Yearly Holiday Celebration

Brought to us by the Madison church of Christ



Team Jason



Team David



Team Ronnie

And based on the
applause meter,
the winner is
Team Ronnie!

Thank you,
Madison for all
you do for
Project Rescue!



Our love and best wishes to
all of you who support us and
pray for us. You are greatly
appreciated at this time and
every day of the year.

From all of us here at Project
Rescue, we pray God's richest
blessings on you and yours.
Happy new year!

Project Rescue is entering an exciting relationship with the Decatur church of Christ! Beginning January 1st, their Outreach Minister, Robert Guinn is going to do 15 one-on-one Bible studies a week with our program members. Robert is also going to recruit area ministers to meet with our members!



Robert E. Guinn

Work and Volunteer Experience

July 2018 – Current

Volunteer Police Chaplain • Decatur Police Department – Decatur, AL

May 2018–Current

Minister • Education/Outreach • Decatur church of Christ/Grant Street church of Christ – Decatur, AL

July 2013–April 2018

Minister • Pulpit/Associate • Central church of Christ – Paducah, KY

November 2012-May 2013

Residential Counselor • Tennessee Children’s Home: West – Pinson, TN

July 2010–March 2013

Minister • Pulpit/Youth • Red Walnut church of Christ – Bath Springs, TN

July 2008–June 2010

Minister • Associate • Collinsville church of Christ – Collinsville, IL

January 2007–May 2008

Minister • Youth/Volunteer • Bedford church of Christ – Bedford, TX

Education, Training, and Honors

Master of Ministry – Heritage Christian University

- Ministerial Counseling with a minor in Homiletics and Ministerial Care
- Projected Graduation: 05/20

Bachelor of Arts in Bible – Freed Hardeman University – May 2013

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies – Theological University of America – April 2009

Preaching School Diploma – Brown Trail School of Preaching – May 2008

Eagle Scout Recipient – BSA Concho Valley Council – September 2004

Communication & Leadership

Communication skills include strong public speaking, organization, management, and communication across age groups.

Leadership strengths include self-discipline, integrity, reliability, and flexibility.



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We are excited and looking forward to Jeremy Gillentine's arrival on January 10th. He will be residing onsite and counseling our members. He is seeking a Master of Science in Counseling degree, and will be completing 300 required internship hours.

Here is Jeremy's resume:

JEREMY D. GILLENLINE 21 Ski Club Drive Wetumpka, Alabama 36092 334-657-6366
Jeremy@JeremyGillentine.com

Academic Background: Faulkner University Montgomery, Alabama 334-386-7248 January 2016 - present—Seeking Master of Science in Counseling (currently working on internship hours—have completed 300 of 600 required hours)

Heritage Christian University Florence, Alabama 800-367-3565 August 2013 - May 2015
Graduated Bachelors in Biblical Studies (accredited)

Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies [SEIBS] (Formerly--East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions [ETSPM]) [A 2 year, intensive Bible program, that covers more material than a 4 year program at a traditional school—However, it is not nationally accredited but a great way to become fully immersed in God's Word.] Knoxville, Tennessee 865-691-7444 August, 2011 - June 2013 Graduated Bachelors in Biblical Studies

Southern Christian University (Now – Amridge University) Montgomery, Alabama 334-387-3877 Student – 1995

Prattville High School (Grades 9 – 12) Prattville, Alabama 334-365-8804 Graduated – May, 1994

Participated in mission trips to Honduras (2 times) and Jamaica (9 times) as a couple and were able to take our 2 oldest children to Jamaica 1 time! Participated in two (2) mission trips to St. Vincent Island in the West Indies (the second trip is where I met my awesome wife Amber)! Served as Deacon of Youth Activities: started Lads 2 Leaders Program, directed VBS, organized trips to events such as CYC, EYC, Fall Retreat, etc., taught Bible classes and other youth activities at our former home congregation (Elmore Church of Christ, Elmore, Alabama)!

*Some
Interesting
Statistics*



From 2011 thru 2019

A total of 282 men have entered Project Rescue.

145 of these 282 are continuing in the faith (51.06% success rate).

40 out of 52 members who stayed 6-months continuing (76.92%).

30 out of 38 one-year graduates are continuing (78.94%).

Since January of 2011, we have baptized 60.

2019

So far, 47 members have participated in the Project Rescue program in 2019. Thirty-two of these 47 members are continuing. This is a 69.56% success rate.

In 2019, the following members graduated the 1-year program: Shane Brooks, Thomas Ashford, Mark Emerson, Dakota James, Otis McDaniel, Jason Xanders, and Terry Reynolds.