

The MISSION AT THE CROSS

CONGRATULATIONS



Tyler

Give God the glory with us today as we celebrate the graduation of one of the Mighty Men of the Mission's finest, Tyler Gardner!

Addiction is a danger close to every one of us. It isn't just someone else's problem in some other city down some dark back alley. The snares and chains of addiction can be found in innocent places, like a local doctor's office. Tyler Gardner was a rising star on the ballfield when a season ending injury put him in need of prescription pain killers and a long period of recovery, and his story serves as a reminder to us all that sometimes you don't have to go looking for the snares of the devil to get tripped up and pulled down.

An athlete knows that getting knocked down is part of life, and as the Holy Spirit made Tyler aware of the seriousness of his predicament, he turned to The Mission At The Cross for assistance in getting back on his feet, and though he was unable to finish his time at the Mission the first time around, Tyler was unwilling to give up on his own recovery, and returned to the program with renewed determination in late April of 2021.

In his time fulfilling his commitment to a 12-month program of discipleship and recovery, Tyler Gardner has been a beloved and valuable member of the Hellfighters USA sales team and can be found on the sales floor chasing down leads and working through the hurdles of financing with customers. He has also shown an interest in and has begun the process of potentially prospecting as a member of the Hellfighters Motorcycle Ministry. Mr. Gardner has expressed a strong desire for your prayers for restoration, that God would work to re-establish his connections with his family, and estranged daughter, now 10, that he may be given the opportunity once again to be a positive influence on her life for the Lord. His plans for the time being are to continue to serve as a member of the team here at Hellfighters USA and to lead from the front, establishing a lasting career in sales to build a new life, renewed as a Father, Son, and Brother in Christ. After all, the race to fulfill that upward calling doesn't have its finish line set at simple sobriety and reintegration into society, but is a race run for ourselves, and for those around us, for the rest of our lives. Our prayers and support will always be behind you Tyler, and we will never stop cheering you on!

Words of encouragement from MATC Director, Mike Shirley

"...But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)" Ephesians 2: 4-5

Well, praise the Lord, it's been 15 years since MATC opened its doors to the hurting and the downtrodden! What an awesome opportunity to help men come out of that horrible pit, out of the miry clay, into a new life, a life with hope and a future!

We are so proud of Tyler Gardner, our latest graduate. He came in, beaten down by his own addictions, wounded by the lies and schemes of the devil, and his heart was prepared to listen and receive the good news of the Gospel! He began to understand the hope that we can find in Jesus, and the price He paid for us on the cross at Calvary.

It is not an easy thing for a man to come to the Mission At The Cross. When Tyler came to us, we were very encouraged to see in him the desire to be transformed from the old man into the new in Christ! Tyler was, and is, willing to humble himself under the mighty hand of God, that he may be exalted in due time, to bring glory and honor to the One who saved him, Jesus Christ!



(Left to right) House Leader, Eddie Parker, Graduate Tyler Gardner, and MATC Director, Mike Shirley

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Let us strive for

THE
AWAKENING
Jones County

In April The Mission At The Cross was invited to participate in The Awakening here in Laurel, MS; an opportunity for the ingathering of the body of Christ in the churches all across our region, to call and encourage one another to actively reach out to the lost and unchurched in our community. Recent surveys estimate that approximately 64% of the residents of Jones County are 'Unchurched', meaning that they either do not attend church at the current time or do not profess evangelical faith of any kind. That statistic alone should burden our hearts as believers and drive us to our feet in a call to action. It is our prayer that the body of Christ in Laurel and beyond would be made like the prophet Jeremiah, who said "His message becomes a fire burning in my heart, shut up in my bones, and I become weary of holding it in" (Jer 20:9).

It brings us great joy to report that message has already taken root in our own, as the Mighty Men of the Mission renewed their determination new life has bloomed in the hearts of two of the young men in the hearing of the message delivered by Pastor Scott Newton Smith. We celebrate with these bold young men as they take the first steps in real recovery the only way that matters, not just in simple sobriety, but hand in hand with Jesus Christ our Savior!



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HELLFIGHTER SUNDAY!

We here at the Mission would like to extend a very special thanks to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Plainway Baptist Church here in Laurel, MS for opening their doors to us and inviting the MATC family to share in a day of fellowship. It always uplifts our spirits, and we are ever eager to share what God has done in our lives with any willing to give us a chance. Let us never forget, our testimonies are the weapon we wield in the spiritual warfare the Lord calls us into, for, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" states Revelation 12:11. Never hurts to get in a little sword practice!

Pictured to the right, MATC Director and Laurel Hellfighters Motorcycle Ministry President Mike Shirley addresses the congregation and shares a bit of what we do here at the Mission At The Cross, alongside the testimony of his Brothers in Christ in the program. Afterwards, the whole crew settled down for a nice Sunday meal in the fellowship hall to get to know our gracious hosts one on one and answer questions. Once again, We can't thank the church family at Plainway enough for their kindness and warm, welcoming fellowship.



Interested in having the MATC team share with your church family? Inquire via email with Joey@Missionatthecross.com!

5K RUN/2 MILE WALK JUNE 25

324 SOUTH MAGNOLIA STREET

LAUREL, MS

9TH ANNUAL

MISSION AT THE CROSS RESTORATION



REGISTER 6AM / RACE 7:30AM

PRE-REGISTER AT:

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Notes

Please keep the Mission in your prayers that God may provide for these ongoing needs...

Van

Sound-System

Walk-in Freezer

Physical Needs @ MATC

- Tea and Coffee
- Plastic utensils
- Bleach
- Styrofoam
- Styrofoam drinking cups
- To-go-boxes
- Paper bowls
- Frozen Home-made Casseroles

