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Adult & Teen Challenge
Northeastern Wisconsin

Freedom from addiction starts [here](#).

The Mission of Adult & Teen Challenge of Northeastern Wisconsin is to help individuals attain freedom from chemical addictions and other life controlling problems by addressing their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

A Men's Faith-Based Residential Recovery Center

PROGRAM UPDATES

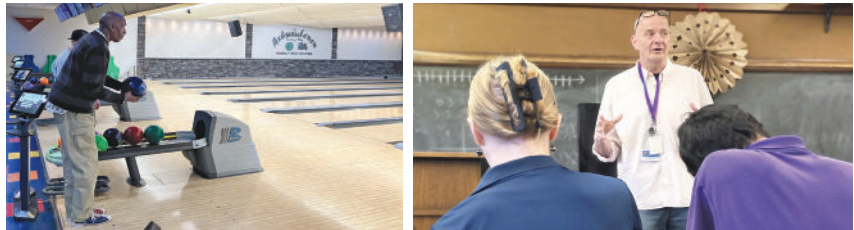
Winter at **ATCNEW** has been overflowing with milestones, celebration, joy, and growth. From celebrating our two-year anniversary to honoring program graduates and interns completing the **ATCNEW** Leadership Academy, this season has been a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and the transformation happening every day within our walls.

Along the way, we've also enjoyed meaningful moments of connection and community. Our men spent time together on bowling outings, sharing laughter and building friendships that strengthen their recovery journeys. A few of our clients were also given the opportunity to share their musical gifts during Open Mic Night at Cup O Joy—an encouraging experience that allowed them to express themselves creatively and step forward in confidence.

These moments, both big and small, continue to shape a season filled with hope, healing, and new beginnings.

One of the true highlights was spending time with students at Grace Christian Academy in Green Bay, where we shared about the life-changing work taking place through **ATCNEW**. We are so grateful to Grace Academy for opening its doors and welcoming us so warmly. It was a privilege to share the heart of our ministry and the incredible ways God is restoring lives right here in our community. Speaking with young people about hope, freedom, and the truth that no one is ever too far gone for redemption is always an honor we don't take lightly.

As we look ahead to warmer days, we can enjoy countless hours of outdoor recreation together. The changing seasons are a beautiful reminder to pause, praise God for all He has done, and look forward with expectancy to all He is still going to do.



CELEBRATION OF LIVES TRANSFORMED



We couldn't have asked for a better way to begin 2026 at **ATCNEW**.

In January and February, we celebrated two incredible men who successfully completed the program—powerful milestones that set the tone for a year filled with hope and transformation. With more graduations already on the horizon, we are expectant for all that God will continue to do in the months ahead.

Each graduation represents far more than the completion of a program. It reflects months of perseverance, hard work, surrender, and the courage to pursue lasting change. These men have committed themselves to rebuilding their lives, restoring relationships with their families, and stepping boldly into a new future.

We are deeply proud of the dedication they have shown. Most importantly, we give all glory to God, because every victory we celebrate is a testament to His redeeming power and His ability to make all things new.

What a beautiful way to start the year.

A STORY OF HOPE: MEET JESSE

Looking ahead, I feel called toward mission work. I want to continue learning what that means and how God wants to use my story.



BEFORE



AFTER

My life has been confusing from the very beginning. When I was five years old, I was separated from my brother and sister. They were placed in a foster home together, but because they are bi-racial and I am not, I was sent to a different home. I missed my mom, my brother, and my sister terribly. That foster home ended up being abusive. I testified that I had been beaten simply for wringing out a washcloth the wrong way, and the family was eventually charged with child abuse.

Around that same time, my mother passed away from diabetic shock on July 18, 1992—my sister's birthday. I was only five years old.

After that, I was moved around for a while. I spent time in foster care on a farm in New York and later lived with my aunt until my grandmother was finally able to gain guardianship when I was seven. My grandmother did the best she could raising me, and it was during those years that I was introduced to church and to God. I also discovered that on my father's side of the family, I had more than twenty cousins.

But life was still difficult. I saw my father only a handful of times, and when I did, those interactions were often painful. I carried deep wounds from losing my mom, being abused in foster care, and feeling rejected for much of my childhood. I struggled with believing I was loved.

By the time I was thirteen, I had already started smoking, drinking, and rebelling. Eventually, I was placed in a corrective home for young boys. The pain and anger inside me kept growing, and I began turning to substances to cope.

What started with cigarettes, alcohol, and marijuana eventually turned into crack cocaine. By the time I was eighteen, I was drinking every day. For the next 20–25 years, addiction controlled my life. There were moments where I tried to stop—

going to rehab here and there—but I always went back. Over time, I pushed away everyone who loved me because I wanted no one to have authority over my life. I isolated myself so I could continue using.

Addiction destroyed relationship after relationship. Women in my life often tried to help or “fix” me, but I pushed them away with anger and self-destructive behavior. I had a terrible temper and struggled to keep steady jobs.

When I was 22, I had a child with a wonderful woman. I truly believed that becoming a father would help me stop drinking. Instead, my addiction tightened its grip. Our relationship became unhealthy, and domestic violence followed. I ended up on probation and separated from my child. Those were some of the loneliest years of my life.

There were short seasons when I tried to get sober, but I kept falling back into drugs and alcohol. By my early thirties, I was deeply depressed and barely hanging on. For years, I bounced in and out of rehabs, and each relapse seemed worse than the last.

Everything began to change when I moved to Wisconsin from Binghamton, New York, on December 22, 2024. At that point, I was in one of the darkest places of my life. I had no job and was scraping metal just to survive, staying in places I never imagined I would. I felt completely stuck.

Then a close friend reached out and helped bring me to Wisconsin. Within days, I had a job interview in Green Bay, and soon I was working three jobs for the same business owner. But within two months, I relapsed again. It only took two weeks for everything to fall apart.

That business owner showed me incredible kindness. After finding me in a blackout, he paid for a hotel room for me. The next day, he drove me to **Adult & Teen Challenge Northeastern Wisconsin**.

Walking through those doors changed everything.

I arrived on March 6. Just a few days later, during chapel, God got my attention in a way I couldn't ignore. A song I hadn't heard in years had been stuck in my head all morning—and during chapel, it played as the third song of the service. In that moment, I knew God was real and speaking to me.

That same day, during “Get Real Tuesday,” I stood up in front of everyone and poured my heart out to God. For the first time in my life, I fully surrendered.

From that point on, my life began changing right before my eyes.

On April 8, I was born again. On April 10, I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. And on April 11, I was baptized in the waters of Green Bay.

Today, I know I am held in the loving arms of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Since entering the program, my thinking has completely changed. I no longer want to isolate myself or escape life. Instead, I want to be around people, especially in the church. I'm no longer ashamed to be in public or in conversation. Instead of looking for ways to end conversations, I look for ways to show love, encourage others, and share hope.

Now I spend my time praying, studying God's Word, ministering to others, and praying for people. My heart has shifted from serving myself to serving others.

Looking ahead, I feel called toward mission work. I want to continue learning what that means and how God wants to use my story. I know firsthand the power of His transformation. I've experienced His mercy, His healing, and His love.

And I want to spend the rest of my life sharing that hope with others.



ATCNEW MEN'S CHOIR

BRING HOPE TO YOUR CHURCH THROUGH WORSHIP AND TESTIMONY

We are incredibly grateful for our church partners who faithfully stand with us in this mission. One of our greatest joys is visiting churches throughout the region to share an evening of heartfelt worship, powerful testimonies of life transformation, and the life-changing hope found in Christ. These services are more than just a visit—they are a firsthand glimpse of what God is doing through **Adult & Teen Challenge Northeastern Wisconsin**.

<https://atcnew.com/get-involved/book-our-choir/>

When our choir shares, your church hears real stories of redemption, restoration, and freedom.

We would love the opportunity to visit your church. If you're interested in hosting our choir for a service, please prayerfully consider scheduling a visit.

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