

# My STORY His GLORY

## My Life Before Christ

I am a very **practical guy**...I need to be convinced with facts before committing myself to anything. My father died when I was 4 years old, leaving my mother with 5 kids and a 6<sup>th</sup> on the way, so you could say growing up times were tough. My mother remarried when I was 10, and much of the time we Tyner kids were on our own. I had a job by the time I was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and I was pretty much self sufficient. We were all consumed with survival, and had very little time for a Savior. Because of these conditions (though a poor excuse) made me materially motivated, and today is still somewhat of a struggle. Oh, I gave to the church, served on church boards and even attended church sporadically, but it was more of a “social thing.” Until...

## My Acceptance of Christ

Our church was hosting a Lay Witness Weekend and we were to house the visiting coordinators, Walt and Dee Webber. Walt was an engineer like me and he was very practical and open with his faith - I liked Walt. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of the weekend, there was an altar call. Surprising myself, I went forward to be prayed with by Walt and his team of witnesses. The memory of this is still vivid in my mind even though it happened in 1981. I felt deep relief, a lightened load and a renewed outlook on life. My goals changed from money and material things to my relationship with family, friends and God. Now...

## My Life After Accepting Christ

I realize that I have been blessed with a loving family; my wife Nancy, 3 children and 3 grandchildren. However, old habits are hard to break and I still have pangs of anxiety now and then when it comes to “things.” Daily, I thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on me, hardly believing how often He carried me as I fumbled along in life. I also realize that everything I have is “on loan” from God and that I must be a good and faithful steward of His things. The strength that God so graciously gives to his children amazes me. I have had my share of tragedies in my life and I know that God’s strength has allowed me to cope. I still have a long, long way to go in my walk, but I will make it with God’s help.

Jim Tyner



was born, my wife cheated on divorced. **My life was such a**

Thank God for been praying for me. Six was back in church and I had life to God. God was showing hadn’t realized. I was very Baptist, I helped out in their where I met Joyce. She is the love of my life. I had not stopped my problem with pornography and in November 2009 I started Celebrate Recovery at First Assembly (where I now attend). CR has been life changing for me. For the first time, I am clean from any kind of pornography (10 months!). Thank God.

I am taking one day at a time and trusting God for the help to completely recover so **my story can be used for His glory**. I have tried every way possible on my own with the same results, failure without Him this wouldn’t be possible. As the Lord leads me, I am looking forward to what he has in store for me. *Thank you for letting me share.*

Gene Bryant



*This newsletter is a publication of the HonorBound Men’s Ministry of First Assembly of God Morganton, NC. It’s purpose is to give glory to God for transforming the lives of these men. All of these men have been changed by a Man, His name is Jesus. Think about this...how was your life before Christ, how did you come to Christ, and how has your life been after meeting Christ? If you have had an encounter with Jesus and would like to share your story, please contact us at [forhishonorbp@yahoo.com](mailto:forhishonorbp@yahoo.com) or call me at 437-4248, Bruce Phelps, HonorBound Coordinator.*

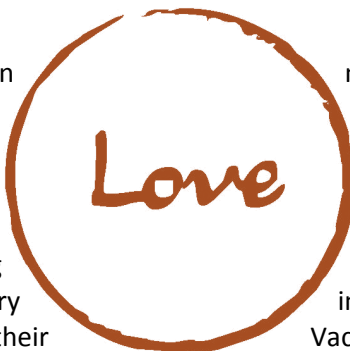
*If you have never asked into your heart or you have but you have slipped away from Him. You can ask Him in your heart now...here’s what you need to do. Believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, forgave you for your sins and you will be saved!!*

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*If you confess with your mouth, **Jesus is Lord**, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

*Romans 10:9-10*

**HonorBound meets the second Sunday night of each month at 6:00 PM**



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# HIS GLORY MY STORY



My name is Aaron Bachelder, I am married to Melodie. We will be married five years in February 2011. Between us, we have 7 children (3 daughters and 4 sons). We also raise Melodie's 15-year-old grandson Jesse, and her 33-year-old sister, Mary, lives with us too.

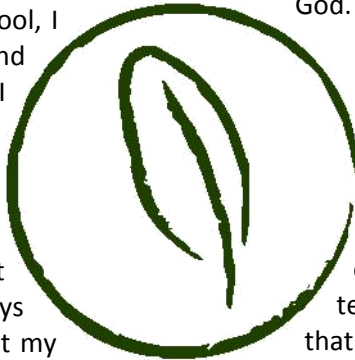
As a child growing up in a small town in Maine, my parents never took us to church. Occasionally we would attend Sunday school at a neighbor's house. Over the years, I never gave my way of life a second thought; I was just like everyone else. Church was not a priority in our lives or our family.

All through high school, I liked to party, I drank and smoked marijuana. After I graduated high school, I continued doing what I wanted to do. Even after the tragic death of my high school sweetheart, I kept doing my own thing. I always thought that everything about my life was okay.

In January 1982, I went to a Pentecostal church and the message the preacher was sharing was meant just for me. I went up to the front and gave my life to Jesus Christ. I stayed at that church for a number of years.

Then I began to fall back into my old ways. It was not long after I backslid I totaled my motorcycle; I was very lucky and

came out of the wreck with only minor injuries. After the motorcycle wreck, I had a car fall on me, had carbon monoxide poisoning, and was crushed in a sawmill accident. I came through all of these with minor injuries. After all of these "weird" accidents I began thinking **God must be trying to tell me something**. He really does have a plan for me and my life. After all, he had spared my life not once, but several times. I repented and started living for God.



In 2004, my life and my family fell apart. Even though my former wife and I were attending church, I found out she was having an affair with one of the deacons of our church. I went through a terrible separation and divorce, that was one of the hardest times in my life. I stopped attending church and started drinking again. However, God always prevails and He kept me in His loving hands even though I thought it was **almost** more than I could handle.

In 2005, I met Melodie, the love of my life! We had been dating for a short while and she invited me to go to church with her. She told me if I wanted to continue to be a part of her life, I would have to go to church with her. That is

something she was very adamant about (that and tithing!). I told her the walls would probably fall in if I went. She said, "If they do, it is meant to be." So, one Sunday I "sucked it up" and went with her to a Sunday morning service at First Assembly. And, guess what? The walls didn't fall in on me; instead, I kept going, and I became a member and have grown in the Lord.

Melodie and I were married on February 18, 2006. We have gone through good and bad times in the past 4 ½ years, but its all for the Glory of God. She has always told me that she prayed for God to send her someone who would love her like He does. God put her in my life at the time I needed her.

If we have learned nothing else, He has taught us that nothing is as bad as it seems. God has blessed us time after time after time. He has never failed to provide a means or a way for us when we thought there wasn't one and I praise him for his Glory and Grace!

God Bless Always,  
Aaron Bachelder



*This is the first time I have ever shared my story with anyone.*

My name is Gene Bryant, I am married to Joyce. I have four children; Makayla, Taylor, Brandon and my newest daughter Makayla we have nicknamed her M & M for Makayla Marie because now I have two Makaylas. I adopted her about a year ago.

When I was a boy, my mom took my 3 sisters and me to the Sunrise Baptist church in Sawmills, North Carolina. That is where I found the Lord and salvation; I was 11 years old. But when I was 10 years old I was introduced to pornography. It started out small but then as my life progressed so did it. When I was 20 I was married and Brandon was on the way; 6 years later the marriage ended in divorce.

At this time I didn't have a relationship with God; I knew **about** God, but I went further away from Him. I was hurt and bitter.

I took my son and was raising him on my own until he was about 9 years old. At this time in my life, my pornography problem had taken full control; it had completely taken over my life. To complicate things, I got married again - it was a nightmare. She was so jealous and controlling we argued all the time. The only good that came out of the marriage was Makayla and Taylor. Soon after Taylor

