



Your Bi-Monthly Newsletter

January 2024

Welcome to 2024! This year we will be sending out New Pathways e-newsletters every other month. This newsletter will contain information on new classes, class completions, graduations, and events.

Classes are being held in Branson, Mount Vernon, and Springfield.

- Simmering Center, Branson - Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:00
- Whosoever House, Mount Vernon - Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30
- Family Restoration Center, Stockton - Monday evenings 6:00-8:00
- Jasper County Jail - To Be Determined
- Victory Mission, Springfield - Monday evenings, 5:30-7:30
- Restoration of Hope Project, Springfield - Thursday evenings,

New Classes beginning soon

Discover how to become the best parent you can be at an upcoming *Good Dads 2.0* class.

There is still room in these classes. Call Good Dads now!



Learn the best strategies for healthy friendships, family relationships and partnerships in *Within My Reach*.

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Good Dads 2.0

- Standing at the Door (Branson) - Jan. 22 - 6:00-8:00
- The Alliance of SWMO (Joplin) - Jan. 22 - 6:00-8:00
- The Dream Center (Rolla) - To Be Determined
- Springfield Recovery Community Center - SRCC (Springfield)- Jan. 17 - 6:00-8:00

Within My Reach

- LifePoint Church (Lebanon) - To Be Determined
- Restoration of Hope Project (Springfield) - Jan. 17 - 6:00-8:00
- Victory Mission (Springfield) Jan. 12 - 1:00-3:00

WITHIN*My***REACH**



**Classes are being held in Columbia, Hannibal, and Kansas City. Please contact the Good Dads Office for more information.
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Columbia

- Love Columbia
- The ROC
- United Community Builders

Hannibal

- The Community Supervision Center
- Scott's Chapel

Kansas City

- City Union Mission
- Healing House
- Lansing Correctional Facility
- New Life CityChurch
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SPOTLIGHT

We would like to feature a Good Dads participant in our "Spotlight" section. In this section we will share a dad's story - the highs and lows, the sorrows and joys. If you would like to recommend a dad for us to interview and feature in this section, please contact Rhonda or Lisa at the Good Dads office. (417)-501-8867

For this newsletter, we reached into our archives and pulled out this gem.

Meet Dyllan Dale



Hannah and Dyllan Dale

Dyllan Dale would be the first to tell you that his life has not been easy. He has made mistakes, made bad choices, hurt people and battled addiction. He would also be the first to tell you that it is truly by the grace of God that he is where he is

today.

More than three years ago, Dyllan landed at Victory Mission, a Springfield, Missouri, nonprofit and ministry dedicated to breaking cycles of poverty and giving opportunities to the homeless. His destructive behavior had caught up with him, and he needed a place to get his life together. Victory Mission proved to be the place that orchestrated change for Dyllan.

Fast forward to today. Dyllan has completed the Restoration Program at Victory Mission and is currently the manager for the Victory Mission kitchen and garden. "What a blessing this is," Dyllan said. "I get to pour into the guys going through the Restoration program where I once was. I also lead the prayer team for the recovery service at my church, The Well."

Dyllan has two sons, Bentley and Ezra. He knew from early on that nothing in this world would ever make him give up on wanting to be in his kid's lives. Dyllan never knew his biological dad. He knew without a doubt that he could never do that to his kids, and he would have to be the one to break the chain of abandonment in his family.

That is exactly what Dyllan is working on today.

Bentley (8) was recently diagnosed with autism. It seemed inconceivable that Bentley's mom would ask Dyllan to drive two and half hours and spend the night at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia, Missouri, to be at Bentley's medical appointment in the morning. It also seemed far-fetched to think that Dyllan and Bentley's mom would be able to continue their summer visitation schedule even when school resumes in the fall. However, that is exactly what will happen.

Dyllan is an important part of Bentley's life, and neither of them would have it any other way. Bentley understands that his dad doesn't have much to give in the way of material things. He receives something even greater – he gets time with his dad. Father and son were able to spend Father's Day together at the creek.

Bentley said, "It is so peaceful out here, Dad. I really like it." He went on to say, "Dad, can we come back every year and make this a tradition?" Dyllan feels that Bentley is so much like him – he loves nature, long car rides through the countryside, being silly, and being inquisitive. That brings a smile to Dyllan's face and increases the love in his heart.

Unfortunately, Dyllan does not have the same involvement in Ezra's (7) life. Ezra's mom is battling many of the same demons that Dyllan battled in his earlier life. She is finding it hard to give and gain trust. Dyllan is doing his best to stay humble and patient. After a year of searching, he was able to track down Ezra and his mom. Dyllan started court proceedings to be able to be a part of Ezra's life. About a month ago, the case was closed. Dyllan and Ezra's mom have agreed on a schedule that will coordinate with Bentley's existing schedule. Later this month Dyllan and Ezra will begin therapeutic visits and start their reunification.

More changes are in store for Dyllan and his sons. He is engaged to a wonderful lady named Hannah. "She is sweet, kind, and special," says Dyllan. "It warms my heart thinking about her." They will be married in October 2022.

Dyllan has been through many difficulties in his life. He has endured his share of struggles. In the end, Dyllan knows that it is all because of the amazing grace of God that he is where he is today.

To that end, Dyllan says, "What an amazing life God has given me!"

To hear Dyllan share a bit about his garden project at Victory Mission, click [**here**](#).

Updates from Dyllan - Dyllan is married to his beautiful wife, Hannah. In 2023 they welcomed their son, Finn, into the family. Dyllan continues to manage the Victory Mission kitchen and pour love into the Restoration men. His love for the outdoors and foraging in the forest remains strong. Dyllan continues to work on strengthening his relationship with his older sons, Bentley and Ezra.



Dyllan and Bentley



Dyllan, Hannah, and Finn



Finn training to be a forager
like his daddy



Finn dressed for the chilly
Missouri winters

Growing Good Dads

Did you know Good Dads posts exclusive, brand-new resources every week on our website? For 2024, our blogs and podcasts will be focused on "Growing Good Dads." Each month will feature a different stage in child development. Check out our newest content now!

This month on the podcast and blog, we're focusing on **Your Pregnant Partner**. Throughout the month, we'll investigate the joys and challenges of pregnancy and dive into strategies for doing your best as a dad-to-be. We have five articles this month, and we hope you'll join us for real stories for and

about fathers.



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