

# OUTER BANKS DARE CHALLENGE

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life.  
1 John 5:12

## FROM THE CLASSROOM...

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

**Hebrews 4:12**

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

**Romans 12:2**

God has done an amazing transformation in our personal lives through the study of God's Word. We love the Word of GOD and recognize how important and life changing being in the Word is to one's life. So it is with personal conviction and passion that we have the privilege of sharing on Friday mornings with the Dare Challenge guys. Friday mornings are one of our favorite times each week as we meet for bible study and sharing. It is such a rich time for us as we receive more from them than we believe we bring to them! Isn't that the way it is? You follow God's call to do something and He gives you more than you can imagine...you can never out give God!

We've been using a DVD curriculum of Joyce Meyer's entitled NEVER GIVE UP as our main text each week. We work from a study guide that has been tailored to meet their needs along with the DVD curriculum. From time to time, we branch out and do other applicable short studies but we return to the theme of being an overcomer and one who perseveres. We look at what it means to Hope and Believe God, how to deal with our pasts, our current and future trials and challenges, how to deal with doubt, how to run the race of life, and to persevere and not give up. This study has been so relevant and applicable to dealing with the stuff that life brings at Dare Challenge, and also what will come as they move on to the Teen Challenge center at the "Mountain" and then getting back to their families and lives after graduation. We learn how to apply the Word of God to the reality of our lives, and yet allow God to transform our minds, the way we think, make decisions and define what is really important.

We are so encouraged by each of the men in the program. Their honesty and hunger for living for Christ is so refreshing and challenging! They stir us up and encourage us. We are so thankful for what God is doing in **all of us!** It is a privilege and honor to spend time with them each week. They really do bless us more than we can express. We are like a family, sharing our lives and spurring each other in being strong in the Lord! What a gift is has been to us to share in studying God's Word each week and see God raise up warriors for Christ!

*With grateful hearts, Glen & Katherine Hopkins*

Come on out and get a short stack  
(pancakes, that is) for a TALL cause-  
**Dare Challenge**



On August 14th, starting at 8:00 am till 10:00 am, our students and staff will be waiting to serve you. Pancakes, sausage, and a beverage, all for a donation of only \$5! All proceeds from this event go towards the support of the OBDC Ministry. Applebees Restaurant and Grill  
5002 S. Croatan Hwy, Nags Head For tickets, call Amy Dough @ 473-6462 or 473-3686 anytime.



**Save The Date!**

Our Annual Fall Partners & Friends Banquet will be held this year on Saturday, November 20th at the Whole Ministry Center in Wanchese.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you there. We have some special things planned and know that you will enjoy it all.

For more information or to reserve a table for your organization or business, you can call Amy Dough @ 473-6462 or 473-3686 anytime.

Or you can send email to:

[amyd@outerbanksdarechallenge.org](mailto:amyd@outerbanksdarechallenge.org)

## A LIFE CHANGED BY CHRIST...

My name is Dustin Pearson. I was born on March 20, 1983 in Jackson, TN. My father was a Pentecostal preacher and met my mom at the church in Salisbury, NC where he was the pastor. They were divorced shortly after I was born. I grew up with rebelliousness in my bones, hating school. I managed to make it fun by socializing and seeing how much trouble I could make for the teachers, so they passed me just to get me out of their class and told me I would never amount to anything. I smoked my first cigarette at the age of 8 and started huffing gas and sniffing glue at 10 years old. When I was 12, I started smoking marijuana and it escalated and by the time I was 18 years old, I was doing crack cocaine and hanging out with my brother who is a big time DJ (disc jockey) in Charlotte, NC. I started doing Ecstasy and Ketamine drugs. During this time I met a girl (who would be my future wife) I liked a lot and although she was already pregnant when we met, I stuck it out with her, thinking the whole time that a child would help me to change all that was wrong with me. Me and the girl got married, However, I continued on down that destructive path and at the age of 23 on my one year wedding anniversary I checked into a 6 month secular rehab. After rehab my wife became pregnant with our first child Noah (who today is 2 years old). Within three months of completing the program there, I was using again. After breaking my wife's heart many times and overdosing multiple times, (once on my mother's birthday, and another time my 3 year old daughter called 911 and saved my life) my wife was ready to leave me for good in April of 2010. At the end of my rope, I finally looked to God and He sent me to Dare Challenge.



I now have a hunger to know God's Word and I love to sing praises to Him. He is restoring my marriage; my mom is now having hope. I now look forward to a life more abundant in Christ instead of not caring whether I lived or died. I want to go on to Bible College and learn more and serve God for the rest of my life.

I thank Jesus Christ for being a God of Reconciliation!

*And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.*

*1 John 2:28*

## Your Help Needed!

Here at Dare Challenge, we KNOW that each one of you loves this ministry and have been faithful friends for some time. **Thank you...and please don't stop.** For our financial supporters we feel that we always need to maintain the highest level of financial stewardship possible. In the past months we have really been feeling the effect of the economy and have seen quite a drop in our donations. This has required us to double check our priorities. There are **three areas** where you can help us. **First**, keep praying for this ministry. **Second**, keep giving. A small but regular monthly donation from everyone that is on our mailing list would be truly a blessing. **Third**, sign up to receive this newsletter via email. Zero dollars is what it costs us to make this newsletter available to you via the Internet. Each issue of the newsletter in its current format, delivered via postal mail, multiplied by the number we send out each time, really adds up. That is why we are asking if you have computer access at your home, please sign up to receive future newsletters via email.



Just send an email to: [info@outerbanksdarechallenge.org](mailto:info@outerbanksdarechallenge.org) and we will sign you up. Also, become a Fan of Dare Challenge on Facebook and keep up with daily events.

*Thank you for loving the ministry, students and staff of Dare Challenge so well. God Bless you.*

### DON'T FORGET!

- **To visit our Thrift Store located at 500 S. Croatan Hwy in Kill Devil Hills. Hours are Monday thru Saturday, 9 am till 6 pm. Every Saturday come out and fill a bag with all the clothes you can for only \$5. For pickups of large items and furniture, please contact Scott @ 252.305.3567.**
- **Come out and visit us on Saturdays at the Food Lion in Nags Head (next to Outback Steakhouse) for a delicious grilled hamburger, hotdog, chips and cold drink. All donations for these Saturday cookouts goes to benefit both Dare Challenge and the Children's Miracle Network. Come have lunch with us! 11 am till 4 pm.**
- **First Saturday of each month is the time to get your car shined up. Our staff and students will be ready to wash that salt air away at the Kitty Hawk Baptist Church on the bypass in Kitty Hawk. Starting at 9 am till 4 pm each month, a great hand-washed car can be had for a donation.**
- **We have launched a re-designed website. It is still a work in progress but keep checking it out! [www.outerbanksdarechallenge.org](http://www.outerbanksdarechallenge.org)**