

# Freedom Newsletter



180 Degrees Ministries

## From Steve's Desk

### Is God Asking You To "Go A Little Further"?

We have been extremely busy at 180 over the last 7 months. Let me challenge you with this simple question, "Is God Asking You to Go A Little Further?" In Matthew 26:36 - 46, Jesus leads three of His closest disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane. He is deeply troubled as the mountain of sin grows closer to the moment it will be placed upon His shoulders by His own Father's hand. At this place of devastation, the disciples sleep and Jesus suffers. Verse 38 states "Then he said to them, my soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Then in verse 39, we read "GOING A LITTLE FURTHER he fell with his face to the ground and prayed..."

In these verses, we find four areas of significance: **The POINT:** Jesus always went a little further. He has also called us to GO A LITTLE FURTHER than others are willing to go!!

**The OBVIOUS:** PRAYER - He rose up early and went away to pray on a regular basis KNOWLEDGE - He astounded scholars in the day HELPING OTHERS - He healed and had compas-

sion beyond anyone HE WAS DIFFERENT - He went against the protocol of the religious traditions. People were also drawn to Him because of the evidence of God's supernatural activity in His life.

**The NOT-SO-OBVIOUS:** The COST FACTOR - learned through years of leadership and ministry in the trenches. Jesus experienced the following just as many of us do in our life: LONELINESS - He knelt down in the garden BY HIMSELF at the most crucial time in His life. PAIN - His heart was literally broken for the condition of natural man - His burden was immense! BETRAYAL - From the VERY ONES He gave His life to and for...they killed Him.

**The BENEFITS:** What are the ULTIMATE benefits of going a little further? FINDING THE ULTIMATE WILL OF GOD - Only by counting the cost and enduring the process can God trust us with HIS plans! God's specific strategy is perfectly and purposefully designed to provide the training necessary to prepare us for the responsibility of fulfilling God's agendas. DEVELOPING INTIMACY WITH

GOD - It is ONLY through the process of walking ALONE with God through difficult times that we develop intimacy with Him. These places of loneliness are specifically designed for ONLY God to walk with you through them!! POWER OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE - To walk with God in HIS plan and purpose is to live a dynamic life that ONLY God can produce. He reserves the right to unleash this power until we are fully HIS!!

God has called the staff at 180 Degrees Ministries to give our lives to those many individuals who consider themselves helpless and hopeless. Let me assure you, no matter where you or the one you love has been, or whatever present conditions might be occurring, God has FREEDOM waiting for you! Jesus IS every answer to every human condition. God has called 180 Degrees Ministries to reconcile those struggling with addiction with the God who created them and teach them how to walk in His divine plan for their lives! Will you join us as we have joined God in transforming this community for God's glory?

Contact us by phone, by email, or by regular mail.

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### Special points of interest:

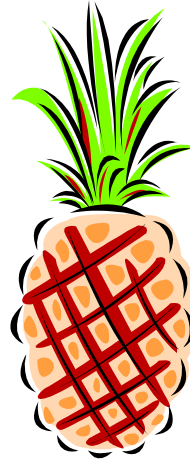
- 180 Degrees Ministries opened it's doors April 2003.
- 180 had 75 students graduate the 2-week Freedom Program in 2006.
- 180 held 10-week Series in Spring 2007. Next series to be offered Fall 2007.
- 180 needs your prayers for the staff and the programs.
- Consider being a volunteer.

## Excitement builds as 180 grows

The office of 180 Degrees Ministries has taken on a few changes. The office continues to be located on Kensington Square Court, but we have added new staff, and new processes to make accessing our services easier for you and the community.

Staff at 180 includes Steve Austin, President and Founder, Ryan Kennedy, Program Manager, Deborah Malaga, counselor, Lisa Holliman, counselor, and James Ganier, Jr., assistant counselor. Karen Patterson joined our staff in October 2006 as

Administrative Manager. She brings multi-levels of experience to 180, along with a smile and a servant's heart. Scott Gambill returned to 180 as a counselor in February 2007, knowing that God has called him to assist others with their life struggles. The 180 programs have also grown. Be sure to read the updates on the 2-Week Freedom Programs and the 10-Week Series below.



Ephesians 6: 11- NIV

**Commentary:** Just as this pineapple is surrounded by a hard shell to protect the sweet nourishment inside, so must we as Christians put on the armor of God.

In Ephesians 6: 11, 16-18: "Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the devil's schemes. ...In addition, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.- KP

## 2-Week Freedom Program and Graduation

In 2006, we had 75 people graduate from the Freedom Program and a few returned for additional studies as a refresher course. Last year, there were 10 two-week classes offered and we are on pace to do it again this year. We have hosted 4 programs thus far in 2007 and the feedback we are getting is phenomenal. Rather than tell you how well the program has been working, we thought it would be better to let you read some of the testimonies from the students who were affected by it.

*"I have a whole new outlook on life. For once in my life, I really feel free!" Tara*

*"I am now set-free! I have been born again! I have freedom in Christ!" Tiffany*

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*"I have no desire for beer or cocaine at all!!!! Praise God!" John*

*"I learned that I don't need drugs and I am not an addict! I am a child of God who was lost, but now is found!" Thatcher*

*"God brought me here and he showed me how to treat my family!" Tim*

Praise be to God!

## 10-Week GYLOT Series Was A Success

180 Degrees Ministries presented a 10-Week Series of its renowned program "Getting Your Life ON-TARGET" on Thursday evenings to the general public from March 15, 2007 to May 17, 2007. It was a huge success with 128 individuals registered, and 69- 124 attending each Thursday night of the program.

Steve Austin delivered a powerful and motivational message which God gave to him several years ago, and has been refined to the God-inspired message of

today. The audience was captured by the entertaining down-to-earth stories and the answers God revealed to them through the process taken step-by-step each week.

Below are testimonials from the series:

*"I have been a Christian since I was 7 years old and I have NEVER truly understood the TRUE FREEDOM in Christ that I have. I have continually been blown away with the truths that have been taught to me. I am a children's director @ a church and this has changed my outlook on minis-*

*try. Freedom in Christ has opened my LOVE to His will and plan for my life. Thank You!"*

*"AMAZING! LIFE-CHANGING! I am overwhelmed by God's love! Thank you for displaying a life of freedom! God is glorified! Thank you for your obedience to God's call on your life. Inspiring! There were so many truths and revelations."*

*"This is a great God oriented program! I already have the head knowledge, now I have to let God be God! Thank you for everything!"*

# Calendar of Events

July 23– August 3

2-Week Intense Freedom Program

\*Contact 180 office to register.



September 18– November 27

10-Week Series

Tuesdays 6:15 - 8:15pm

Location: TBA

\*Contact 180 office for more details after July 16th.

## Local Bible Studies

Monday: 7:00-8:30pm

Spiritual Freedom

Friday: 7:00-8:30pm

“Walking It Out”

114 Eventide Drive

Murfreesboro, TN 37130

(615) 481-4709 for more info

## 180 Wish List

Many of you have asked, “How can we help the Ministry!” As a staff, we have coordinated our efforts and placed together a wish list of items that we are currently in need of. Thank you for all of your help!

### For Office and Student

- Scholarship Fund donations
- Monthly support of ministry
- Invite 180 to speak at your church to show others the vision of the ministry
- General office supplies (copier paper, post-it notes, legal pads and envelopes)

- Gift certificate to office supply or printing company
- Land for FREEDOM Campus
- Stamps
- Blank CD/DVD’s
- Gift certificates (department or grocery stores)
- General cleaning supplies
- Paper towels and bathroom paper supplies
- Accountant/CPA
- Computer programmers
- Automobile (Random check-ups, tune-ups and repairs)
- People to cook and deliver hot plate lunches to the program

Please call the office @ 615-904-7180 to schedule or discuss any of these items. If you are not able to give at this time, please keep us in your prayers.

Thanks and May God bless you as you give!

### Volunteers needed

- Office assistant (Answer phones, make calls, data entry part-time or full-time consis-

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for our ministry as we reach out to more people in need.
- Pray for our men and women serving in our military throughout the world to keep them out of harms way and to let them know we appreciate the sacrifice they are making to keep us safe.
- Pray for those who are living in bondage. May a seed be planted today that with God’s watering will grow to fruition.
- Pray for our area churches and social service workers who make a difference in lives every



Are you showing the fruit of God's Plan for you in life?

day in God’s name.

- Pray that God will reveal His word to you and show you where you are needed today.
- Thank the Lord for all He has done, is doing, and has plans to do.

**10 Week Series Student Quote:** “This course has been an amazing blessing to me and my husband. God has used all of you to make a transformation in our lives. Thank you for all that you do. And thank God because now I know that I’m free!!! No one can take that away!”

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It is for freedom that Christ has  
set us free. Galatians 5:1

Quote to remember:

“It’s not in the Do-ing,  
it’s in the Be-ing!”

