

There's Always a Story

Ashley Moller was struggling. Throughout his teen and young adult years, alcohol and drugs had done him in time and again.

“It was really bad,” Ashley says. “My life pretty much revolved around drinking.” The father of a 9 year old girl, he particularly laments how he exposed her to his addiction to alcohol. “To be honest about it”, Ashley says, “what I felt was death all the time. Actually, it was worse than death.”

Then, an amazing thing happened.

One morning, a Sunday morning, his grandmother (KPC member Anita Mathewson) showed up in order to take him to church at KPC. Ashley remembers “telling her to go away,” but she persisted and wouldn’t take “no” for an answer.

After church was over Ashley went to the altar. “Pastor Nate had said that anyone who wanted to accept Christ should come forward. I went up to him and told him that I wanted to accept Christ, but I was drunk even then. I had come to church drunk! We prayed and I accepted Jesus Christ that morning as my Savior and my Lord.”



Ashley Moller sat down to talk with us in Pastor Nate's office a few weeks ago.

A little over a year has passed since that Sunday morning, and Ashley beams when he talks about his new life in Christ. Alcohol is a thing of the past, as is the death that it brought. Anyone who knows Ashley knows that he “drinks in” Jesus every step of the way and has made Christ the center of his life. He has led several of his family members to faith in Christ and is very active in ministry. Ashley serves in the KPC outreach to Trailer City and enjoys providing KPC seniors Lew and Connie Mix with a ride to church. “I also got involved in Tom Cooney’s Life Group, and they have been a huge help to me as I have overcome alcohol and learned to become a Christian. Sam Samsalone and his Life Group were also really important in my spiritual growth.” Ashley is also involved in juvenile jail ministry in Norfolk.

There is always a story. Behind Ashley’s descent into alcohol was the story of a young man without purpose or power. It turns out that the love and grace of Jesus Christ is more powerful than the power of addiction. Ashley’s story is a great one. It reminds us that Jesus can save any of us and that there is no limit to the power of the Gospel in our lives and the lives of others. Ashley is also a living reminder of the importance of inviting friends and family members to church, as his grandmother did with great persistence. Let’s not give up on our friends or our families! The Lord is powerfully at work calling people to faith in His Son – all kinds of people.

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