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### **The Other Side of Self-support**

Don't worry about paying rent; we're just happy to have an AA group in our church hall."

The two earnest AAs, however, looking respectable in their business suits, immediately declined the clergyman's generous offer.

"Thank you, Reverend, but our Traditions tell us that our group ought to be fully self-supporting. We are grateful for your kindness, but we must pay our own way." And so began a verbal contract with my husband, who was the clergyman, and the founders of what was to become my home group, which met at my church for many, many years.

As time went on, I became more conscious of the full meaning of Tradition Seven, which tells us that every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. From the beginning, my group declined outside contributions by insisting on paying a fee for the use of the hall, despite the tempting offer of a free ride. The two AAs might have rationalized: "Maybe we should let the church support us. After all, it may be rough getting this group off the ground. We may not be able to afford the fee." But they didn't.

It pleases me to know that my group did not let the church support them in the beginning and this impressed the church. What many of us AAs do not realize, including me (until I "married into the church") is that many of our AA meeting halls are the property of poor, small parishes who struggle to stay open. When my church offered free rent to AA, they were offering the tremendous maintenance costs that a small working-class parish must pay. Like most un-endowed

churches, we exist from month to month waiting for the pledges to come in. The weekly ten dollar pledge from a church member is vital for paying the clergyman's salary, mortgages, utilities, water, janitor services, paper towels, light bulbs. . .well, you get the picture.

The words "fully self-supporting" have new meaning for me, examined from both sides. In the past, it seemed reasonable to offer a "donation" to a church in other groups I belong to. A charitable and well intended pastor or institution would suggest a token "rent" and the group would readily accept the offer. We believed that we were observing the Seventh Tradition. But a token is not rent. A token is a partial payment.

I have seen more than one group who paid token rents be asked to leave a facility; the AA group became a financial liability. Other reasons to ask a group to leave might have been superseded if the group had been fully self-supporting.

There are numerous costs to maintaining a site that are not usually factored into even a "full" fee: the wear and tear and replacement of chairs and tables; plumbing, floors and carpets; dirt and smoke damage to ceilings, walls, and windows; heating cost overruns when a group forgets to turn down thermostats and close windows; the cost of paper products, garbage bags, and collection; and the cost from damage, loss, and theft. To a group that feels comfortable in paying a token amount, the burden falls on the church members. My AA group was firm in its commitment, thank God, to be self-supporting.

I have heard it said at a business meeting

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## The Other Side of Self-support (con't)

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that "we don't need to raise the amount of our donations toward the rent (after five years) because the church hasn't asked for more." Now is that the spirit of Tradition Seven? If we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions, as our Preamble reinforces, then should we put the church in the position of begging money from us? Or should we spare them that indignity and offer rent increases on a regular basis?

Long ago, Bill W. observed, in the groups and in himself, the peculiar phenomenon of our tight-fisted approach when we pass the hat. Way back in the fifties, some groups would say, "Please, if you have it, dig in. The group needs the money to pay the rent. We don't want to 'hear' any noise from loose change, so we won't object to any folding money you choose to drop in!"

Thirty-some years and a quadruple inflation rate later, we tight-fisted alcoholics—who squandered thousands—still see the one dollar bill as the upper limit of our contribution. Speaking for myself, I find no problem with paying a therapist \$80 an hour once a week for my other mental health program. The AA program which saved my life and offers me every bit as much help and healing as my outside program gets the short end of the financial stick from me—a dollar at best. Translated into realistic terms that means: Am I willing to spend the equivalent of a cup of coffee to save my life?

Well, all of these new perspectives on the meaning of our Twelve Traditions have come from two sources: my life as a clergyman's wife and my Twelve Step and Twelve Traditions meetings. My eyes are opening to these inspired and brilliant plans for living. The Steps ensure the mental and spiritual growth of the individual; the Traditions ensure the growth of the group.

I have learned another lesson about being a good AA tenant from my experience "on the other side." I learned what a nasty job it is to pick up discarded cigarette butts from lawns and walks, because I am a groundskeeper at my church. Guess who spent many years tossing away butts as I approached a church, a meeting hall, a movie theater? It never mattered that someone would have to pick up after me. Now that *someone* is me. Yes, it's been a valuable lesson being on the other side.

Anonymous—Oxford, MA.  
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## It's a miracle!

You just can't make this (stuff) up." That was printed on a business card, with a picture of Snoopy dressed as a sleuth, that was handed to me recently by an old man in my sunrise meeting, and it aptly articulates the reason I am writing this story. Because no matter what I come up with for a storyline, how amazingly developed the characters are, or what aha! moments they may stumble upon, nothing can come close to real life. Turns out, God's a better storyteller than I am.

I was just over 30 when I finally decided to take responsibility for my life. After a particularly gruesome scene the night before, my boyfriend and I admitted to ourselves and to each other that the party was over—it was time to stop drinking.

I remember our first AA meeting vividly. It was Friday night at about 8 P.M., a time when ordinarily we would have been running around Manhattan, wasted after a happy hour and wondering where we were going to go next. Instead, we were walking around Park Slope in Brooklyn, trying to get through the evening with as little resentment as possible. From inside a church, we heard thunderous applause. My boyfriend looked at me, relieved for a diversion from our bored self-pity and said, "Must be a free concert. C'mon, let's check it out." And so we stepped through the doors—right into an AA anniversary meeting.

I wasn't completely sure I was an alcoholic at that point, but I was willing to learn more, and that was enough. The next meeting I went to, I went to alone.

As I was walking I started talking to God. Not out loud, but in my head. I was bargaining, questioning and testing. The serendipitous experience of my first AA meeting didn't convince

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**"Maybe a dunking booth for Al anons? They'd love it."**

When I was drinking, my life was about getting things: getting the next drink, getting rich and famous, getting a girlfriend, getting really drunk. This continued when I became sober. I wanted to get through the Steps fast, so I could get those Promises or maybe just get back to drinking. So when I read those two paragraphs in the Big Book on Steps Six and Seven, I thought, "Hey, I can knock this off in one night. I'll throw out everything I don't need and God the garbage man will take it away so I never have to think about it again." I mouthed the prayer, "We have now completed Step Seven," and thought, "Okay, what do I get for getting through that?"

I didn't get much, because most of the stuff I threw out just sat on the curb and stunk things up. Wasn't God supposed to take care of this for me, so I could be the envy of all my friends and the defect-free man of the year? The first thing I learned was, it wasn't about my personal quest for perfection, it was about making me better fit to serve. And I better not count on a one-time garbage pickup changing everything. As Step Ten says, "We continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them." So this action of asking God for help with my defects needs to continue indefinitely. The "Twelve and Twelve" sums up my reaction to that: "Character building through suffering might be all right for saints, but it certainly didn't appeal to us."

I finally accepted I'd be doing Six and Seven for a while. A friend of mine calls Six the most alcoholic of all the Steps, and it certainly was, the way I read it, which was "Were absolutely, unconditionally, entirely ready to have no one less than God himself personally remove every last shred of anything that causes me pain." And, of course, falling short of that perfection is a great excuse to drink. But then I saw the word *humbly* in Step Seven; it was a new word for me. I asked around, and one meaning I heard was "right sized." In other words, I wasn't the most defective guy on the planet, nor the least, but somewhere in the middle.

So I was responsible for approaching God with a right-sized appraisal of my defects. I got lots of help from insightful sponsors. And since people had often said to me, "You need professional help," I went to a therapist as well. Just as I had surrendered my drinking problem to the process of AA recovery, I needed to surrender my character to this process of self-inquiry. Then I could approach God humbly, and he'd take care of the rest. There was one sticking point for me: That's not what a couple of old-timers I respected said. They distilled Step Six down to "Don't do what you want to do," and Step Seven down to "Do what you don't want to do."

This action orientation has been good for me in sobriety. Rather than think myself into right actions, I can act myself into right thinking. Rather than be dashed on the rocks by

my frequent emotional squalls, I can anchor myself in simple actions and sit tight through the storms, confident that it will pass. My thoughts are often warped, my emotions sick, but if my actions remain within reason, I may save myself an amends. And, one day at a time, I can focus on not practicing a particular defect, especially if I keep myself busy doing things I don't want to do--like service.

It works--it really does. But being an alcoholic, I had to find a way to screw it up. And I did, with a nasty, punitive attitude toward myself, a rigid perfectionism that made me crave a drink rather than continue in this puritan lifestyle. That's certainly not the spirit of the prayer that says God wants all of me, good and bad.

Someone helped me by saying when a defect appeared, I should think of it as a part of myself and ask for acceptance. Rather than trying to squash it, which just drives it underground, I should welcome it to the party, even greet it with good humor. I could play Name That Tune. There's "Pour Me," a classic country song; "The Ingratitude Blues"; and then there's that rock ballad, "If You'd Only Let Me Fix You." Instead of getting so uptight, I could dance with my defects. Might as well, they're always gonna be there.

A story retold by Anthony de Mello in *One Minute Wisdom*, helps me:

"One of the disconcerting--and delightful--teachings of the master was: God is closer to sinners than saints. This is how he explained it: God in heaven holds each person by a string. When you sin, you cut the string. Then God ties it up again, making a knot--and thereby bringing you a little closer to him. Again and again, your sins cut the string--and with each further knot God keeps drawing you closer and closer."

My sister, who was fighting cancer, taught me about acceptance when she stopped fighting it. Instead, she tried "talking" to her cancer, since it is part of her, and seeing what it could teach her. She's become grateful, to a degree, for having cancer because of what it's taught her. She practices acceptance, but not resignation, and has been in remission for several years now.

Emerson said, "There is a crack in everything God has made." When I begin to gently accept my cracks, my weaknesses, I can accept them in you as well. And AA was founded upon the strength of shared weakness.

Recently, I went through a period where I had very little patience with my children, people at work, and my wife. I tried my best to blame all of them, but finally admitted maybe I was the problem. That admission opened the door, and in came awareness, which is so very annoying when it's not accompanied by surrender. Turn to God for help? Often it

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## Dances with Defects (con't)

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just doesn't occur to me. I'm always having those V-8 moments, hitting myself in the head thinking, "I could've had a Higher Power!" Finally I got uncomfortable enough to actually pray about it.

My prayers are often answered instantly, in the sense that just the intention of praying helps me. It's like being sick and not wanting to call the doctor. The moment I finally make a doctor's appointment, I start feeling better, to the point where, when I finally see the doctor, I'm embarrassed by how good I feel.

In this case, by praying, my ears were suddenly opened, and I heard someone suggest perhaps I was getting impatient with others because I didn't feel I had enough time for myself. I decided I would wake up earlier and take a little time for me. Of course, waking up earlier requires discipline, and my first instinct is to get the whip out. After weeks of struggling, someone suggested I might be able to wake up earlier if I went to bed earlier --it had never occurred to me. So I did what I didn't want to do, passed up a little television, and went to bed earlier. That time for myself in the morning has made a huge difference. I'm much more patient and tolerant.

So I do get benefits from this process, but not exactly when I'd like, in the way I expect, or for reasons I fully comprehend. But when I humbly ask, God (often through all of you) does for me what I cannot do for myself.

Jeff W.—Maplewood, New Jersey  
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## Southern Motorcyclists in Alcoholics Anonymous Camping Convention

1<sup>st</sup> S.M.A.A.C.C.



October 18, 19, 20 2013  
Fall Creek Falls State Park  
Pikesville, Tn.

Pre registration Fee  
\$35.00 Before September 1, 2013 \$40.00 after September 1, 2013  
The registration Includes Camping in Cabins this is limited to first 150 registrations  
Group Cabins Bring bedding

Speaker for Friday: Stephen B. Elmwood Tn.  
Saturday Morning: Bill W. Rockford, Il  
Saturday Night : Tina H. Waukesha, WI.  
Sunday: John L. Memphis, Tn  
There Will be Panels  
And Alcahthons.  
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SMAACC.ORG For more details or call  
Bill W.815-601 6894 or Don R. 931-239-1523

## Safeguarding the Newcomer Workshop

13 July 2013  
2:30 PM

At the Serenity House, 102 Harris St. Madison, TN

Presented by: Area 64 Delegate J ay D.

Audience participation is encouraged  
Workshop: 2:30 - 4:15

Cookout: 4:15 - 5:30  
(Side items welcomed)

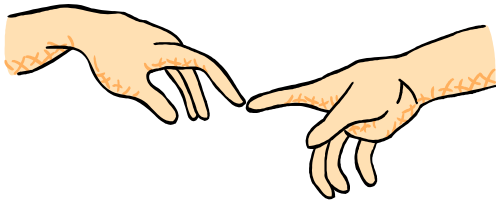


5:30 6:30 Speaker Meeting  
(Jay D.)

Sponsored by :  
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Come at **5:30** for fellowship, food, and fun. Speaker at 7:00.

*\*speakers to be announced*

**Bluegrass Baptist Church - Pavilion**



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## From the desk of Charles C

You may be reading a free copy of The Messenger from The Music City Roundup, held July 4-7. If so, please consider subscribing to the Messenger by mail or making a contribution to the online Messenger at The Middle Tennessee Intergroup website [aanashville.org](http://aanashville.org). It is a blessing and certainly ironic that we celebrate our freedom from the bondage of alcohol around the celebration of the nation's freedom.

The message of Alcoholics Anonymous is all about freedom, and the Founders Day of our fellowship was just celebrated on June 10, 1935. The significant part of Bill's spiritual awakening in Towns Hospital is not the white light mountaintop experience but the blazing thought "You are a free man." I recall my first sponsor Sandy L. reminding me that with great freedom comes great responsibility. This is a mature realization that requires action, not the right to do as one pleases. Sober alcoholics have a great responsibility for themselves and even more to others. "Freedom without responsibility is rebellion", an original quote, as far as I know. The June 19<sup>th</sup> *Daily Reflections* says it differently on page 177: "We find that when we lose self-obsession, we are able to understand what it means to be happy, joyous, and free."

Currently, we have the responsibility for finding new office space for The Middle Tennessee Intergroup Central Office. The lease will not be renewed in June, 2014, but we may move before without penalty. Our current landlord needs the space for a new company he has purchased. I am excited about possibilities and have found one property which I personally prefer. We have been here on Thompson Lane for 14 years. I am told, The Steering Committee and The Intergroup will obviously be involved, but please offer any suggestions you have. As Bill W. said, "We are a divine anarchy", and it has worked for 78 years.

A date has been set for The Annual Sobriety Dinner on December 6, 2014. This is our annual celebration, marking the founding of our Central Office September 2, 1977. Related to moving the Central Office, one volunteer said this would be his fourth venue as a volunteer. I am his sixth office manager. That is the kind of loyalty and dedication which makes my job such a blessing. We are all blessed.

We will have a Central Office table and raffle at Music City roundup. We will have the new Grapevine publication *One On One*, stories on sponsorship, and we have 2014 pocket planners and calendars in limited supply.

<b>CENTRAL OFFICE OFFICERS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>	<b>FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH:</b>  <b>District 30 &amp; 35 are now combined Meeting</b>  <b>When:</b>  <b>6:30pm – 7:30pm</b>  <b>Where:</b>  <b>Central Office Conference Room</b> <b>176 Thompson Lane</b>	<b>SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH:</b>  <b>Intergroup Meeting (Central Office)</b>  <b>When:</b>  <b>5:45pm – 6:45pm</b>  <b>Where:</b>  <b>Central Office Conference Room</b> <b>176 Thompson Lane</b>
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Central Office Bookkeeper	David	615.832.1136		

## It's a miracle! (con't)

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me. I needed a sign of some sort that I was on the right path by going to AA. As soon as I finished the thought, my eye caught sight of a dollar bill on the ground. Nice work, God, I thought as I picked it up. Not bad. But maybe you could show me something else? Something more obvious?

Just then I heard a woman shriek from across the street. "It's a miracle!" she exclaimed. Whoa! Yes, that's what I'm talking about, God! Curious, I walked toward her. She had her back to me. I tapped her shoulder and asked what she meant, as she seemed to be talking to herself about miracles. She smiled happily at me. "It's my puppy," she said, holding a little black fur ball for me to see. "He finally did it! He waited to go to the bathroom

outside!"

"Oh," I said. I guess I must have looked sad or disappointed, because suddenly her eyes turned soft and she put her hand on my shoulder.

"I think the place you're looking for is on the corner across the street." I followed her gaze and saw a tall cathedral with people standing outside smoking.

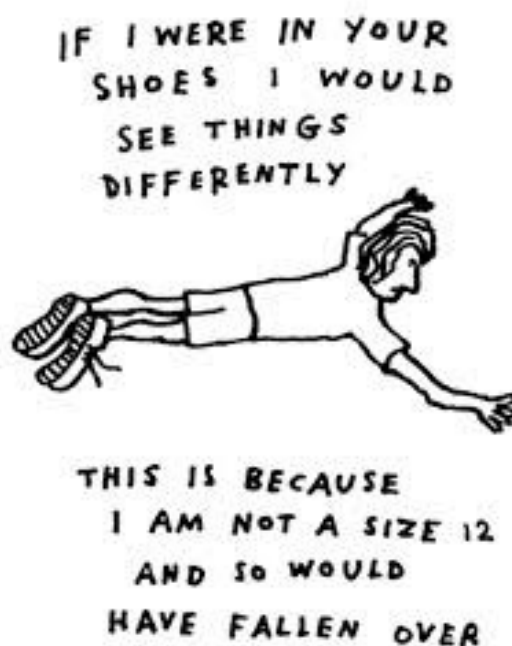
"I think you're right," I said.

"And it is a miracle," she said.

I smiled and said, "I hope so."

And it was .

*Moira L. — Norwalk, Conn.  
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"KC" T. passed May 30, 2013  
The Higher Powered Group

### NEW

<b>37015</b>	Valley View 109 Cumberland Street Ashland City Noon all days - M-OD, W-OD/LIT, F-OD
<b>37016</b>	Auburntown AA Community Center 193 Main Au- burntown TN Fri 7:30p OD
<b>37027</b>	Late Lunch Bunch 309 Franklin Rd Brentwood Sat & Sun 1p Beg
<b>37066</b>	G-AA 107 College St Gallatin Mon & Fri 8pm Sun 7pm OD
<b>37067</b>	Cool Springs Newcomers Bradford Hlth Svcs 1897 Gen George Patton Dr Franklin Mon & Wed 7pm CD/Beg
<b>37076</b>	Women's BB Study Hermitage Pres Church 4401 Lebanon Rd Hermitage Sat 3pm
<b>37087</b>	IBI-UBU 407 Park Ave Lebanon Fri 6:30p OD
<b>37115</b>	Three Legacies 4th Tues is Speaker
<b>37130</b>	Serenity 435 S. Molloy Lane, Murfreesboro 4p Sun
<b>37148</b>	Portland Unity Fri 6:30pm
<b>37174</b>	Step Study Peace Lutheran Church 762 Beechcroft Rd (Hwy 247) Spring Hill, TN Th 7p
<b>37190</b>	Woodbury Senior Citizens Center 609 Lehman St Woodbury TN Sun 7:30pm OD
<b>37211</b>	Safe Place Oasis Church 7533 Lords Chapel Dr Tue & Thurs 6:30pm OD
<b>37211</b>	Steel Magnolia Women's Last Stop Club 2122 Uto- pia Sun 10am CD/WM
<b>37214</b>	Freedom House - M 7pm OD Sun 10am OD

### MOVED

<b>37122</b>	Key to Sobriety Grove United Meth 6485 Central Pike Mt Juliet
<b>37160</b>	Women in the Solution - Gateway Church 1304 Madison St Shelbyville
<b>37211</b>	Saturday Eyeopener Club 62 323 Peachtree Nash- ville 9am OD

### CHANGES

<b>37110</b>	McMinnville Serenity Group Fri & Sat now meet at 7pm
<b>37174</b>	S.O.S. Sunday 6:30pm now at Peace Lutheran 762 Beechcroft Rd Springhill
<b>37203</b>	Robert E. Lee Women's is now "NOW" (Nashville's Original Woman's group)
<b>37214</b>	Bikers in Recovery now meets at 7:30pm Thurs
<b>37215</b>	LAMBDA Unitarian Church Thurs is now at 8pm

### CANCELLED

<b>37075</b>	Sat Noon REBOS Meeting
<b>37129</b>	Serenity Murfreesboro 2:30 Sat Od/GLBS
<b>37130</b>	Northboro Group Murfreesboro
<b>37166</b>	Dekalb County Friendship Thurs
<b>37167</b>	Ladies Life Change
<b>37174</b>	S.O.S. Mon & Fri
<b>37214</b>	Freedom Hour Mon thru Sat 11:30 Meetings
<b>37214</b>	Donelson Fairway Old Timeers
<b>37214</b>	Old Timers Meeting

## INTERGROUP COMMITTEE ARTICLE

I'm Nancy C. and I'm an alcoholic. I moved to Tennessee in June of 2011 due to my job closing shop in California. They moved the work to Nashville and I followed the work. I had 12 years of sobriety when I came. I knew if I did not get into service right away I would not connect with people in A/A and I would drink.

Service is what keeps me in the middle of the wagon. It also gives me the opportunity to meet other alcoholics outside my home group, Seeking Sanity. My first service position was at DC-4. Loved it! I love doing service for corrections. Corrections remind me of one of the places I could end up, if I pick up. Because I went to jail for drunk driving and was arrested a couple other times, I'd probably end up there before an insanity asylum. DC-4 is where I met Cynthia and she recommended that I be on the committee for Intergroup corrections.

Thank you Tennessee for all your kindness regarding the Intergroup position, because I mess up all the time. I had no idea of the counties, the difference between jails or prisons, what city was in what county, I get confused. I didn't know anything, but I am learning through the patience and KINDNESS of the corrections volunteers and their guidance.

The first thing I noticed - there are no books kept at the corrections facilities. Through ignorance I started collecting old books, any kind, took them to McKay's and sold them for cash to buy new Big Books. We have raised \$142.10 so far and I've cashed in a lot of books, so we can books available at the corrections facilities when we take in meetings.

Davidson County will only allow new books mailed to the facility and advised me that they will have them at the pods when we go in for the meetings. They will stamp them for us. I wanted to write on the outside of the Big Book "property of A/A" so the inmates will have a harder time walking out with them, but Davidson County advised me that I cannot.

I am still collecting, but I would welcome donations or fundraising ideas to raise more money faster. That was my bright idea.

Some A/A members advised me that they would like names & numbers of the other correction volunteers, so if that if

they cannot make it to the jail they can call & trade times or fill in for each other. Paul H. provided me with a survey link for the corrections volunteers that will enable them to do this. We created a spreadsheet with the information which I sent out to the volunteers on my email list.

My position is the contact for Davidson County (CDC), I am the one they call and advise of lockdown or other changes. I am also contacted by CDC with the names of the new volunteers that are cleared through their orientation and I send that information out through a monthly email. CDC sends me a monthly email containing the time, names and pod the volunteers are to attend. We are now trying to incorporate Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), in our contact information and communications (thanks Darin).

When a member of A/A wants to know more about corrections & volunteering, they should contact the Central Office. The Central Office will try to answer their questions or give them my contact information.

My position is also responsible for attending the Monthly Intergroup meetings and the Quarterly Steering Committee meetings, when I can remember, *progress not perfection*. Right now, I am suiting up and showing up to the best of my ability. Just by this action I have met and gotten to know wonderful sober people that I felt a part of right away. This and by the grace of God, is what keeps me from picking up today.

Moving to Tennessee was one of the scariest things I've done in my life. And like all the things that I fear, I trust in God & do it anyway - it ends up being one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. I talk with an accent, LOL, I have got a stronger relationship with my higher power (just for today) and I feel the love of God through all the Tennessee A/A members. Tennessee's got it going on and I am very, very happy to experience Tennessee's A/A.

Thank you and thank you God for allowing me to be 'a part of'.

Nancy C.  
Intergroup Corrections



- *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 165

Group	Mo Amt	YTD Amt	Group	Mo Amt	YTD Amt	Group	Mo Amt	YTD Amt
21ST AVEUNE	80	80	GALLATIN BB STUDY	51	51	PRIMARY PURPOSE		188
24 HOUR			GOODLETTSVILLE A.A.			PULASKI	5	10
ANONYMOUS GROUPS	21	660	GRATEFUL ALIVE		199	RAY OF HOPE		
ANY LENGTHS		35	GRATITUDE			REBOS (SOBER)		
BACK DOOR AA			HAPPY HOUR		20	RIDGETOP BASICS		
BACK ROOM	414	1,440	HARDING ROAD		200	ROAD OF HAPPY DESTINY		60
BACK TO BASICS			HENDERSONVILLE BB			SAFE PLACE		30
BACK TO THE BIG BOOK	29	40	HERMITAGE	50	50	SAT LIVING BY THE PRINT		50
BAR NONE			HIGH NOON		200	SAT NIGHT ALIVE MTG	30	120
BELLEVUE WINNERS & BEG		65	HILLSBORO ROAD		466	SAT NIGHT LIVE		30
BIKERS IN RECOVERY		135	HUMBLE HOUSE		25	SEARCH FOR SERENITY		
BRENTWOOD FULL MOON		500	IBI-UBU	100	200	SEEKING SANITY		854
BY THE BOOK (LEBANON)	15	15	JOELTON MTG		100	SERENITY	50	250
BY THE BOOK (DICKSON)		156	JUST WEDNESDAY		45	SHADE TREE		
CAME TO BELIEVE		15	KEEP IT SIMPLE BELLEVUE		366	SMITH CNTY FRIENDSHIP		
CELEBRATE SERENITY	125	125	KEY TO SOBRIETY			SMYRNA GRATITUDE	100	500
CHICKEN PLUCKER'S	400	400	KICKOFF'S NOT TILL NOON			SSS (SOBR-SERENITY-SVC)	130	130
CLARKSVILLE			LAFAYETTE NEW HOPE			SUNDAY NIGHT BUNCH		100
CLUB 62 UNITY		10	LAMBDA			TEMPLE HILLS		100
COLUMBIA	20	100	LAST CALL			THE BASEMENT BUNCH	75	75
COMFORT ZONE		200	LATE LUNCH BUNCH	660	1,272	THE FOURTH DIMENSION		30
COMMUNICATIONS		300	LAVERGNE SOLUTIONS			THE HUT		20
COOKEVILLE			LAWRENCEBURG		40	THE STRAGGLERS		96
COOL SPRINGS NEWCOMERS	300	300	LET IT HAPPEN		75	THE UNITED		200
CROSSVILLE NON-SMK STEP			LIFE SAVERS		100	THE WAY OUT		
DAILY REPRIEVE			LINDEN			TRUDGING THE ROAD		100
DAVIDSON RD	705	2,405	LIVING BY THE PRINT		30	TURNING POINT		876
DAVIDSON RD WOMEN'S		268	LIVING IN THE NOW		125	VALLEYVIEW ASHLAND CITY		390
DEKALB CTY FRIENDSHIP			LOVE AND LAUGHTER			WANGL		
DICKSON AA			MADE A DECISION			WAVERLY		100
DISTRICT 9		30	MCMINNVILLE		100	WEEKENDERS		
DONELSON YET			MID-DAY BREAK	360	1,104	WEST MEADE		
DOWNTOWN LUNCH	88	192	MONDAY NIGHT		140	WEST NASHVILLE		130
DOWNTOWN Y			MT JULIET FELLOWSHIP		100	WESTMINSTER		139
DROP THE ROCK			MURFREESBORO	6	6	WHITE HOUSE		
DRUNKS IN THE PARK		474	MUSIC CITY HAPPY HOUR		50	WINNERS AND BEGINNERS		250
EAST SIDE SATURDAY			MUSIC ROW			WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION		150
EASY DOES IT (McMinnville)		20	MUSTARD SEED	50	250	WOMEN'S AA		368
EASY DOES IT (Mt Juliet)		250	N.O.W.		100	WOMEN'S FREEDOM MTG		375
EVERY NIGHT AT 6	10	20	NATCHEZ TRACE MTG			WOMEN'S SPEAKER MTG	225	225
FAIRFIELD GLADE		66	NEEDED MTG CLOSED		204	WOODBURY		180
FAYETTEVILLE		45	NIPPERS CORNER MTG		47	YOUNG GUNS		
FIRST THINGS FIRST		325	NORTH BORO			YOUNG TIMERS		67
FIVE & FIVE	223	516	NORTHSIDE, CLARKSVILLE		75			
FRANKLIN 12 x 12		100	ONE DAY AT A TIME		350			
FRANKLIN BB		50	OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH					
FRANKLIN	658	1,091	P.O.P.				Mo Amt	YTD Amt
FRANKLIN MEN'S		100	PAY DAY					
FREE TO BE		290	PEACHTREE		20			
G.O.D. (GRP OF DRUNKS)		274	PORTLAND UNITY		25			
						TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	4,980	23,420

MIDDLE TENNESSE CENTRAL OFFICE INCOME STATEMENT
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	MAY ACTUALS	CURRENT MONTH BUDGET	ACTUALS TO BUDGET- VARIANCE	MAY Y-T-D ACTUALS	CURRENT Y-T-D BUDGET	ACTUALS TO BUDGET- VARIANCE
<b>INCOME</b>						
LITERATURE SALES	11,164	12,163	(999)	56,301	60,813	(4,513)
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>						
LITERATURE	(8,498)	(8,333)	(165)	(40,891)	(41,667)	775
FREIGHT	(38)	-	(38)	(168)	-	(168)
DIRECTORY	-	-	-	(214)	-	(214)
<b>TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	<b>(8,536)</b>	<b>(8,333)</b>	<b>(203)</b>	<b>(41,273)</b>	<b>(41,667)</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT - LITERATURE</b>	<b>2,628</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>(1,202)</b>	<b>15,028</b>	<b>19,147</b>	<b>(4,119)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>						
GROUP	5,054	4,833	221	23,630	24,167	(537)
INDIVIDUAL	300	685	(385)	1,418	3,423	(2,005)
MESSENGER	12	100	(88)	310	500	(190)
SPECIAL EVENTS	-	-	-	-	-	-
INTEREST	2	17	(15)	16	83	(67)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	5,368	5,635	(267)	25,373	28,174	(2,797)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,996</b>	<b>9,464</b>	<b>(1,468)</b>	<b>40,401</b>	<b>47,320</b>	<b>(6,916)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
CASUAL LABOR	-	167	(167)	900	833	(67)
PAYROLL	4,094	4,276	(183)	21,998	21,382	616
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	-	146	(146)	562	729	(167)
SALES TAX EXPENSE	-	-	-	5	-	5
RENT	2,995	2,500	495	12,864	12,500	364
PRINTING	105	400	(295)	1,460	2,000	(540)
PAYROLL TAXES	313	325	(12)	1,710	1,625	85
MAINTENANCE	95	67	28	383	333	50
TELEPHONE & FAX	491	500	(9)	2,457	2,500	(43)
ANSWERING SERVICE	185	200	(15)	963	1,000	(37)
POSTAGE	12	150	(138)	706	750	(44)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	101	208	(107)	833	1,042	(208)
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	-	-	-	-	-	-
COMPUTER PROJECT	-	83	(83)	209	417	(207)
INTERGROUP EXPENSE	73	100	(27)	224	500	(277)
INSURANCE	-	171	(171)	1,216	854	362
SPECIAL EVENTS / FUNC- TIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRAVEL	56	150	(94)	409	750	(342)
DEPRECIATION	18	21	(3)	90	104	(12)
OVER/UNDER	-	-	-	(6)	-	(6)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,538</b>	<b>9,464</b>	<b>(926)</b>	<b>46,984</b>	<b>47,320</b>	<b>(335)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(542)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(542)</b>	<b>(6,583)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,583)</b>

BACKROOM	
Desiree P	07.17.07
Henry W	07.25.10
John D	07.23.06
Julie B	07.13.06
Megan W	07.13.11
Quoc L	07.04.10
Rachel G	07.25.12
Robert R	07.03.12
BRENTWOOD FULL MOON	
Barbara R	07.31.04
EASY DOES IT	
Becca	07.06.08
Jason	07.14.08
John	07.01.03
<b>Nancy</b>	<b>07.03.88</b>
FELLOWSHIP	
Amber C	07.31.12
Danny B	07.18.95
Erica H	07.25.12
Jeremy S	07.18.10
<b>Matthew C</b>	<b>07.04.89</b>
<b>Ryan C</b>	<b>07.18.83</b>
Samantha C	07.19.12
FIRST THINGS FIRST	
Lavene T	07.16.94
GRATEFUL ALIVE	
Lance W	07.14.94
Michael H	07.15.04
Pat W	07.21.95
Perry B	07.13.07
KEEP IT SIMPLE	
Bill M	07.15.02
Chris C	07.01.10
Critter F	07.18.10
John M	07.20.11
Mark S	07.14.10
Matt W	07.11.11
Peter D	07.27.06
Roger B	07.04.02
Victor S	07.14.01
LATE LUNCH BUNCH	
Barry T	07.25.03
Frank G	07.25.10
Jennifer S	07.23.10
Michelle B	07.25.11
Mike W	07.29.11
Missy D	07.21.10
<b>Sue K</b>	<b>07.28.84</b>
Trisha D	07.27.10

MID-DAY BREAK	
Al S	07.06.97
Carol R	07.20.10
David L	07.10.09
Deborah S	07.14.11
Donna E	07.27.03
Donna S	07.24.11
Dustin C	07.21.09
Frankie D	07.05.10
Harry G	07.17.09
James M	07.08.11
Janice F	07.??.11
John S	07.22.11
Kelly L	07.01.09
Kim C	07.08.09
Kimberly A	07.15.09
Larry P	07.11.09
Lauren O	07.21.10
Lee A	07.14.11
Michael S	07.15.04
Natalie F	07.03.09
Orlando S	07.03.12
Regina H	07.16.05
Rhonda W	07.18.11
Ryan J	07.06.10
Steve F	07.11.02
Tim S	07.27.08
Tony S	07.07.11
MT JULIET FELLOWSHIP	
Delbra C	07.22.12
NOW	
Daphne N	07.12.05
Margaret	07.01.11
Rachel M	07.01.09
<b>Robbie H</b>	<b>07.08.84</b>
<b>Sarita S</b>	<b>07.27.89</b>
POP	
Anne S	07.26.10
<b>Howard A</b>	<b>07.13.53</b>
<b>Ron E</b>	<b>07.18.92</b>
PORTLAND UNITY	
Bryan H	07.13.12
Chuck G	07.25.11
Kevin H	07.13.10
<b>Lynne S</b>	<b>07.09.89</b>
RIDGETOP BASICS	
Louann A	07.25.98
Murry G	07.29.07
<b>Ray H</b>	<b>07.26.87</b>
Rodnie S	07.26.11

SEEKING SANITY	
Barry E	07.19.04
Becca M	07.06.08
Cindy V	07.11.08
Keith D	07.01.09
Matt Y	07.21.10
<b>Nancy B</b>	<b>07.03.88</b>
Patricia W	07.20.07
Terry J	07.07.07
Tim F	07.25.07
Tom M	07.07.11
SHADE TREE	
Anne S	07.26.12
Albert T	07.06.08
Anthony C	07.06.06
Anthony S	07.07.05
Barry E	07.19.04
Beverly S	07.09.07
Bob O	07.19.09
Bonnie S	07.27.04
Carol C	07.01.08
Chris B	07.21.06
Chris B	07.13.04
Cindy F	07.13.08
Dan B	07.28.05
Dan O	07.14.10
Dave D	07.01.02
David M	07.01.09
Deborah N	07.07.12
Dee Dee	07.14.08
Dinah S	07.20.10
Eddie A	07.27.01
Faye D	07.19.08
Gayle E	07.30.??
<b>Howard A</b>	<b>07.13.53</b>
<b>James W</b>	<b>07.03.85</b>
Jeff H	07.02.12
Jeff P	07.10.99
Jim A	07.26.09
Jeri D	07.13.05
Jimmy S	07.08.05
John (Cliff) G	07.14.10
John M	07.01.03
John S	07.18.09
Kathy R	07.02.09
K C	07.27.09
Kelly	07.10.09
Ken B	07.25.05
Kevin G	07.13.10
Larry B	07.02.00
Lorraine I	07.08.12
Margaret S	07.25.08
Mark L	07.17.06
Mark W	07.10.00
Marvin	07.07.07
Richard L	07.14.06

SHADE TREE (con't)	
Robin R	07.17.09
Russ A	07.07.09
Sara F	07.25.11
Scott S	07.11.07
Sharon C	07.16.04
Shelly W	07.15.09
Stephanie H	07.21.05
Steve C	07.26.10
Terry H	07.23.98
Tim F	07.25.07
Tina B	07.17.09
Todd G	07.18.01
Tom H	07.01.03
Trey S	07.14.09
Vicky W	07.23.09
Whitney	07.15.12
Wirt P	07.24.06
SMYRNA GRATITUDE	
Ashley S	07.13.12
Chris C	07.22.12
Chuck F	07.04.09
Janice L	07.29.12
Joanna S	07.30.09
Jodi W	07.10.95
John R	07.01.00
Johnathan R	07.12.10
Lynn F	07.31.02
Mike W	07.26.10
Tina W	07.19.10
WEEKENDERS	
Caroline L	07.27.11
David F	07.17.97
Donna B	07.13.11
John K	07.14.05
Kelly M	07.11.11
Kent A	07.14.10
Laura B	07.06.11
WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION	
Deborah H	07.03.03

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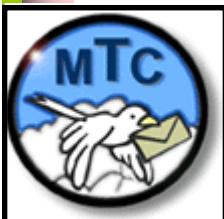
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