

THE CARSON CONNECTION

A MARCH MINISTRY UPDATE, 2026

Daniel, Kurt, and Allan

A few years ago, Brandt shared the gospel with a student named Daniel. Daniel received Christ and began sharing his faith with friends on his volleyball team. One of them was Kurt, who eventually gave his life to God as well. Kurt then thought of Allan, a guy on the team he did not get along with and seemed to carry a lot of anger. Kurt invited him anyway to join him at Parable, with the promise of free pizza. What Kurt did not know was how much Allan needed a way out.

Allan grew up as the youngest of four in a home that was uneasy in ways he could not name for a long time. An older brother's drug use had turned into years of physical and mental abuse. The fear of his brother became constant. Allan grew up anxious about everything, wondering if he was standing right, if he had forgotten something, bracing for the next moment his brother would walk into the room. He could not bring himself to tell his parents, afraid of what it would do to the family. Around the end of sixth grade, he found an escape in pornography. He knew it was making things worse, but he couldn't stop. By the time he got to high school, he looked in the mirror and felt disgust at what he saw.

Then a volleyball coach named Kyle came into his life. Kyle had an encouraging word and a presence that made Allan feel safe in a way he was not used to. He began to believe that something better might be possible. When Kyle died suddenly, Allan went to school that day unable to cry, unable to speak, unsure how to keep going. It was Kurt who showed up in that hollow place and brought him to Parable. Allan came because of the pizza, but he stayed because the room felt different from anything he had known.

Allan started coming every week! At CloseUp, something shifted. He realized he did not need to be perfect to come to God. He gave his life to Christ, and the anger, the lust, and the depression that had followed him for years began to fade. He also began forgiving the people around him, his brother, his family, his teammates, and even himself.

A few weeks ago, Allan was baptized at Redemption Point, a church Parable has partnered with for nearly a decade. He had invited his family, and they were there in the crowd when he stood on stage and told them everything. He talked about the tension that had lived in their home for years and how much of it he had carried. And then he told them what God had done with all of it, how He had replaced it with love and the ability to forgive the people he had struggled to be around.



Pastor Bumble of
Redemption Point

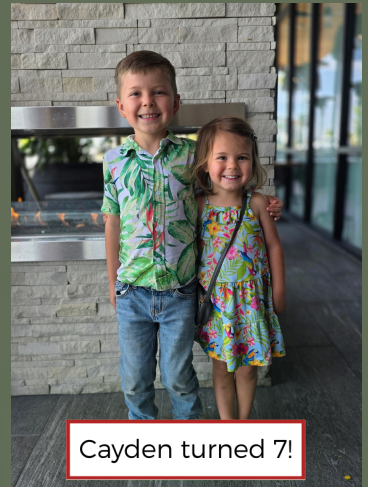


Allan, Brandt, & Jessica



Brandt & Daniel, Fall of 2024


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Cayden turned 7!

PRAYER REQUEST:

- Pray for Allan as he continues to grow in his relationship with the Lord.
- Pray also for him as he is pursues his family to know Jesus. Pray especially for his brothers that have hard hearts towards the Gospel.
- Pray for Kurt and Daniel as they were accepted to join our annual mission trip to Panama! The dates are July 10th through the 20th.



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