

## ***PASTOR'S NOTES***

*“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.” (1 John 5:13)*

This has always been one of my favorite verses in scripture because it makes a definitive statement that all of us can "know", and that word is Oi-da in the Greek which carries the thought of an "Experiential Understanding". What that means is the moment you admit that you are a sinner and ask "Jesus" to forgive you and come into your life, you are "Born Again" and nobody can tell you differently, because you have experienced the forgiveness of sin, and the "Spirit of God" is now living inside of you.

Let us not be settled on only our salvation but let us be concerned this year, like never before, with those that are all around us. Let us open our mouths and live before them in such a way as to reach them with the love of God. Family- and I mean family as brothers and sisters in Christ- let our "Certainty of Eternal Life" motivate us to tell others and to really see many come to know "Jesus" in a personal way this year, because we cared enough to speak to them about Him.



*Pastor Gerry Brown*

## ***TESTIMONY FOR JESUS***



*Farris Family*

Before coming to U-Turn for Christ we were both lost, broken, and trapped by the addictions and lies of the enemy. Fortunately, we were both called by Jesus and found help at U-Turn for Christ. I (Aaron) came to the ministry for the second time in April of 2018 after being homeless and abusing drugs and alcohol. Jasmine came back for the second time in February 2018 after a lifestyle of drinking left her hopeless and in desperate need of help. But God had a plan and began to restore what the locusts had eaten in our lives. With our hearts focused on the Lord, we both became part of the Leadership of U-Turn for Christ, and it became our home. During this time, we made a lot of bad choices regarding each other and did not follow the rules of the ministry, and we both received restarts - but we chose to trust the Lord. As God began to mold and shape us into who He created us to be, He led us to one another. And in July of 2021 Jasmine and I were married, surrounded by the friends and family who helped to build us up and encourage us in the Lord. We have since been blessed with our beloved son AJ to complete our little family. The Lord created us for one another and gave us to each other. Now He is

using us both and the gifts he has given us as He draws us closer and nearer to Him, and to His purpose for our lives. Our hearts today wouldn't be complete without being blessed with the love of Christ and our U-Turn for Christ family and we look forward to what the Lord has in store for us. We have truly been blessed by the miracles of God in and through us, for our restoration, for our home, and for our family here at U-Turn for Christ.



# REFLECTING ON 2023



As we look back on 2023, we can't help but feel grateful for all the blessings we've received. We thank the Lord for the work that He has done in the ministry of U-Turn For Christ, and for the lives that have been transformed because of His grace. We also want to express our gratitude to you for your love, prayers, and support. Without you, none of this would have been possible. We hope and pray that this new year brings you an abundance of love, peace, and joy that only Jesus can provide. If you would like to make a donation please go to: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/uturnforchrist> or call our office, (951) 943-7097.

## Opportunities to help us keep the ministry in motion...

- Our greatest need is prayer warriors. Men and women who dilligently lift this ministry to the Lord.
- We are in constant need of hygiene products, tooth-paste, soap and toilet paper.
- Shovels, rakes, tables, chairs, etc.
- Video cameras, cameras, audio equip.
- We are in need of new vehicles to transport the men and women.

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