

My name is Bill Pucel. I started drinking in high school. I never should have started. My drinking gradually increased as each year went by.

I worked at Cub Foods for 18 years until the business closed down in 2006. After that, I got a job at Jewel food store in Joliet in February 2007.

Through my years working at Cub Foods, I was a habitual drinker. I drank every day. I was warned about my drinking but I never was terminated because of it.

When I started working at Jewel my drinking problem continued. I received 2 warnings for my drinking problem. That didn't wake me up. The next warning was my last.

My supervisor called me to his office. He told me I had alcohol on my breath. He also showed me the water bottle full of vodka I brought in my lunch box.

My supervisor terminated me. When he did I told him "thank you", you have saved my life.

My drinking was so bad that each day I thought it could be my last.

When I sat in a chair in front of my supervisor's desk there was an empty seat next to me. I sincerely think that Jesus Christ was sitting next to me.

Jesus gave me so many chances to quit drinking. He had to get me terminated to wake me up.

When I was sitting on my chair in front of my supervisor's desk on November 10, 2009, that was the day I was saved.

I called my cousin, Minister Michael Vollmer, and asked him for help. He introduced me to Bolingbrook Community Church. I went to my first church service there and it was a very uplifting and spiritual experience for me. The members of the church treated me like I was a member for years. I knew this was the place for me.

I go to service every Sunday. The mass starts at 10am but I get there an hour early to help set up.

I look forward to going to service each Sunday. The church service is excellent. Pastor Calvin Quarles is an excellent teacher and a very loving man. I couldn't ask for a better Pastor.

Every member at BCC is very warm and compassionate. They are spiritual people and true people of God.

BCC also has many other activities. They have Celebrate Victory, Men's Ministry, Couples' Ministry, Youth Ministry, etc.

I myself go to Celebrate Victory and Men's Ministry. I do not go to Couples' Ministry because I am single.

My cousin, Minister Michael Vollmer, introduced me to Celebrate Victory. He is the man who runs Celebrate Victory.

Celebrate Victory is a small group of people who tell each other about their hurts, habits and hang ups. It is run in a spiritual manner. It teaches us that we need God in our lives to help us with all of life's problems. It is a very supportive group of people who really care.

In our Celebrate Victory meeting at BCC we have very supportive men and women who are there to help each other. The recovery meetings are based on 8 principles from the beatitudes. Our meetings are on Wednesday at 6:30pm. There are 4 guide books we use in the program.

Everyone supports one another in these meetings. We give each other our phone numbers because when anyone is feeling down or tempted, that person can call someone to give them support and try and rid them of their temptations.

I don't know what I would do without this program. Each week I grow closer to Jesus Christ. It is so wonderful to have new friends, Christian friends, to guide me in the right direction. I am so sorry for putting my family and anyone else who cares for me through my problem of drinking and I thank them for forgiving me.

I am now a Christian man and a sober man thanks to Jesus Christ and Celebrate Victory.

PRAISE THE LORD!