

# Pierce Community Ministries continues to grow

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Pierce Community Ministries, a local faith-based addiction recovery facility, has been open for almost two months and they already have three people who are part of their recovery program.

The director is Daniel Melton from Corbin, Kentucky. The Board of Directors consists of Tony Corbin, Rick Penick and Daniel Swarey.

All the residents are men. One is local, while one is from southeastern Kentucky and one is from out of state. The facility is only open for adult men and they recommend that residents stay at least nine months and up to one year.

"One of the men has been here 36 days (as of February 5, 2026) and his main problem was alcohol," Penick said.

Melton added that another resident has been there for 35 days (again, as of February 5), and his addiction is to meth and other substances.

The third resident has been there for about two weeks.

According to Penick, they are seeing God at work in the lives of the residents in many ways, including two of them professing their faith in Jesus Christ and being baptized.

Another resident was there for a very short time but he needed some medical attention and because Pierce Community Ministries is not equipped to handle those situations, he was transferred to another facility.



**Daniel Melton is the Director at Pierce Community Ministries, a faith-based recovery program located in the old Pierce Elementary School.**

Now that they've had residents for about a month and a half, they admit that there have been a few setbacks but that the blessings have overwhelmed those setbacks.

The facility had planned to open December 15, 2025 and about that same time, the previous director needed to return to Arkansas.

"That was scary for us," Penick said. "We had already announced that we were opening and the first director

left. I texted Daniel (Melton) that very day and told him what had happened. He volunteered to come spend the weekend with us just to stand in the gap. He showed up and the very next day, he said 'I'd love to help y'all. God knew what He was doing the whole time.'"

Melton had worked at a similar facility in southeastern Kentucky. He had served at Anchored Ministry as a resident assistant where he led small groups, Bible study as well as being an all-around Mr. Fix It. He also served as pastor of a church part of that time.

"We know the guys come in here broken," Melton said. "We love on them until they are able to love themselves."

Another setback they encountered was that they were not able to heat the gymnasium like they had anticipated. So, for now, they have closed that off.

"We can put in a heating unit that will heat it the way we thought

we could," Penick said. "But that will cost money and we are waiting to do that."

Penick and Melton agreed that the blessings have far outweighed the setbacks.

"God is better than we ever imagined," Penick said. "It is amazing to see how quickly the change (in residents) can happen. They are cleaning, taking care of one another and loving on other people who come in."

Melton echoed those sentiments, saying "Just getting to be part of this program is a blessing."

They still hope that eventually the program will grow, indicating that the ideal number of residents is 10-12 people.

"We are always looking for the next person to be here," Penick said.

He also said that in addition to needing more residents, they would like to have more community support but was quick to point out that some women in local churches and communities have stepped up in their support by

providing food three times a week. Usually, enough food is brought in to last two days with

new food arriving the next day.

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**A room at Pierce Community Ministries is dedicated for Bible study and small group discussion time as part of the recovery process.**



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