

 $_{255}$ A planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. Isaiah 61:3

Meet Windy

My name is Windy Pace and I'm 43 years old. I was born and raised in Louisiana. My home life was significantly dysfunctional. My father was and still is an alcoholic and a drug addict, and my mother suffered from what was then called manic/depressive disorder, now known as bipolar disorder. From 8 until 11 years old, my father sexually abused me; when I finally gained the courage to tell my mother at 11, she lapsed into a deep depression which caused her to attempt suicide multiple times, often leaving me to pick up the pieces of our lives. I turned to a revolving door of meaningless sexual relationships with men to cope with the stress and trauma that I had experienced. Due to my broken coping mechanisms, I made some really bad decisions that caused me to go to prison.

When I was released, I was accepted into the Oaks of Righteousness program. Through the classes, volunteers, leadership and other women in the program, I learned new ways to cope and how to live a healthier and more fulfilling lifestyle. Through the Oaks I was able to get grounded in Celebrate Recovery and in my home church. Souls Harbor. I have continued involvement at the Oaks as first a relief worker, then an overnight relief worker, and now the Lord has called me to be the House Manager. I will be forever grateful for the transformation the Oaks helped me to achieve in my life. To all of you who support and/or are involved in this ministry, I love you and I thank you.



Open House at the Oaks

Please make plans to visit the Oaks of Righteousness Open House on February 11, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., the hour prior to the Valentine's Dinner across the street at Chez Nous restaurant. Chez Nous has been our very supportive neighbor over the years, and we are delighted to return to this award-winning French restaurant for our Valentine's Dinner. Seating at Chez Nous is limited, so please make your reservations early by calling John Browning at 281-881-6267. The dinner is \$300/couple in advance. Come early and visit the Oaks to see the residence and tour our recently renovated back patio. The Oaks team will be on hand to show you around and to answer questions. We welcome your input.

To God Be The Glory! Look What God Has Done



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