

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



Jason Koger

Jason Koger became the first bilateral arm amputee in the world to be fitted with multi-articulating bionic hands after losing both hands in a traumatic ATV accident in 2008. Today, he encourages others to live a life without limitations by spreading his favorite message: Why survive when you can thrive? When Jason is not at home helping his wife, Jenny, with their three children, Billie Grace, Cambell, and Axell, he is traveling the country sharing his story of overcoming obstacles or working as an ambassador for the manufacturer of his hands, Ossur, and his socket manufacturer, Arm Dynamics. With a positive attitude and welcoming personality, Jason has had the opportunity to appear on several national news outlets, which led to many other TV appearances, magazine articles, and the TedX stage. Jason has reached goals that have never been reached before, including becoming the first bilateral arm amputee to harvest a bear with a crossbow. Jason also started a charity event called Handing Back that has brought celebrities to his hometown of Owensboro, Kentucky, raising over \$30,000 to give back to a community that gave so much to him in his time of need. He is also currently working on his first book and received the American Red Cross hero of the year and role model of the year awards. Nobody knows what is next for Jason, but whatever doors open he will give the glory to God and grab every opportunity with both bionic hands.

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Dr. Steve Loyd

Dr. Stephen Loyd is a graduate of the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University. He completed his medical residency in Internal Medicine at the same institution. He has served as the Chief of Medicine at the Mountain Home VA Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee. Recently, he was the Medical Director and Assistant Commissioner for Substance Abuse Services for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For the last ten years he has focused on addiction medicine with an interest in the opioid dependent pregnant patient. He is currently the Medical Director for JourneyPure and Cedar Recovery Center in Middle Tennessee. He has been in recovery from addiction to opioids and benzodiazepines since July 8, 2004. Dr. Loyd will explore the role of genetics, childhood trauma, and social availability in the development of the disease of addiction. He will help attendees better understand addiction as a disorder of the brain as well as the role childhood trauma has in addiction. Finally, Dr. Loyd will illustrate just how important family history is in the development of addiction.

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Trent Lovett

Trent Lovett graduated from Murray State University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Mathematics and a Minor in Physics. While at Murray State, Trent was also a member of the Murray State University Track and Cross Country teams. He achieved Academic All OVC awards along with helping the Cross Country team to back to back OVC Championships. He began his teaching career in the fall of 1988 at South Marshall Middle School and has been with the Marshall County School District for over 32 years. After serving seven years in the classroom as a math and science teacher, Trent became the Dean of Students at North Marshall Middle School for one year before becoming the Principal. After serving 7 years at North Marshall Middle, Trent became the Principal of Marshall County High School serving there for 4 years. In 2008, Trent became the Superintendent of the Marshall County School District and has been serving in that capacity since. Trent has served on several committees and Boards such as Local Superintendent Advisory Council, Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Controls, Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Marshall County Park Board along with serving as a Board Member for several Little League organizations. He is married to his wife of 30 years Lisa and they have 3 children, Landon (deceased), Tucker a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and Gabbi a recent graduate of Marshall County High School.