

# Happy New Year!

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The decorations are packed up and stored for another year. The holiday hustle and bustle is over and the kids have returned to school. Here we are, beginning again, the start of a new year. New goals, aspirations and resolutions are planned and written down. We are faced with a new year and new opportunities!

When men and women come to Teen Challenge we celebrate that victorious decision with them on day one. Victory number one! The decision to do whatever it takes to make a positive change in their lives. Choosing to make that change, surrender their heart to Jesus Christ and coming to Teen Challenge is something to celebrate! They have been running for too long and filling the voids with the things of the world which continue to take them through cycles of despair. And now we rejoice with them! Isaiah 43:18-19 (NLT) says, **“But forget all that - it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”** God tells us to forget all about what was in the past. Forget about all that despair and wasted time. He is doing a new thing for us! He will make us new! Giving us a new path! And not only that, God says He will restore that wasted time that was lost doing worldly things. In Joel 2:25a (NLT), **“The Lord says, “I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts.”** I don't know about you, but I think that is something to celebrate! New beginnings and a new life! Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, **“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”** Join with us in celebrating this New Year and the “new life” God has brought to the men and women here at Western Michigan Adult and Teen Challenge.



## SPECIAL FEATURE SHOWER PROGRESS CONTINUING!

Our Men's Center shower room is moving right along. The shower stalls, tile and fixtures are all complete. We thank all of you who have supported this project with your prayers and giving. Our desire has been to create a space that offers privacy, functionality and will last for years to come. In order to do that, we have chosen a continuous, solid surface, epoxy floor treatment. This is used in high traffic areas and has a long life span. Please consider giving toward the cost of this flooring treatment. Your support is appreciated.

As you enter into 2023 we will be praying for you and your family. May blessings be upon you! May you continue to grow in your relationship with God and may your fellowship with Him be sweet. Have a happy New Year! We love you!

Love and prayers,  
Phil and Michelle McClain

