

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

As Christians, in the midst of life difficulties and trials, we must not look at the circumstances, but keep our eyes focused on Jesus Christ and the promises of God. If you focus on the problem, you may be overcome. But, if you look at the promises of God, you will be an overcomer. Some of the promises of God to encourage us are:

- Heb. 13:5b-6 ~ "...for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me."
- I Cor. 15:57 ~ "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- II Cor. 2:14a ~ "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..."
- Phil. 4:19 ~ Paul said, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
- Is. 41:10 is so good ~ "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."
- Ro. 8:35 and 37-39 ~ "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword. Nay, in all

these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- My dear friends in Christ, Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent; hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?"
- Then, Jeremiah 1:12b says, "...for I will hasten my word to perform it." OR, I will watch over my word and bring it to pass.

God is your faithful friend. While things around you may look bleak, remember, hold to the promises of God. His love for you and His word will not fail you. You are on the winning side. You are victorious in Christ.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING FALL BANQUETS

GRAND RAPIDS

September 27 at 7:00 pm
Grand Rapids First Assembly of God
2100-44th Street SW

MUSKEGON

October 25 at 7:00 pm
Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds
4759 Lake Harbor Road

HOLLAND CHRISTMAS BANQUET

(Unique/Different)
November 29 at 7:00 pm
Beechwood Reformed Church
895 Ottawa Beach Road

We invite you to attend one of our fundraising banquets and perhaps host a table of eight or more. It will be an evening of good food, fellowship, wonderful student testimonies, and inspiring music. Limited seating. Adults - by reservation only. To make reservations, please call Cindy at 231.798.7927 soon.

GRADUATE TESTIMONY

Victoria Thompson



Growing up, I knew God, but I never had a solid foundation. Through my years of trying to serve and live for God, I realized I was on a spiritual roller coaster. One minute I was up and the next minute down. In 2011, after another fall, I lost all hope. Then God brought me to Teen Challenge and the healing miracle process began. Since coming to Teen Challenge I have found the peace, joy, and happiness that I have always longed for but could never find. Now I am

glad to say that I have found that solid foundation in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

STUDENTS' ANSWERS TO PRAYER



Ben – I tried to fill the hole in my life with every substance imaginable. Through Teen Challenge, prayer and faith, Jesus Christ has filled that void and given me life more abundant.

Liz – I was dead for 57 minutes and 37 seconds, and Jesus raised me from the dead. I am a living miracle. Many people prayed for me. Thank God for answer to prayer.



Lindsey – I never thought I could change and be happy in Christ. But God is an awesome, powerful God. He is a miracle worker, and He does answer prayer. Today I am changed and happy in Christ.



Our students are learning to look past their feelings and circumstances and hold to the promises of God in faith.

Faith is a wonderful, powerful thing. Without faith it is impossible to please God. So we lay hold of the promises of God and move forward in faith. Thank God for



what He is doing in all the lives of the students. Battles are being fought, but victories are being won. God gives the victory. By the grace of God we will continue to fight the good fight of faith, and I know you will too. Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." We continue to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. And I know we will not be put to shame."

Michelle and I humbly thank each of you for your faithful prayers and financial giving to this ministry. You are needed, loved, and appreciated. May God meet your every need and do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or even think. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Phil & Michelle McClain

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