

WESTERN MICHIGAN TEEN CHALLENGE

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Dear Friends,

As Christians, we are extremely blessed and honored. Our Lord takes very good care of us. He keeps us safe. The Psalmist said in Ps. 119:117, "**Hold** thou me up, and I shall be safe..." Thank God for His faithfulness to **hold** us up and keep us safe. Even in some remote corner of the universe, our Lord will be there to guide us and **uphold** us. The Psalmist said in Ps. 139:9-10, "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall **hold** me." No matter what we go through in life, God does not want us to fear. He will strengthen us, give us His divine protection, and encourage us. Is. 41:10&13 says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed (to look about in a state of alarm); 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. For I the Lord God will **hold** thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not; I will help thee." Oh dear friend, God will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. In Matt. 28:20 He said, "...lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." His comfort, safety, and protection are all around you. Rejoice!

GRADUATE TESTIMONY

At the age of 11 years old, my parents separated, and I became very angry. I started acting out in school and eventually began fighting a lot. No one knew why my behavior was out of control because they never asked (so I never told them). I only wanted my parents back together. At the age of 17, I went to nursing school and worked at various nursing homes all over Muskegon. At the age of 22, I was invited to a bar by co-workers and that's when the drinking began. I wasn't an everyday drinker; but the times I had a drink, it would cover all the days and weeks I didn't drink. Before coming to Teen Challenge I was lost and on a road to destruction...the road was leading me to prison. I knew the way I was living was not what God had planned for me. I had hope, but I was so bound to sin that I didn't see it. I had a future, but it wasn't God's future for me. Today I can see. I'm not in darkness any more. My future is placed around God's future. Today I can raise my children up in a way that they should go. Today, I am free. All the praise and thanks go to my Lord Jesus Christ.



TIFFANY HOBSON-BUCHANAN

UPCOMING FALL BANQUETS

Grand Rapids Banquet

Thursday, September 27, 2012
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

First Assembly of God

2100 44th Street

Muskegon Banquet

Thursday, October 25, 2012
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds

4759 Lake Harbor Road

It seems like summer just arrived, but you may want to get these fall banquet dates on your calendar. Will you attend and perhaps host a table of eight or more? We look forward to hearing from you. Adults only. For reservations, call 231.798.7927.

ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP

Alumni, please join us for our summer Alumni Fellowship on Friday, August 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Teen Challenge. If you know someone who graduated from Teen Challenge, please encourage him or her to attend. If you are a graduate, please join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and encouragement. We look forward to seeing you! R.S.V.P. to Cindy, 231.798.7927.

The Psalmist said in Ps. 34:19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: But the Lord delivereth him out of them all." The songwriter wrote "Hold me fast, let me stand, in the hollow of Thy hand, keep me safe 'til the storm passes by." The storm will not last forever. It will pass. Meanwhile, the Lord is with you. He will be your strength and see you all the way through. Keep rejoicing!

Michelle and I thank each of you for standing with us in prayer and financial giving to this ministry of Teen Challenge. In the natural, the challenges would be overwhelming. But, with God all things are possible. He is working His miracles of deliverance and salvation. To God be the glory. It will be a blessing to hear from you this month. May God's blessings be on you.



Yours, Serving Christ,

Phil & Michelle McClain
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