

40th ANNUAL  
**BIKE  
THON**

Saturday, June 16, 2018

This is a great event. We usually have about 100 riders. We ride from Holland, MI to Grand Haven. Yes, it is a fundraiser. In fact, usually one of the best of the year. Riders must raise a minimum of \$200 to ride. However, some raise thousands to win prizes. First, second and third place winners for raising the most finances will receive prizes.

The ride starts in Holland at 10:00 am. After the ride, friends and family are invited to join us for the prize presentation, a brief evangelistic service, and a great BBQ. Please join us for the ride. For sponsorship forms, more information, or to sponsor a rider, call Teen Challenge at 231.798.7927 and ask for RJ or David. You may also sign up online at [www.wm-tc.com](http://www.wm-tc.com).

## A LOOK AT WMTC



New Students



Older Students in the Program



Vehicle Fleet

These are the vehicles we use for transporting students to rallies, to church on Sunday and to appointments, etc.

Dear Friends,

Since 1970, I have written 576 monthly newsletters as director of Western Michigan Teen Challenge. It is always a joy to share with you, our prayer and financial supporters, what God is doing by His mighty Holy Spirit in and through this ministry. From the very beginning, God has continually delivered drug addicts, alcoholics and others from various addictions. **Thank God for the power of the cross, the shed blood of Christ, and the power of Jesus' name that sets the captives free.** Today, we have graduates from the last 48 years writing and calling us, letting us know that they have not gone back to the former life style and that they are living out the Christian life in their community, church, and their lives are a blessing to others. Many, many are married and are raising their children for God. Many are pastors, teachers, and Teen Challenge directors. We say, "To God be all the glory!" The beautiful thing about it is, the work continues to go forward and is immensely blessed of the Lord. Thank God for all of you who have helped make this ministry what it is today. Thank God, He is still blessing it. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial giving. You are a blessing.

## Graduate Testimonies

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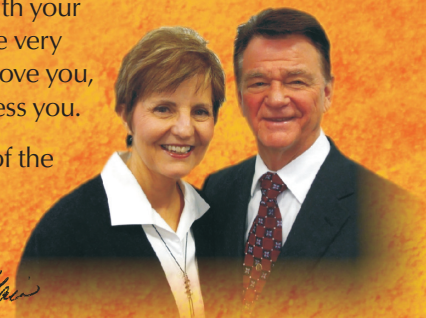
**Marcia Brightwell**

After I finished college, I began drinking socially and then more heavily when my mother passed away. But after losing three siblings due to drug and alcohol abuse, I became angry, and began to abuse alcohol. One night after several hours of drinking, I cut my arm to feel something - the alcohol had taken away my feeling. A year ago, I entered Teen Challenge. The trials did not stop after I entered these doors, but God helped me to overcome anger, medical trials, and showed me unconditional love. The love of God has filled a void in my heart that was left after the passing of my siblings. God has helped me to love again and know it's okay; I turn to Him when I am hurting, and He will carry me through. Galatians 6:9 states 'so let's not get tired of doing what is good'.

God has greatly blessed us with a very dedicated core of staff. We plan to move forward with the vision God has given us for addicts, alcoholics, and lost sinners; and trust that you will continue to stand with us with your prayers and support. You are very important to this work. We love you, thank you, and may God bless you.

Yours in Christ for the sake of the gospel,  
Phil & Michelle McClain

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# Graduate Testimonies...CONTINUED

## Paul Grulick

I am 27 years old. I grew up in a good home with a loving family. We went to church for a while but I never met the Lord. As years went by, I struggled more and more with anxiety and depression. By the time I finished high school, I was a daily drinker and a marijuana smoker. I had no idea what a normal life for me would look like. I was consumed by anything that would make me numb. I moved around on my own awhile until I ended up in Michigan near my parents, that's when I got a DUI that brought everything tumbling down around me. I tried so hard to get it right but I still didn't even know what that meant. After a long road of pain and loneliness, God delivered me to Teen Challenge when He saw that I was ready to accept Him.



## Dusty Birdwell

My name is Dusty, I am 24 years old from Tennessee. I was not raised in church, and I have had a pretty rough life consumed with darkness.

Poor choices, selfishness and having no fear led me to a dark place.

Since coming to Teen Challenge, I have gained the knowledge and respect of fearing the Lord and with the Lord's help I am going to continue on and live for Him. Teen Challenge has given me the tools and led me to the One who has saved my soul and I am so thankful for this place.



## Jessica Booze

I am 36 years old from Cleveland, OH. I came from a broken family and was a broken child. I was resentful toward God at a young age, and felt that life was pointless. At 13, I started cutting myself and my dream of becoming a professional figure skater was crushed by severe depression. I used drugs and alcohol to cope with my anger and depression. Secular rehabs only reminded me of how broken I really was. I knew I needed the Lord but I didn't know how to get free from the chains that had me bound up. God led me to Teen Challenge. He has taught me how to come to Him with all my problems both big and small. I am not afraid to have dreams for my future anymore! I look forward to sharing God's message of love and hope and letting others know that there is hope for them too.



SELL that ye have, and give alms; Provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.