

Dear Friends,

The spring of the year is just around the corner. With spring comes warmer weather, flowers blossom, trees bud and bring forth new leaves, the grass turns a beautiful green, and the time springs forward. **Spring brings change.** That's what the ministry of Teen Challenge is all about - **change.** Jesus Christ is turning people from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Sins are gone and righteousness now reigns in their lives. The old is gone, the new has come. Indeed, they are **changed.**

Why don't you attend one of our upcoming **Spring Fundraising Banquets** and hear the personal testimonies of the **life-changing** power of Jesus Christ that they have experienced. Their testimonies of the **life-change** through the power of Jesus Christ will be a blessing to you. They certainly are to my wife and I. Please select one of these banquets, or even come to both of them.

Graduate Testimonies



Anna Gianino - My mother was deemed mentally unable to raise me, and my biological father was not in my life due to his drug addiction. I was raised by my grandparents, and they raised me in church. But I rebelled against God and all authority. My mother got diagnosed with breast cancer and ended up sharing her prescription pain killers with me. I became instantly addicted. After countless dangerous blackouts, getting in trouble with the law, and losing everything, I knew I needed God and a dramatic change in myself and in my life. Since I have been here at Teen Challenge, I have given my all to God and to this program. I have applied everything I was taught here that comes from the Word of God and I have become a new creature! I now have a burning passion to serve the Lord for the rest of my life.

Jose Castillo - I have no excuses for my past life. Alcohol and what I thought was a fun life knocked me down on my face. But thank God my pastors and wife talked to me about Teen Challenge, and I made the decision that changed my life forever. I realize that, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13



Shane Perry. I was not raised in church. I knew about Jesus, but didn't know Him. I was abused as a child by my father, which led me to having a poor opinion of myself. I discovered alcohol at a young age (12). It made me feel better, and I couldn't get enough. This led to a difficult life. Since I have been at Teen Challenge, my attitude toward life is totally different. I feel like I have a purpose for being here, and I feel like I am called to ministry. I want to help others find the joy I have in the Lord.



BANQUETS

Grand Rapids

First Assembly of God
Church Gymnasium
2100 44th Street SW
Wyoming, MI

Thursday, March 15

6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Muskegon

Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds
4759 Lake Harbor Road
Norton Shores, MI

6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Reservations are needed. RSVP to Cindy at 231.798.7927. Michelle and I look forward to seeing you at one of these banquets.

Saints, we serve a wonderful, **good** God. The Psalmist said "**Good** and upright is the Lord." Ps. 25:8. He also said "For thou, Lord, art **good**, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call on Him." Ps. 86:5. James 1:17 NLT tells us "Whatever is **good** and **perfect** comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the Heavens. **He never changes** or casts a shifting shadow." Thank God He never changes. He is always good and gives perfect gifts. But, thank God He can **change** us. Ez. 11:19 says "...I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh."

As we keep sharing the good news of God's word, God keeps **changing** the hearts of the students here at Teen Challenge.

Thank you for being such a blessing to all of us here. Your prayers and financial support means so much to all of us. Thank you for caring and sharing.

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

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