



Teen Challenge of East Tennessee

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MESSENGER

Thank You!!!

Your partnership with Teen Challenge is valuable to us. The ministry here in Knoxville is blessed to have such a valuable team of people reaching the lost by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for all you do!!!!

Teen Challenge Mission Statement

"Evangelize people who have life-controlling problems and initiate the discipleship process to the point where the student can function as a Christian in society applying spiritually motivated Biblical principles to relationships in the family, local church, chosen vocation, and the community.

Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive."

Parade of Tables

Twenty-one groups of ladies decorated and hosted beautiful tables as a fundraiser for Teen Challenge. The event was held at Knoxville Christian Center.

One table was chosen as our "Table of Special Mention." This table was hosted by Carolyn Goff of Farragut Christian Church. Our theme for the event was colors, and Carolyn chose brown.

Pictures of all the tables

and host names will be posted on our website at www.tcofetn.org. There you will be able to see Carolyn's table in full color.

Our thanks to all the women for working so hard and making our time together so much fun. The evening was a great success!

A special thanks goes to Ken Rains and family for catering our meal.

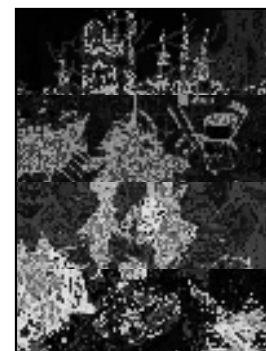
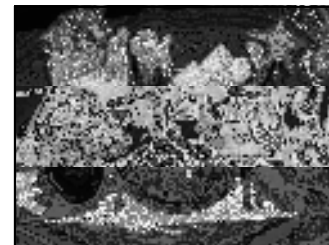


Table of Special Mention

Grand Opening of Counseling Center!!!

You Are Invited
May 19, 2007
3127 Martin Luther
King Jr. Ave.

- Ribbon cutting at 1:30 p.m.
- Open House 1:30-4 p.m.
- Refreshments will be served

There will be a dedication of the counseling center and the ladies crisis center. The crisis center has been named,

"Beacon of Hope."

It is our desire to have all of those who have prayed, given, or volunteered to come and

Extra parking will be available at 210 Mary St., where we park cars for the fair. The lot is across from the crisis center on Linden Ave.

Lots of faithful giving and hard work have gone into the opening of these facilities. We thank-you for your love and patience through this process.



“Quote
of the
Month”

Faith is to believe
what you do not
yet see; the re-
ward for this
faith is to see
what you believe.

-- **Saint Augustine**

Prayer Needs:

- Stacy Kelly – kidney failure
- Mother for her three children to accept Jesus as their Savior
- Son living a homosexual lifestyle
- Parents whose teenage daughter has tried to commit suicide several times
- For a business to increase
- Mother and children to be in unity
- George Turley – abdominal surgery
- Those who come through the counseling and crisis center



May 31– June 3, 2007

5:00 p.m.—come eat

6:30 p.m.—service

Would you consider placing the flyer insert in your churches and grocery stores? That would bless everyone involved.

Evangelism Outreach

Street ministry and the “door to door prayer initiative” begin March 1, 2007. We will meet every Tuesday night during the month of May to do outreach. Come and join us in this opportunity to reach the lost for Jesus Christ. The meeting place is the new Teen Challenge counseling center at 3127 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. We will begin at 6:30 p.m.

In the past three years approximately 150 people have come to know Christ because of the evangelism, Spiritual Explosion event and ministry through the center. Many ministries and denominations come together to make this possible. Thank you for partnering with us to reach the lost.

It is the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ that will transform our city and bring a righteous change. Bringing hope to our future by changing one life at a time.

Free to Grow Class



The purpose of this group study is to help people overcome disappointments and setbacks that have arrested or are presently hindering their emotional and spiritual development. The

group will help participants understand how to be set free so that they can grow and become all that God has designed them to be, to be freed from all addictions and hindrances.

The class begins June 7, 2007 and will meet every Thursday night 6:30-8 p.m. through August 23rd—12 sessions. Call to register.

Thoughts From The Word



They did what? *The people began to beg Jesus to leave the area.*

You mean the people asked Jesus to leave? That's right. Rather than thank Him, they dismissed Him? You got it. What would cause people to do such a thing?

Good question. What would cause people to prefer pigs and lunatics over the presence of God?

Or better...

What would cause an alcoholic to prefer drunken misery over sobriety?

What would cause a church to prefer slumber over revival?

What would cause a nation to prefer slavery over freedom?

What would cause people to prefer yesterday's traditions over today's living God?

The answer? Fear of change. Change is hard work. It's easier to follow the same old path than to move out into uncharted territory.

So the people dismissed Jesus. And since Jesus never goes where He isn't invited, He steps back into the boat.

Now watch what happens next.

As Jesus was getting back into the boat, the man who was freed from the demons begged to go with Him.

But Jesus would not let Him.

Strange way to treat a new believer, don't you think? Why wouldn't Jesus take him along? Simple. He had greater plans for him. "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how He has had mercy on you" (Mark 17:19).

There it is. The commissioning of the first missionary. One minute insane, the next in Christ. No training. No teaching. All he knew was that Jesus could scare the hell out of hell and apparently that was enough.

But even more surprising than the man who was sent is the fact that *anyone* was sent. I wouldn't have sent a missionary to some people who had just given me the boot, would you? A plague perhaps, but not a missionary. But Christ did.

And Christ does. He still sends the message to the unworthy. And He still uses the unworthy as messengers.

After all, look who's reading this book.

And look who wrote it.

Max Lucado, "He Still Moves Stones"



Teen Challenge of East Tennessee Area Ministries

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Yes, I would like to become personally involved in the ministry of Teen Challenge! Enclosed is my investment to see more lives changed.

() Special offering of \$ _____.

() I would like to make a monthly pledge of \$ _____.

() I will commit to pray for Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge reserves the right to direct these funds where it is deemed necessary for ministry purposes.

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail address _____

Please pray for my special need _____

Praise Report: _____