



# TEEN CHALLENGE

## ADULT CENTERS OF TEXAS, INC



Teen Challenge Adult Centers of Texas is looking forward to 2021. 2020 was a year of many ups and downs, but the Lord saw us through it all. In James, the 1st chapter, it refers to the testing of our faith that produces patience. It encourages us to let patience have her perfect work that we may learn to endure all things.

The students of TC faced the COVID-19 virus and all were healed. We quarantined and followed guidelines set, and realized the strength of the Lord in tough times.

With that mindset that God is still on the throne, we may have trouble in 2021, but if only we will trust Him with all our hearts, He will see us through it all.

The Lord is calling the staff and students to walk in "one accord" and seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit. As the disciples and 120 other people sought the Lord, the Spirit fell on them with great power. In today's troubled world, we need the power of the Holy Spirit. God will help us when we are in oneness with Him. The Lord is calling His people to a closer walk with Him; more time spent alone with the Holy Spirit, more time spent in His word, more time spent in prayer and supplication. United with the purpose of allowing His glory to come down in each one of our lives. In 2021, there may be many trials, but with every trial there will be victories in Jesus' name.

We appreciate your prayers and support. We pray that all would come to Jesus, receive His salvation, and join with the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. May God be glorified in 2021 in all of our lives.



Sincerely,

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Executive Director



## November

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## There is much to be thankful for this year, given everything that has taken place. God is still on the throne, Christ still reigns in our hearts, and the Spirit still moves amongst His people.

- Well, I got to spend this year's Thanksgiving with my dad and his wife. I am so grateful to be an asset to my family this year; actually helping them cook and just getting to enjoy their company. I've missed a lot of holidays in my past. Even if I was there, I was high and not really there. So what did this Thanksgiving mean to me? I just really enjoyed being present, spending quality time with my dad. I know my mom enjoyed knowing I'm in this program, bettering my life. This year, Thanksgiving meant more to me than any other year, because I have so much in my life to be grateful for. I'm super excited for Thanksgiving holidays in the future to finally be apart of family gatherings and not have them stressed out about me. So it is now a time to really sit and reflect on what the Lord had done in my life and to really appreciate my new life in Christ. R.S.
- Thanksgiving is thanking Him for all the good things He has done. C.T.
- This Thanksgiving may have been a lot different than any in the past for me, but it meant unity in unexpected places. A.H.
- This Thanksgiving, I have been blessed to be able to refocus my thoughts and emotions towards what is important; my heart being retuned to the spirit God has sent to dwell inside of me. J.N.
- It was my first Thanksgiving without my family, but I'm learning how to be grateful in every circumstance: good or bad. S.R.
- I am so thankful for a place to sleep, three meals a day, a bed, running water, and the time to work on myself. K.S.
- My first answer would've been God answering my prayers and blessing my obedience, but then I got the opportunity to see God work through and around me. M.
- This was my first Thanksgiving in years that I was sober and safe. My break was bitter-sweet. Family is very important to me; my three daughters are my world, but the choices I decided to make created unhealthy patterns and behaviors. For the future, I will be able to use the tools I am learning and create new patterns and behaviors each day, and I will have many more years with my girls and a future that now has hope. K.F.
- Thanksgiving is more than a holiday to feast on, but is literally praising God, thanking Him for pulling me out of Egypt. Thanking and praising Him all day long. C.C.
- A time to be thankful for everything God is and has been doing in our lives, Time to reflect on the changes He has made in us. M.B.
- It is true that you don't realize the good things until they are gone, and while the past 10 years I may have chosen to stay away from those I considered family. The choice having been made for me was hard, but I am staying strong and focused to see this program to the end because I have faith that better things will come from this time away from them. C.K.
- For the first time in 3 years, I was free and got to enjoy my family and my new brothers at the Teen Challenge center sober. R.S.
- Thanksgiving is a time to have fun and enjoy it. I wish I was with my family, but it is okay. I am thankful to be here getting a new mindset.
- I am very thankful that God had His hand on me the entire time, even though there were many times in my life I felt Christ was no where around. C.I.
- I personally give thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ and Teen Challenge for the help I was seeking when I was out there wasting my life. R.A.
- Thanksgiving meant seeing my children again after being sober for 3 months and being able to spend time with them in my senses. It was a real refresher for my faith. G.G.
- Thanksgiving meant to me a time to reflect on the pain that led me here. I am grateful for this opportunity to affect the rest of my life. P.M.
- It was a time to rest and relax, to get in unity with everyone and just connect and become a brotherhood. S.R.
- It was a time to be thankful for what we have and not so much grief in our lives. We just got to kick back and relax; play card games, dominoes, and other games; and watch movies. R.J.



## The greatest Christmas gift our students received was an opportunity to spend time with their families.

- Christmas break was really good. I got to spend time with all my family, children, and grandchildren. Christmas to me this year was also different because I feel like it meant more now that I have a deeper, more intimate relationship with the Lord. Knowing everything he has done for me, so it was more special celebrating His birth. Yes, I bought my kids presents like I always do, but giving them Bibles and planting that seed was the best gift they have ever received. I thank the Lord that He sent me here to Teen Challenge to grow more intimate with Him. I thank Him for everything. The Kohl's shopping was just a plus from the Lord. M.M.
- I am very grateful to those who provided for us to shop at Kohl's. I was able to shop for my daughter and put a smile on her face. A.R.
- My Christmas break was full of love. A love I always had, but chose to ignore and take advantage of: the support from my parents, family, and others around me. Something I will never do again. I asked to get baptized over my break, and my parents, with the help of friends, made it special. A.H.
- Everything about the Kohl's shopping and Christmas break was a blessing, because God is the one to make it happen. S.
- On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Day stopped by the women's center and surprised us with some scrumptious homemade chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate. I truly began to see that I have a beautiful church family. I was able to understand how many more holidays I'll get to spend with my girls.
- In my madness, I never had money to buy my family presents, so to be able to spend money and wrap gifts for my family to open, and to see the looks on their faces, made me so happy. E.
- Being the first year I've been away from my 4 boys was rough. At 4:30 p.m. on December 23rd, 2020, I saw, talked to, hugged, shared a meal, and heard my boys laugh for the first time since July 2nd. This pass let me see God moving around me and that His timing is truly incredible. M.
- Provision for my family that wouldn't have been possible if God didn't show up and show out. B.
- For the last 2 years, I wouldn't get my babies anything, but this year Kohl's shopping blessed me with the chance to buy my kids brand new presents. And then God blessed me through one of the staff members.
- I am very thankful to those that see beyond our addictions and cared about us to provide the opportunity to shop at Kohl's. I was able to get my kids some very nice things. A.V.
- My Kohl's shopping experience brought to my mind a poem from school:  
The love in our hearts was not put there to stay,  
Love is not love till you give it away. J.S.
- Since I spent Thanksgiving eating Denny's in a hotel room by myself, getting to go out for Christmas with friends was awesome. A.C.
- It was a blessing to get the Kohl's card and a blessing to be able pass it to somebody who would really appreciate it by buying gifts for the shelter kids. J.N.
- I use to avoid everyone because of one reason or another, but now I don't want to do that because after all this time away from them has gotten me to realize that I have people in my life that I really do care about and hope only good things for them. C.K.
- I personally am not used to having nice things or people giving the way Teen Challenge gives, it was a lot of fun to go with my new brothers and get a few things we needed even though the farm blesses us with everything we will ever need at this moment. K.S.
- I finally found joy. I am also just learning how to really use it for good. S.R.
- I had a wonderful time for Christmas, got full of Christ, food, and soda. L.B.
- Kohl's was truly a blessing I did not deserve. It made me feel loved, wanted, and worthy; all emotions I lacked before I came here. It was truly a gift. M.VD.
- For the first time in my whole life, Christmas was about the birth of my Lord. The God who released me from bondage. C.C.
- The Kohl's shopping and the overall holiday experience at the farm made me realize how much the staff here cares for us and I can see the Lord working through them. P.M.
- I wasn't so worried about a gift, but was more focused on the reason we celebrate Christmas. R.S.
- Actually getting to be with my family for the first time in 3 years meant so much to me. R.S.
- Christmas break and Kohl's was a great blessing to me and my brothers. It made me feel normal for a time when I needed it most. M.B.
- I wanted to buy me a couple of things, but I decided to buy gifts for a couple of people; including my mom. It was a good feeling to give gifts to some Buddys here at Teen Challenge. C.T.
- I was blessed and I really appreciate the opportunity we got to go shopping at Kohl's with the gift card. R.A.



Every year, The Nonprofit Management Center hands out awards for excellence in the nonprofit sector. Known as the Beacon Awards, they celebrate greatness in five different categories; Excellence in Collaboration, Excellence in Governing Board Leadership, Excellence in Organizational Leadership, Program Excellence, and Volunteer of the Year. We are pleased to announce that our very own Executive Director, David Day, has been announced as the co-recipient of the 2020 Beacon Award for Excellence in Organizational Leadership. As with many events from this last year, the Beacon Awards will not be held in its typical format. Time and place for the event are still being determined and we will update everyone when the date is set. Join us in celebrating our Executive Director's nomination as well as his many years of service to the Teen Challenge Adult Centers of Texas program and its mission. We encourage you to write letters of congratulations to:

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