

Teen Challenge of Arkansas

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From Tim Culbreth, Executive Director



A new school year has begun with all the promise and potential that each teacher, student, and parent hopes for. What weighs heavy on our hearts, however, is the continued and expanding addiction to opioids that our kids must contend with.

You've seen the news reports. You've read the statistics. Opioid addition is real and expanding. Some of this is because of lax supervision from medical professionals. Some is because addicts know how to play the system. But much of this is because of a massive spiritual cavern in the souls of people searching for help and answers.

Teen Challenge of Arkansas remains ready and committed to come alongside those who struggle with life controlling problems – such as opioid addiction. We also remain committed to do everything in our power to make sure that our kids remain safe so that they can flourish in their potential, unhindered by addiction or self-destruction. One of the important ways we do this is by helping men who are fathers, stepfathers, and even grandfathers – to overcome their life controlling problems. That's our mission. That's our objective.



Admissions Information
Teen Challenge of Arkansas is a faith-based residential program for adult males who have life controlling problems. The entire program lasts a minimum of 15 months. If you are interested in entering our program, you will need to call Inductions at 501-624-2446. You will also need to complete an online Induction Application, which can be found on our website:

www.teenchallengear.org

If you need a program that works with women, adolescents, or families, please go to www.teenchallengeusa.com

To Schedule Our Choir

contact Judy McEarl
501-624-2446 x 506 or
tcchoir@teenchallengear.org

Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars for these Teen Challenge of Arkansas upcoming events:

- August 24-25: Guest Beau Walker speaks at our Teen Challenge Chapel for our students
- September 3: Labor Day
- September 8-9: Teen Challenge assists with DeGray Iron Mountain race and X-Terra Tri-Arkansas races
- September 23: Choir service at Sparkman Assembly of God
- September 27: Promotion night at Teen Challenge!
- October 2: Teen Challenge sings and assists at the Garland County Leadership Prayer Breakfast
- October 7: Choir service at Missionary Baptist Church, Marianna
- October 14: Choir service at Naylor United Methodist Church
- October 16: Teen Challenge Annual Golf Tournament
- October 25: Promotion night at Teen Challenge!

Annual Golf Tournament October 16th!

Thanks to our awesome 2017 sponsors: Crossgate Church in Hot Springs, Village Construction, Murphy USA, Rolando's, and Team Jennings. We are excited to announce *this year's Golf Tournament* to benefit Teen Challenge! It will be October 16th at the gorgeous Magellan Golf Course in Hot Springs Village.

For information, contact Derek at 501-624-2446 x 101 or derekc@teenchallengegear.org.



Check Out Our Website!
teenchallengegear.org

A Difficult Childhood, Profound Loss, and a Life Undone

Out of Hopeless Circumstances, Levi Found Hope



For as long as I can remember, my parents were both addicted to crack cocaine. I avoided being home, especially between the ages of 10 and 13, because every time I went there, they were fighting or in the bathroom for hours on end, smoking crack. I remember always being hungry. Eventually, I moved in with a friend and that's when my own addictions began. Cigarettes, weed, alcohol, and eventually - predictably - meth took over my life.

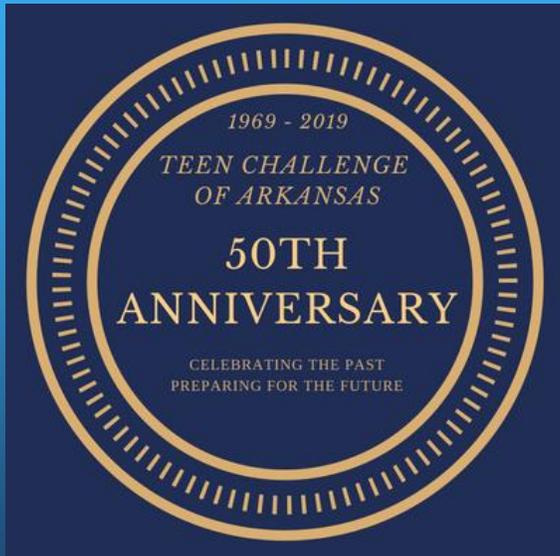
And then, something completely unexpected happened. When I was 14, my parents got clean for the first time in my life and we moved to Pocahontas, Arkansas. Things changed and for the first time in my life, I felt like I was living in a "home." Even though things were looking up, this is when everything flipped for me. My parents were clean and we were functioning as a family, but so much damage had already been done, my downward spiral had begun. I pulled back from my newly functioning family and I pushed them away.

When I was 16, I was sent to Job Corp. I was able to stay clean for 8 months. I remember my mom calling me as I was heading home. She told me how proud she was of me, how proud she was that I had worked so hard to secure a better future. But then, by the time I got home, I headed straight for the hospital where my mom died four hours later. I was heartbroken.

I stayed with my dad to help him out and got certified in welding and OSHA 10 Safety. But as the days dragged on, grief over the loss of my mother became too much and I relapsed to push away my depression and sorrow. One night, my dad came to me and we had a very blunt conversation. He confronted me to ask when I was finally going to be able to set all this down and become a stable man. I had no answer. Before he left, he hugged me so tight I think I can still feel it. I crashed in my brother's room, only to be awakened a few hours later by my uncle who told me that my father wasn't waking up. I went to him, attempting to revive him, but he was already gone.

My addiction really took off after that. I was up for weeks at a time, stealing from everyone. My uncle had enough and moved to Texas. It was when he took everything and left me it began to click in my heart that it was time for a change. I realized that I truly wanted to be the man my father saw in me. I wanted to be the son my mom was so proud of before she died.

I entered Teen Challenge of Arkansas and God has not only forgiven me, but has helped me to forgive myself. I can't thank God enough for opening the door for me to come to this amazing place where I can work through my emotional and spiritual distress. I have been placed on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. I now have one goal: that the Light of Jesus will shine through me so others will know the hope and peace I have found in Him. I thank God for this second chance and I thank God that Teen Challenge of Arkansas was ready to help me. I can't imagine where I'd be today were it not for these wonderful opportunities.



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