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We had a very busy month of December! What a great closing to a great 2022! We had staff dinners, a staff party, a ladies luncheon, went to a love feast, lots of worship services and even managed to have a yard sale. We were very blessed by the outpouring of Jesus' love through the gifts we received and the Christmas sponsorships that allowed us to have enough money for the residents and to purchase gifts for the resident's children. We also blessed our teachers with some homemade goodies for all their dedication throughout the year. We made an Advent calendar with the names of Jesus and were able to learn more about who He is through the daily scripture readings. We also were geared up for our live nativity but only were able to do it for one night due to the bad weather but the night we did was absolutely amazing. We had lots of great fellowship and played lots of fun games as a family. The residents are really learning what it means to have fun in the Lord and what the real reason for living is...Jesus!!



# Happy New Year





Hello everyone, my name is **Carrie Mitchell**. I am 47 years old. I was born in Memphis, TN but I was raised in New Braunfels, TX. I had a good childhood with good parents that taught me morals and values and the importance of making good grades. I listened and did what they told me to do. When I was 15, I developed a rebellious streak and started drinking. I also seemed to take the partying just a little further and a little further. I had many other drugs involved in my rebellious lifestyle from cocaine to heroin to meth, but drinking was also the primary vice all the way up until the time I came to Freedom House. I had a season in my early thirties where I managed to settle down a bit. I had a beautiful daughter but I soon chose drugs over her and she had lived with her father every since she was 5 years old. She is now 13. I am very grateful to her father for being so good to her and raising her. She is beautiful! A couple of years ago I beat breast cancer and had a million reasons to be thankful and want to live, but again I chose the bottle over gratitude. I ended up in the hospital for what seemed to be the 100<sup>th</sup> time. I told the nurses that I was not leaving until there was a plan in place for me to go to a long term facility and get the help I needed. They asked me if I was willing to go to a faith-based facility and I agreed. That's how I ended up in the small town of Holcomb, MO at Freedom House. I did not know Jesus when I got here. After I was here for a week, I had a very bad seizure and was taken to the hospital. They kept me for a few days, and I was told to call my senior counselor every day. I did and she led me to the Lord over the phone. I got saved!! A few days later I was back at Freedom House and I got baptized. Jesus began to show me that I was bitter and angry and prideful and judgmental. He also showed me how much He loved me despite those things and wanted to heal me and give me a new life. I graduated the program but realize now that the last part of the program, my mind was really back in the world. I didn't like to be told no, so after I graduated and took a 4-6 month staff training commitment, I walked out. It took 3 short weeks for everything to completely fall apart. I was able to see my daughter when I left and that was awesome, but I was also able to destroy what the Lord had restored with me and her and with me and other family members. I cried out to the Lord, and He directed me right back here to finish what He started. When I came back, I had a peace that surpassed everything. I know that His timing is perfect and that He will restore what I tried to break. I have a different attitude. I realize that I don't have to be perfect but I have to be in His will for my life to have peace. I stand on the verse in Exodus 14:14 **"The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still."**



Freedom House has had a great year in the Lord!

Thank you all for the Prayers, Christmas Sponsorships,  
Donations, Financial Support and for BELIEVING in what  
The LORD is doing here. We are GRATEFUL beyond words!!



Mark Your Calendars!!  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Banquet  
March 18 2023  
It will "bee" here before you know it!!

## JANUARY NEEDS

Bread, Oil, Eggs, Fresh Veggies  
Paper Towels, Anti-Freeze, Laundry Pods, Toilet  
Paper, Windshield Washer Fluid  
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HEBREWS 11:1