

FREEDOM HOUSE

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"Help for the desperate, those willing to seek Jesus Christ for the answers in their lives"

This years Graduation Banquet is going to be a lot of fun. We are all geared up with great ideas that all center around the fruit of the Spirit. We have all known most of the bad fruit at different parts of our lives; "sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties and other sins like these." Gal 5:19-21. We can even get really good at covering up some of this "bad fruit". But the Lord examines the heart and there is no covering things up from the Lord. We have to change our hearts. The Bible goes on to say that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Through the renewing of our minds and developing a relationship with Jesus, we begin to see the bad fruit replaced by His fruit..."love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal 5:22-23) It's a process. **This year we have 19 graduates of the residential program and 8 graduates of the staff training program.** It really is a huge accomplishment, worthy of celebrating. Each day we see victories through Jesus.

We count it a huge victory when someone learns to replace an outburst of anger with patience or jealousy with goodness or lustful pleasures with self-control. **Thank you Holy Spirit.**

We are super proud of what the Lord is doing at Freedom House and in the lives of the people He sends here. We pray that you can come out on March 20th and help us honor the Lord and the graduates of this past year.



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5TH Annual Graduation Banquet

Saturday, March 20th

6:00 pm @ Open Door Church Worship Center

(behind the house)

Tickets are just \$20

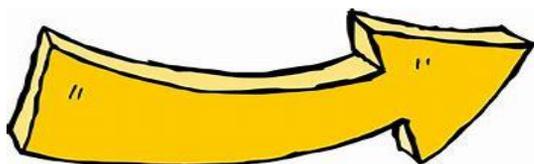
A night of celebrating

What the Lord Has Done!!

If you would like to sponsor a resident or staff member, please mark "sponsor" on the memo portion of your check

Please RSVP* to Susan Smith @314-640-0019

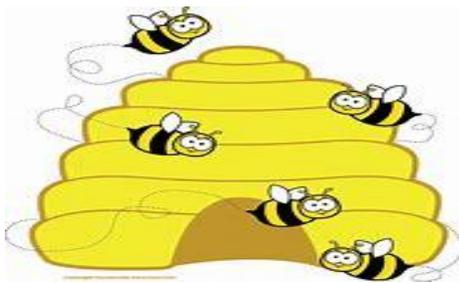
Or Dezirae Starcher @573-609-1175



We are moving forward with the hope from Jesus that we will be allowed to hold a celebration this year. We will keep everyone updated to any changes. If you re planning to attend, it is very important to get your reservations early. We may have to limit the amount of guest this year to be in compliance with our governing authorities. Thank you for understanding and please keep this covered in prayer.



My name is **Marissa Lesley**. I am 43 years old from Dexter, Missouri. I have been on and off drugs since I was 12 years old. I never really felt like I fit in anywhere and I've always struggled with low self-esteem issues. I came from a good family. My parents divorced when I was young, but they were both good and loving parents. Neither one of my parents ever had addiction problems. I started hanging out with the wrong crowd in school and that was my first step towards my downfall. By the age of 16, I was introduced to meth and by the age of 17- I was using meth through a needle. The needle has been a demon in my life for a very long time. I have been In and out of prison three times, went to thirteen rehabs over the years, and I have no idea how many outpatient drug classes I've been to. I've had years before where I could remain clean and free to drugs, but as soon as pressures came, I ran back to the only thing I knew of to "help me get through". I always ran back to drugs when things get too stressful or something traumatic happened. I'm tired of running to that temporary high and that false security. I am no longer a runner- I am a child of God!! I've been here at Freedom House learning to TRUST JESUS in all things big and small. It's not about reading the Bible here and there and just feeling better for a moment. It's about having a relationship with Jesus. **"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."** Matthew 6:33. Since I've been here my mom has been healed of rectal cancer, my oldest daughter, Aylah has given birth to my first grandson and He is restoring my relationship with my two younger children. I serve a big God and He is a God of restoration. I thank Him every day for saving me out of my mess and leading me here to Freedom House. It has changed my life in so many ways that it's hard to even try to put it in words. He knew exactly what I needed and when I needed it. **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are my ways your ways says the Lord for as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."** Isaiah 55:8,9



FEBRUARY NEEDS

Gallon Zip Lock Bags, Produce,
Coffee, Sugar
Mopheads, Toilet Paper, Large
and Small Envelopes

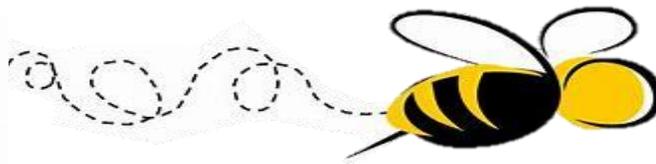
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Regular Monthly Supporters

We have a lot of fundraisers over the year, but we need regular support that we can count on each month.

Please pray and ask the Lord if you could pledge a portion of your giving to us.



Jesus made it very clear that our loving one another was not a suggestion, but a "new commandment" to us from God. It is not optional or dependent on who is right or wrong in any circumstance. It is a required mark of a Christian. Let us remember these words of Jesus in this ever-changing world.



In April we will be receiving our first shipment of bees!! Some to help with the greenhouse and some to harvest honey from. We are super excited to see how the Lord is going to use this in His ministry. We need a beekeeper suit and a beehive smoker. If you can help, please give us a call and as always, we ask that you pray for the Lord to bless this. Thank You!!

If you would like your church or business ad in our Graduation Book this year, please contact Dezirae or send in your payment with a copy of your ad. You can also just place an ad of encouragement to the graduates. We appreciate your help in making this a successful fundraiser!

Business card size \$15
Quarter page \$25
Half page \$50
Full Page \$100



*The banquet is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are raising funds to expand our residential capacity. Please pray about how you can be a part of this year's celebration.



If you are ready to be delivered from your life-controlling problems, if you are ready for JESUS, then we believe that our program is for YOU. If you are looking for help for yourself or for a loved one, please pick up the phone and call us today... 573-371-2020. We will be happy to help or direct you to one of our other 20 Mission Teen centers.