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

My mom, Sandy Arnold, went to be with the Lord in the early morning of August 27, 2020. She fought a 12-year battle with many different types of cancers. I remember growing up that she was always telling people about Jesus and she always made sure that my brother, sister, and myself were raised in church. (**"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6**) I was the youngest child and the only child that took a wrong turn along the way. My mother's favorite bible verse was **Phil 4:13," I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."** She really demonstrated that strength through her battle with cancer. My rock bottom moment came right after my mom got her initial diagnosis. I remember the last words she spoke to me before I DIED...she looked at me with total disappointment and said, *"I don't even know you and I can't believe all the things you have done."* Wow. That was the day I left her and entered Mission Teens. I truly died to myself to find my new life in Christ. (**Colossians 3:1-4 "Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."**) I know that her cancer was horrible, but I can definitely see that God used this to get my attention. **"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." Romans 8:28**

I remember during my first 2 months in the mission when we are not allowed to make phone calls, satan would remind me of those words my mom spoke to me and tell me that would be the last words I would ever hear her say. I had to fight daily to rebuke those thoughts and remind myself that God is a God of restoration and pray that he would not allow her to pass away without me being able to tell her that I was sorry and ask her to forgive me. God answered my prayer and allowed her to live another 12 years. She was able to see me turn my life around and live a life of service to Him. The last words she spoke to me before SHE DIED was *"I am proud of you and God isn't finished with you."* Wow. I praise God that she is no longer suffering, I thank God that she was able to witness a life change in me.

*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.

I CAN DO
 ALL THINGS
 THROUGH
 Christ
 WHO STRENGTHENS
 me
 Philippians 4:13





My name is **Jamie Black**. I'm 38 years old. I grew up in a small town, Russellville, Alabama. I had a good life with a very loving mother that was always there for me and worked really hard to provide for me. When I was 4 years old, my father took his own life as a result of drug use, so I never really had a dad in my life. My mother has 3 brothers and they were the ones who really raised me to be a man. Like I said I had a good life, always played sports in school but never really finished anything I started. When I was 13, I started smoking pot and drinking. I always knew that there was something more to life but never really could put my finger on it. By the time I was 16, I was partying every weekend and I dropped out of sports. By the time I was 18, I had dropped out of school. Things really got bad after that and I found myself doing things that I said I would never do. When I was 23, I gave my life to Jesus and also became a father. I realized that God had called me to preach, but the stress of being a dad and listening to the Lord proved to be too much and I turned back to the ways of the world. I spent a long time running from the Lord and His calling on me. In 2018 I was arrested for trafficking meth and I really thought I was going to prison this time. I sat in jail for 4 months calling out to God to help me. God moved and softened the heart of the judge by allowing me to come to Mission Teens. I've been in Mission Teens for almost 2 years now and love what God does every single day. The best thing God has done for me was sending me to Freedom House. God has put me under some awesome men and women of God to show me how to really serve and to walk in my gifts He has given me. I would like to say this Galatian 6:9 says, **"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."** That has really been something that I stand on because even when we think He's not there or we don't feel like nothing is happening He shows up and shows out. It's not always on our time but on His time and He's always on time!



UPCOMING Events

- ✓ **November 21st FALL TALENT SHOW**
- ✓ **December 19th CHRISTMAS PLAY**
- ✓ **December 20th – 23rd LIVE NATIVITY**



Sugar, Eggs, Cream, Hams, Turkey, Produce, Feminine Products, Women's Deodorant, Bleach, Rubbing Alcohol, Pick-up Truck or Van



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



Christmas is right around the corner! Christmas Sponsors Needed

We are currently collecting \$65 per person for purchasing their gifts.

For many of the people at Freedom House, this will be the first Christmas in a long time that they will spend sober. We want to make this holiday a great day for each of them. We let the residents make a list of things they want and then we go out and buy the items with the money that is raised, wrap them up and place them under the tree to open as a family on Christmas morning.

Please pray about being a blessing to us with a sponsorship

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