

# Teen Challenge Update

Colfax Training Center

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## Live Dynamic



Scott Good

Here in Colfax, we're in the process of beginning a Spirit-led worship team. The group was initiated by Teen Challenge graduate and staff member Scott Good, who learned how to play guitar and engage the Lord through song as a student in the program. He said, "Live worship was powerful for me, it added a depth of intimacy and now worship is a huge part of my life."

The purpose of the Teen Challenge worship team is to create an atmosphere where people can encounter God. Our prayer is that people will come away knowing something happened – God spoke to them or healed or just met with them.

Though many of the students are talented musicians, they've never been part of an organized band. Needless to say, it's been a learning experience; it's a great environment, an area of laughter and relationship and community.

The team creates an entirely new arena for discipleship. Everyone involved learns how to work together in a group. It brings the participants together and teaches team work. They have to rely on others and provide feedback at the same time. The band is a diverse bunch but it creates unity. And it creates relationships that may not have ever happened. Men from different backgrounds work together for a common goal and a shared vision.

The group began working together early this year and had their first worship service at a small church March 15th. On April 26th, they'll be ministering at Berean Assembly of God in Pleasant Hill in the morning and evening services. The team is available for church services and hopes to conduct live worship events in various venues such as the Special Touch Ministries events this summer.

If you'd like to talk to someone or schedule an event, contact Scott Good at (515) 674-3713 ext. 261 or [s.good@tcmid.org](mailto:s.good@tcmid.org).



Teen Challenge Worship Practice

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## Set Free: A Testimony of God's Saving Grace



Nathan

It blows me away to know that the Creator of everything gave His Son for me to show me how much He loves me. And He wants me to spend all of eternity with Him. I've known this story for so long... it's just now I want to live out my part the right way and follow Him with all of my heart. I still struggle everyday with the selfish part of me, but I'll never

forget where He found me. I was in the middle of nowhere, hopeless. My prayer, "Save me from myself God", brought me to Teen Challenge. I'm learning that being here is not always an easy ride. Everyday I have to lay down my desires but that's ok because my life isn't about me anymore.

I now know that I'm doing what God wants me to do. The blood of Jesus has washed away my filthiness. God has delivered me from addictions, it's nothing I pulled off it's just something He did for me because He loves me. I'm going to give Him all the glory. I used to be so distant and dishonest with everyone in my life, I couldn't hide it. But I'm not anymore, thank you Jesus.

I know that my plan for my life was nothing compared to the plan that God has in store for me. Since coming to Teen Challenge God has helped and begun to restore my relationships. My parent's prayers for me to follow Jesus have held fast the past ten years. I feel like I'm home now. I want to be the son, brother, grandson, and friend I really am on the inside without all of the distractions. I truly want to live my life for Jesus now. Nothing else in this world will satisfy me or make me happy.

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Tim

When I arrived at Teen Challenge I was severely depressed. Only two weeks earlier I had a spent night in the hospital psych ward. During my time at Teen Challenge I've found others who suffer from depression, along with other problems such as alcoholism and drug addiction. I'm finding that my time here is better when I seek out a Christian brother and ask him for prayer.

Along with depression I had other problems like pride, arrogance, and a cynical outlook on life. Just a bad attitude. But I'm learning that no sin is too big to give to Jesus Christ. I am truly thankful that God has blessed me with my health and a

roof over my head. Sometimes I still slip back into depression and cynicism. It's at these times I'm thankful that I'm no longer alone.

I haven't always struggled. In high school I graduated with a 3.6 GPA while being involved in concert band, choir, basketball, baseball, and writing for the school newspaper. After high school I graduated from UNI with a bachelor's in vocal music. It was about that time that I began to trust in myself rather than in Jesus Christ. When we begin to trust in ourselves rather than the Lord we can be sure that trouble will follow. Jesus is the rock, and it took Teen Challenge to break me of my pride. The bible says that, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Praise God for Teen Challenge, and for getting me back to the basics of following Him.

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