

# Solus Christus

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## I FOUND NEW HOPE

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### WISH LIST

Paper products-toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex

Ibuprofen, allergy meds, cold/cough meds, decongestion meds– non drowsy

Non perishable food

Trash bags

Laundry detergent pods

Food Lion gift cards

Cleaning supplies

Liquid hand soap, body wash, non aerosol hairspray

Feminine products

Shampoo & conditioner

Hair ties and makeup accessories

Deodorant

I am 19 years old. Our family started going to church, but slowly things fell apart. My dad decided to leave when I was 16. No warning. He was gone by the time we got home. Everything turned upside down. Mom became very depressed, not leaving her bed most days.

I began going out and drinking with my friends. The difference between us—I wasn't drinking to enjoy myself, I was drinking to numb myself. I didn't stop till I blacked out. I didn't care about anything. By 17 I moved into a townhouse. I sat alone all day in my home and drank myself to sleep, day after day. Not much time went by before the drinking just wasn't cutting it and I got into benzos. I became a monster. I then became an IV heroin user, selling dope, reaching my absolute worse.

No family, no friends, but I thought it was worth it. I'd finally found something that not only numbed the pain and feelings but made me feel good. The rest didn't matter. I watched friends die, many overdoses.

Mom begged me to turn my life around. I went to rehab, attempting to quit, but went back to what I new best. I lost everything I owned, used anyone I could and stole what I didn't get from them. I reached a very dark place in my life, nothing mattered anymore.

I needed serious help and didn't care what I had to do to get it. I ended up in jail. God saved me from going back out. I'm 100% ok with that. My mom found Solus Christus. I agreed to come here when I was released. I told my mom that God can't take away my addictions, my cravings, or my want, that I had to do this and that was the only way I could stay clean. I told her that I would always be an addict, even if I wasn't using and this would be some things I'd struggle with every day for the rest of my life.

My life has taken a 180 degree turn for the best. I've never felt better. I can talk to God now and not blame Him for all the wrong things that have happened in my life. I can praise Him and not feel ashamed. I can finally feel real love again and know it will never fail. Ever since I stepped foot on this property I've had a peace of mind that I haven't had in so long. Solus Christus has touched my life forever. I'll be forever grateful. God has made me a new creation. If you knew me 2 months ago, you would've never imagined these words coming out of my mouth. I don't ever want to be an addict again. I can't fix myself, but He can. I am so thankful He brought me here of all places. I've found a new hope for myself. I give the glory to God. He will ALWAYS restore what the locust has eaten and I praise Him for that. I know "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13



*"He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his good deed"* Prov 19:17

## WORSE TIME OF YEAR

**F**or some people Christmas is the worst time of year. Can you see the young lady standing behind bars looking out at a hopeless world? For many year after year they are in prison or jail alone with no one when others are with their families, opening presents, eating a big meal.

Gina was at her rehab, doing well, but charges caught up with her. Now, years have gone by and she's still in prison, alone. Sin takes people to terrible lengths, to deep holes of darkness.

But thank God Gina is sharing the hope of Christ with others while she is locked up. She has shared with women about Solus Christus a place to come, be safe and start anew.

Your gifts this Christmas help provide for women like Gina giving them a real Christmas, one with food, warmth, clothes, the surpassing love of Christ and hope of a future.

Thank you.

## FURNITURE + THRIFT

Awesome open house at the thrift store. Be sure to visit them this season. Lots of great items.

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## PRAISE & PRAYER

- Praise the Lord for stepping into our dark world, for loving the broken ones.
- Praise God for wonderful, faithful supporters in the battle against evil.
- Praise the Lord for jobs for our graduates.
- Pray for the ladies as they grieve separation from their families during this season.
- Praise the Lord for new Board of Directors members willing to lead us.
- Pray for our hearts as we day in and day out work with very broken women. Pray we will never forget our own brokenness.

*"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."* Matthew 25:40

## LEARNING TO TRUST

I grew up in a big family. They loved us very much. I was a lot different from every other kid I knew. My parents were very strict and sheltered us. I had a hard time dealing with it. As far back as I can remember, I dealt with depression, anxiety, panic attacks and low self esteem. Self-harming started with punching myself, and cutting to relax the hurt and pain that I bottled up for so long. It was my way of expressing anger and punishing myself for screwing everything up. I started using cold and allergy meds to get high or sleep.

By 2014 I was raped. No one believed me. I isolated more, started drinking a lot, smoking weed and using more pills. My depression got worse. I attempted suicide. It didn't work. I became more angry. All I thought about was when and how to kill myself. I struggled with an eating disorder too that almost killed me.

Most my boyfriends were abusive physically, mentally and verbally. No one understood what I was going through. After another suicide attempt, by God's grace, I woke up in the hospital a couple days later. But, I was angry I was alive.

I found a Gideon New Testament in the hospital and almost read the whole thing. I realized I was not in control. God is and He saved my life for a reason. It was a miracle that I was still alive.

My parents found Solus Christus. I've learned a lot about who God really is. I've made some really good friends and received a lot of encouragement and inspiration. I can't wait to see what God has in store for me. I'm learning to trust Him more every day. His word means so much more to me each day. Col 1:13 He delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.



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*"He who is generous will be blessed for he gives some of his food to the poor."*  
Proverbs 22:7

## VICTORY IN HIM

Christmas time. He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Hope, without it we perish. Jesus came "to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.", Luke 1:79. We have seen Him our hope and our peace bring life to many, many in the enemy's snare.

Becky—over 3 years sober, working as a nurse, strong relationship back with her family.

Ashley—4 years clean and sober, working at her treatment facility, Walter Hoving Home, super relationship with her family and friends.

Jennifer—over 3 years clean and sober, working as a nurse, raising her daughter in the Lord

Amber—over 7 years clean and sober, married expecting 2nd child, going to college.

Ashley—over 7 years clean and sober, married, has a little girl, works in the hair salon business.

Hundreds, Hundreds walking in victory with Christ in a new life because He brought healing, forgiveness and love. Thank you for your part in bringing hope this season and around the year.

### Gifts given in honor of

Karan Reavis by Jone Reid

Jane Eskew's birthday by Jacqueline Todd

Chanda B. Major by Janice Best

Sierra Stafford by Linda Angell

Stacey Queen by Gay & Don Pennell

Haley Grant by Nevada Cofer

Jennifer Droge by Jane Droge

The Glory of God by Patsy Thrift

### Gifts given in memory of

Jean K Hennings by Paul Hennings

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Floyd & Betty Hutson by Nicky & Kathy Campbell

Bo Winn by Carol Winn

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