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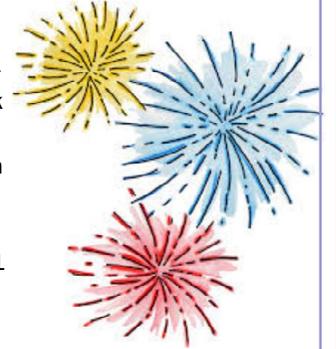
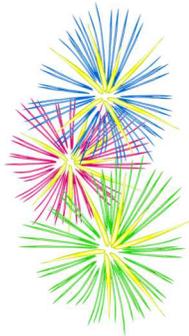
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## PRAISING HIM

Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. AMEN.

Ephesians 3:20-21



## WISH LIST

Supplies of all kinds for the new houses, broom, vacuum, etc.

Office paper, one subject notebooks, Kleenex

Ibuprofen, allergy meds, cold/cough meds, band aids, decongestion meds- non drowsy, bug spray

Food, perishable and non perishable

Trash bags, tall kitchen and big black bags

Laundry detergent pods, dish soap

Food Lion gift cards

Cleaning supplies, furniture polish, bathroom cleaner, Windex, floor cleaner

Liquid hand soap, body wash, non aerosol hairspray, shampoo, deodorant

Makeup, accessories

First aid supplies

Socks, underwear, bras

Calling cards for ladies going to rehab

Chap stick

*Thank you River Oaks, the 100s and 100s that ran in the 5K and the many sponsors. Over \$12,748 was raised to help women find hope in Christ and a way out of addiction.*



## OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

I had a hard and confusing childhood. My father was addicted to crack. I watched my mom cry many nights when he wouldn't come home for 3 or 4 days at a time. When he did, they fussed and broke things then made up. I had to ride with him to the store to make sure he would come back. One time he didn't want to tell me no because my mom would know where he was going. So, he told me yeah and dropped me off at the end of the dirt road. Mom asked why I was back, why I wasn't with my dad. I felt like I failed her. I used to sit at the window waiting on him to come back and he never did.

I was broken as a child. When I got older I didn't want to be like my dad and put my kids through that kind of hurt. When I was 16 I started to do the same things to my mom that he did. I did everything. I overdosed at 16 and woke up in the hospital. I didn't know what happened. I ended up doing jail time. I got pregnant, had my son and figured this would change me. It didn't. I would leave my son with my sister for days getting high. I would bring presents to my son all the time. One day he told me he didn't want any presents, he wanted to see me.

One day I got a text that my 5 year old son had been run over. I rushed to the hospital and of course I was tipsy. When the ambulance got there he asked was he going to quit breathing and he wanted his mom. All I could think was if I hadn't of wanted to get high he would be ok. I prayed please don't take him and God didn't.

It didn't stop me. I kept going to jail. My only option was rehab, but I didn't want a Christian rehab. I tried not to come to Solus but the other applications all were denied. I had to come here. God literally dragged me to him. I remember telling my mom that I didn't want Jesus pushed on me. Well I got here, saw a bunch of crazy women that were excited over God. But, God changed me. I have so much joy that I've never had. I'm not lost anymore. I can be a good mom. I know I never would have made it to where I am if God wasn't there the whole time. "To all who mourn in Israel He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." Isaiah 61:3



## PRAISE & PRAYER

- Praise the Lord as He moves forward in amazing ways with the new house.
- Praise the Lord as we are in awe of His love and presence at Solus.
- Please continue to pray for the staff needs as we expand.
- Praise Him for the women that now know Christ the Redeemer and friend.
- Thank the Lord for laughter throughout the day, especially when the Port-a-Jon fell over in the storm!
- Praise the Lord for new Christian rehabs and transition homes for women opening up soon.
- Pray for healing for the women as they are coming in with more and more health issues—broken bones, diabetes, epilepsy, pregnancy, etc.

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## HE STUCK A GUN TO MY HEAD

**M**y name is Brittany. My childhood wasn't really a childhood. In 2nd grade my mom's boyfriend moved in with us.

She worked 3rd shift. This man climbed into my bed, fondled me and got aggressive. It hurt really bad. I ran as fast as I could out the front door to my mom's friend. The cops came. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison.



So, at the age of 10 I moved in with my dad. Mom had cancer and couldn't handle us kids anymore. I lived with him for 2 years. We were walking home one day when a man cut the corner and hollered to my dad to give him all his money. My father proceeded to give him his money, but the guy shot him twice anyway. As my father laid there I remember screaming "Don't leave me! Don't leave me! Don't leave me! I was by myself. He passed away. As I was planning his funeral, my dad's brother who went to prison for raping my cousin kicked in the door. He stuck a gun to my head and said I had to sign over my dad's body or he would shoot me. I couldn't handle it anymore.

I moved back to the Carolinas where I started to break out of my shell and get in trouble. I set the trailer park on fire, got on probation and was sent to the doctor. I was put on benzos and immediately fell in love with them. I was 13. By my 20s I was on hooked on meth. I started using IV.

After numerous trips to the hospital, I had no food, no clothes and nowhere to live. All I could do was pray for the Lord to send somebody to help me. He sent my cousin and his wife. They took me off the street, fed me, clothed me and gave me a warm place to stay. Soon I was in church every week. God called me to Him and I was saved. That same week my pastor told me about Solus Christus. I was here the very next week.

God has taken me and transformed me into a grateful believer in Jesus Christ. I owe my new beginnings to Solus because without my Solus sisters I would have never have stayed. I totally got to know God and have such a strong and personal relationship with Him.

**"Nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37**

**For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Hebrews 3:4**

**G**od is in charge of the weather. He has watered our spring garden so we have plenty to eat and to share. Our summer garden is healthy and lush. We are grateful for the days and days of rain. God is building the new houses in His time and His way so He will be praised and not man. Contractors are backed up because of the rain but the new houses will be finished exactly when God says. Keep us in your prayers as we learn patience, trust and faith to rejoice when we can't see through the storm!



Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives all fear is gone.....Life is worth the living just because He lives. Bill Gaither

**"Christ lives in me and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and delivered Himself up for me." Galatians 2:20**

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Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2a



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