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Testimony From Debbie Byrne



This is for anyone waiting for a prayer to be answered. I grew up in an alcoholic family. I started drinking before the age of six. Not a lot, but some. When I was ten, God sent someone into my life that would turn out to be my

best friend. She moved into the third floor. We had the same first name and the same age. Our birthdays were only four days apart, but we were as different as night and day. I was filled with anger and rage. She was a Born Again, Holy Ghost filled Christian. She told me about Jesus. I went to a Catholic School, so I thought I knew Him, but I didn't even know that it was God Himself who came down to save me. She tried to get me to read the Bible, but I thought it was written by men and it wasn't true. Being a Born Again Christian, she saw beyond the anger and saw pain that I couldn't see or feel. She would tell me the only way I could have peace and be happy was by Jesus. He was the Way, the Truth and the Life. I wish I would have listened.

By the time I was twelve, I was hanging around with twenty year olds and doing drugs. By the age of fourteen, I had my first of many accidents. Friends said I wouldn't make it to eighteen if I kept doing what I was doing. I was selling drugs at fourteen. By nineteen, I was an alcoholic and drug addict. By the time I was thirty, I was so sick and tired of drinking and drugging. I wanted to stop but I couldn't. The first time I went into rehab was in 1990. At the time, I was diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver. My best friend, Debi, kept in touch with me and asked me to go to a church rally with her because

God was the only one who could deliver me. I said I couldn't go because I was drinking all day but she talked me into it. That night, the most incredible thing happened to me. I received the gift of the Holy Spirit. I never felt so great in all my life. I

went home and dumped the rest of the bottle out. I thought it was finally over. I got baptized in Jesus name the next day. I did well for a few months but still wanted to drink and drug again. Debi told me it was Satan trying to get me back and not to give in, but again, I didn't listen. My drinking got worse than ever. I became a crack addict, went through drug overdoses, drug deals gone bad with guns involved, suicide attempts, nights in jail, and living in my car. This went on for twenty years. Last year, the drugs stopped but the drinking was twenty four hours a day. I slept with a bottle next to me. It took a half pint of straight vodka (that's what I was drinking) just to get out of bed to go to the store for another bottle. My body couldn't take it. I was getting sicker and sicker. I kept believing that God would deliver me so I kept reading His Word and going to church. I never wanted to believe that Satan had any part of me. I would rather blame myself. I finally accepted that it was him and the fight began. I would yell at him and tell Satan he couldn't have me. I was a child of the King of Kings, Lord of Lords and Glory of Glories. I would cling to His Word and quote scripture to him. "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. You've already been defeated; you know the end of the book as well as I do. I am covered by the blood". I would sing praise

*"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."
Romans 8:14*

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Upcoming Events

Prayer Nights at the CFC:

Every 1st & 3rd Friday, 7:00 pm

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Every 3rd Saturday monthly,
8:00am

Women's Fellowship:

Every 2nd Saturday monthly,
9:00 am

Night Time Support Group:s

Men's starts in the Fall 2010
Women's starts in the Fall 2010

Women's Daytime Support Group

Starts in the Fall 2010

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Every Friday Night
7:00 pm @ the CFC

HOME GROUP MEETINGS:

Please Call Church office for times & locations

CFC Storehouse Soup Kitchen:

Every Friday, 4:30—5:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

CFC Storehouse Food Pantry:

Every Wednesday
8:30 am till Noon.

CFC Storehouse Clothing Ministry:

Tuesday thru Thursday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Testimony Nights 6:00 p.m. at
CFC

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Webster Bank for awarding a check to the Christian Fellowship Center in the amount of \$2,000.00 to benefit the CFC Food Pantry. Your support of the CFC ministries is a blessing to the community. God Bless you always.

George A. & Grace L. Long Foundation, Bank of America and Alan S. Parker CoTrustees Grant \$3,000 to the CFC Food Pantry

We would also like to thank the George A. & Grace L. Long Foundation, Bank of America and Alan S. Parker, Co-Trustees for a grant awarded to the Christian Fellowship Center Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in the amount of \$3,000.00 to feed the hungry. Your support in joining us to feed the those less fortunate in our communities is such a blessing and we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you always.

Foodshare of Greater Hartford Grants \$1,500 to the CFC Soup Kitchen

Foodshare has awarded the CFC/Storehouse with a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a new Serving Counter which will be used to serve meals for the Soup Kitchen. Thank you so much for helping us to make our soup kitchen more efficient for the clients we serve! You have truly been a blessing to us.

"All-U-Can Eat" Pasta Supper

The All U Can Eat Pasta Supper held at the Christian Fellowship Center was a big success, raising \$4,700.00 to benefit the Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Clothing Ministry, CFC Carehouse and Youth Center. We would like to thank everyone that supported us in this event, and everyone that volunteered their time. We couldn't have done it without you. God bless you all.



Post Office Food Drive Collects 16,000 Pounds of Food



I want to thank all the volunteers who helped! We raised about 16,000lbs of food which blessed the Food Pantry! Praise God. We serve a great God I pray blessing on all the volunteers and all who donated.

God Bless,
Robert Wilk
CFC Storehouse Director
Keep smiling! Jesus loves you!



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and worship songs, tell him that with my last breath I will praise the Name of Jesus.

“One day, every knee shall bow; even yours, I can’t wait to see that day”. One scripture that I always quoted and believed is found in (Phil. 1:6) that says, “He who begun a good work in you shall not finish until the day of Jesus Christ.” Another one says “I will never leave you or forsake you.” These scriptures still comfort me. Finally, last October, it was over. Praise God, I woke up and didn’t need or want a drink. I have to mention that not only was I delivered, but healed of Cirrhosis as a blood test revealed. Thank God for my best friend who prayed for me for 41 years without losing faith. So keep believing, keep praising and keep praying.

I’m also thankful for Pastor Herb. It’s a privilege to be a part of his church. I wasn’t looking for a new church but a friend of mine needed one and wasn’t comfortable in the

one I was attending. I went to other churches with her and I knew they weren’t right. I was volunteering in the Food Pantry at the time, so I got to know and like members of this church and everything I heard about their beliefs and saw all the ways they help others. I thought it would be good for her. I came with her and found out I was right. I could feel the Holy Spirit. God speaks to you through tongues and interpretation. They only teach from the Word of God. You can look at people singing and worshipping and know it’s from their heart. They truly love the Lord. All these things are important to me. My friend stopped coming, but I kept coming every week. Pastor Herb’s love and hunger for the Lord makes him able to be used in mighty ways. I’ve seen people healed, slain in the Spirit and Pastor Herb will stop during the service to call someone out to tell them what God told him they need to hear. He called me out when he didn’t

know me and told me God wanted me to know that my oppression was going to be lifted and that was when I was going through my battle with Satan. So this was something that I really needed to hear and I’m grateful that God uses Pastor Herb in all the ways He does. His excitement when he gets a revelation about something to teach is awesome. Just recently, he taught about how Satan can attack us, the ways he uses and how to use the Word to fight back. I wish I heard that lesson while I was going through my battle. I urge everyone to get the CD’s because I am sure we all know someone that can use them. When you’re being attacked, it’s really hard to look up scripture against it. So, it’s good to have them ready. No matter what you’re going through, just keep believing, keep praising and keep praying. Don’t give up before the miracle comes.

Debbie

Walk Against Hunger Raises \$1500

Stop & Shop Donates \$2,068



Walk Against Hunger

Thank you for walking to support the CFC Storehouse. Approximately \$1500 dollars was raised to combat hunger in our community. It was a great day! Thank you to all the walkers and people who supported the event.

Stop & Shop donated \$2,068 towards the CFC Storehouse ministries. Pictured left to right, Robert Wilk CFC Storehouse Director, and Kim, Asst. Manager of Stop & Shop Supermarket in Forestville

Thank you Stop & Shop for your support! God Bless you always!

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Sunday Service, 10:30 am
Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm
Adult Sunday School, 9:15 am
Children's Church

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Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3