

TESTIMONY OF BAPTISM AND THE WOMEN'S SHELTER ON WILLOW

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This month, three residents of the Women's Shelter on Willow, who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, chose to be baptized before the congregation at Calvary Chapel. The women wrote personal testimonies which were read aloud as they walked forward to be baptized. Pastor Thom shared some thoughts on the individual journeys of each person as they came forward to express publicly that they are dead to the sins of the past and have chosen to live their lives for the Lord. They have chosen a new life in Christ.

Marissa shared that she lived for years in bondage to alcoholism and anxiety. She lost everything and landed in jail. By God's power, grace and love, she has been set free inspired by the words of Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-discipline." Amanda is ready to move closer to God and become a better mother. The Women's Shelter is helping her to see clearly and walk with the Lord. Dorcas gave up three children for adoption when her life was ruled by drugs, alcohol and depression. The friendships of the women at the shelter and Calvary Chapel have renewed her faith, and the Lord has set her in the right direction.

In addition to the Congregation, the ladies had some family members from afar in attendance to support this profession of faith. Women from the congregation blessed them with small gifts to remind them of this special day of their baptism. The Calvary Congregation is seeing their prayers at work with the new lives of these residents of the Women's Shelter on Willow.

The scripture that is central to the Shelter's mission is surely visible in this recent blessing of Baptism!

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."
Colossians 2:6-7

