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CHANGED LIVES
MINISTRY'S
Quarterly Newsletter

NEWSLETTER

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things are new.”



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Next Steps for CLM

Steve Meadows - Board Member

For Changed Lives Ministry, 2019 has been one of growth and transformation. We have been blessed in so many ways and have several projects that are moving forward in a way that makes it clear God has control. We are building a new Men's Ministry building which will include office space, dormitories and a chapel area. This will also expand the capacity of our campus to help more men at one time. We leased a building and have opened our Resale Store and are looking forward to this expansion as we look for funding opportunities. We are also looking to expand the Women's Ministry by obtaining a Transition House to provide continued support offered by the Hannah House.

Looking at these projects, I, for one, am humbled. If we depended on our own strength, we would fail. But with the vision we have been given through seeking God's will for our future, we

know we will continue to grow and provide for the needs of those who struggle with addiction. How are we able to move forward on several ambitious and major projects at one time? How can we be assured that we can bring it all together?

The answer is simple and complex at the same time. We are blessed to have the support of many churches, organizations and individuals who give selflessly to CLM. Each person who has come along beside us has created a foundation that is solid. The donations of time, clothes, food, funding and the many things that go into running the ministry have made us successful. Each person who has donated their time and resources is making it possible to grow in a way that is God-sized. Everyone who has shared our vision has made a great work possible.

So let me take this time to say thank you. Thank you for all that you do in partnering with us. Thank you for your sacrifices that have made a difference in so many lives and for being a part of a ministry that touches the lives of people who have hit rock bottom and have nowhere else to turn. Without your caring and sacrifice, we would not be able to look into next year with such a bright future. Because of everyone who has become a part, we are truly honoring God in meeting the needs of a part of our population that would be lost and drowning in a world that does not even know they exist.

Thank you for all you do! We have accomplished much, but the race is not finished. I look forward to the next year as we endeavor to continue the vision God has allowed us to be involved in.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEW STAFF - Caleb Babb, Ministry Assistant

My name is James Caleb Babb. I was born and raised in Greeneville, TN. I'm 30 years old and became addicted to drugs at the age of 16. Over the next 12 years, I would do whatever I needed to get my fix. I didn't really care if I lived or not; I had become completely numb. I felt like I was all alone, and God had abandoned me. I came to CLM on July 28, 2019. During my ten weeks in the program I got to dig into God's Word and really get in touch with Him. That is when I realized that He was with me through it all. I had to go through everything to get to where God wanted me, which was right here. Towards the end of my ten weeks, I felt like God was calling me into ministry. I was given the opportunity to come back on as staff here at CLM to share my life experience with others and let them know the truth that even though you may feel like your life is over, God is right there waiting on you to call on His name. I'm living proof that with God, all things are possible. Psalm 119:67 says "I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your Word."



Merry Christmas

FROM THE CLM STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS & ADVISORY TEAM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT GRADUATES

August 2019

Terry Dean
Melissa Britton
Erica Haynes

September 2019

Josh Honeycutt
John Harris
Marvin Knight
Michael Turner
Ryan Bacon

October 2019

Eric Hawk
Michael White
Anthony Leisure
James Babb

November 2019

Rodney Bryant
Delbert Jordan
Justin Gladwell
Tyler Wells
Joey Levanowitz
April Smith
Crystal Bennett

CLM Resale Store

Michael Hill - Board Member

We are excited to announce that Changed Lives Ministry opened a resale store on December 16th. We explored the idea of opening a thrift store for the last few years and turned to other faith-based rehab-run thrift stores for guidance and advice. Faith Home, located in Greenwood, SC, was very encouraging and graciously hosted our manager for a week of training.

Daniel Curry, a past graduate of CLM and a staff member, was chosen to be the Manager. Originally from Pinehurst, NC, CLM has been fortunate to have him with us for the past couple of years. He will oversee all operations, staff and volunteers who will be working each day. The CLM Resale store is open

from 9am – 5pm, Monday through Saturday. We are asking for volunteers from the community to work four hours/day, one day/week; however, we can adjust for shorter hours if necessary. **If you would like to volunteer, reach out to Kim O'Dell, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 843-761-4410.**

Please consider donating clean, lightly used clothing, appliances and furniture to fully stock our store. Come shop or donate at the CLM Resale Store located at: **506 E. Main Street, Moncks Corner, SC 29461** (the former Hood Auto Parts).

Bring a friend and come see us!



RIBBON CUTTING DECEMBER 17TH



Men's Ministry 2019 Recap

Tommy Turpin - Men's Ministry Manager

The Holiday season is the perfect time to look back on the year and see all that God has done in our lives and this ministry. These are the moments to be in awe of who God is. Take time to realize that without Him, these things wouldn't have been possible or accomplished.

In addiction rehabilitation ministry, as well as in life, we all have victories and defeats. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says "Be thankful in all circumstances." We are thankful that we serve a God who is there with us through every situation.

Through November 2019, CLM men's ministry was blessed to have 17 graduations totaling 34 men or new creations in Christ. Not all of the men who come to CLM complete the program and not all of the men who do complete the program continue to live addiction free. But ALL of the men who come to CLM will hear the Gospel and have the opportunity to know and receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The Men's ministry was blessed to serve in the community with other churches and citizens on many different projects like Hope Repair, individual landscaping, maintenance and helping families move into and out of their homes. We were honored to paint the football field at Berkeley High School and help the Screven Association load up over 1,000 back packs. And most recently, the ministry has helped get the CLM Resale Store remodeled and ready to be opened for business.

CLM had its 1st annual Alumni Reunion this year. We had a great time, filled with food, fellowship and powerful testimonies from former graduates,

telling of what God can do at CLM with a surrendered life.

The Lord also blessed CLM this Spring with an amazing 3rd annual Fundraising Banquet at Trident Technical College, where James Riffle, our Transition House Manager, shared his testimony. The summer of 2019 held our 3rd annual Benefit Concert, featuring worship teams from various churches. They all shared their wonderful talents and our very own, Caleb Kennedy, shared his testimony.

One of the most amazing things I get to see as the Manager of CLM Men's Ministry and in my personal life is the growth in the staff. It's awesome to see what God has done for them and through them. They are all truly humble servants and are continuing to grow in their relationship with the Lord. With their different gifts and talents, they have experienced different blessings and accomplishments the past year.

James Riffle shared his testimony several times at different events. He has started a relationship with the local jails to get more men into our program. He is now the first contact our applicants build relationships with.

Caleb Kennedy has also shared his testimony in both North Carolina and South Carolina. He is a youth leader at Santee Circle Community Church, Administrator Assistant at LCBCC, as well as a student studying Biblical Christian Counseling.

Daniel Curry is serving in different areas at Victory Baptist Church and is our Resale Store Manager.

Caleb Babb, our newest Ministry Assistant, was baptized while in the program. He graduated in October and celebrated one year of sobriety. He began working as a Ministry Assistant, allowing him to continue his walk with the Lord and help other men who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

As for me, 2019 hasn't been without trials; however, this has also been the most amazing year in my life. To begin the year, God blessed me with the most beautiful, amazing wife who loves the Lord and her family. It has also been an honor to continue to serve as the Men's Ministry Manager. I was blessed to be a part of my son Jackson's high school graduation. I serve as Berkeley High School's B team and JV Football Chaplain. It is rewarding and humbling to be a part of the program. As if those blessings were not enough, the Lord saw fit to call me to serve as Youth Pastor at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and continue preaching at many different churches.

All of these amazing things are only possible in our lives and ministry by the power of Jesus Christ. We are looking forward to 2020 with hope and excitement to continue following His will.

We are so thankful for all the support and prayers from the churches, pastors, and individuals. You are necessary parts to keep our day-to-day operations running. We thank you this Christmas Season.



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