

## Changing Lives

*Impacting the region...  
one life at a time*

Ongoing evangelism is one of the most important things that believers can be involved in. The life blood of ministry is testifying of God's mercy and grace and reaching others for Christ. For quite sometime, Rick McCormick has been going to the Bridge, passing out flyers, witnessing and praying for individuals. The Bridge is a Homeless facility in downtown Dallas. It was there that Rick met Clay York, from Lake Point Church in Rockwall, who feeds the homeless breakfast at Cornerstone Kitchen near the Bridge. Cornerstone is a collaborative effort by several ministries that come together to reach the hope-

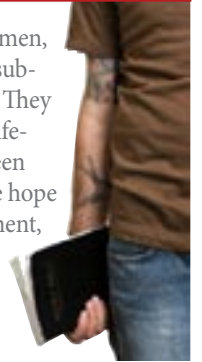
less in the downtown Dallas area.

Every Sunday morning at 5 am, Rick is joined by the men in RACE, to help prepare, cook and serve breakfast to approx 250 people. While they eat, Patrick Williams ministers the Word. All this is done before coming to CCM for Sunday morning class and service. After church, Rick goes back from 2-4 pm to further minister and pray for the people. His heart is to let them know they are not alone, that someone cares for them, that there is hope.

The RACE program is presented. However, they are not encouraged to "try" it. They are actually discouraged, being told it is very strict and not an easy program. The ones that do ask for help, are ready to make the commitment. A direct result

of this is that we now have 10 men, strong in the Lord, who have submitted to the RACE program. They are getting help to overcome life-controlling habits that have been their downfall. They now have hope that their life can have permanent, lasting change for the better.

As a church, CCM has been praying for laborers in the harvest. In these ten men we have gained so much more; not only fellow laborers, but fellow soldiers on the spiritual battlefield of the inner city. It is an honor, through this relationship with Clay and others, for CCM to partner with Cornerstone and present hurting people with the gospel.



## Bruton Oaks: UPDATE

This month, after overcoming much resistance through prayer, we began our outreach into the Bruton Oaks Apartments. After 20 years in East Dallas, we are experienced in this type of ministry. We began laying the foundation of this work by serving our way into the hearts of the people. By talking to residents, serving food and coffee, and getting to know them, we are building relationships. We are here to establish ourselves long-term, and the first thing we must establish is trust. We believe the programs being offered will help people to find jobs, overcome life challenges and restore hope. First and foremost, we are here to win souls. Breaking up fallow ground is hard work at first, but we know this work will bear great fruit. Here's an overview of our first few weeks.

### Overcomers

The Overcomers class meets each week on Thursday nights, and is designed to help people overcome life-controlling issues.

We share our own experiences and how a person can receive help from God by the moving of the Holy Spirit, and wisdom from those who have been there themselves and been set free. The first night was spent in prayer. We prayed that the Lord Jesus would bring in those that He is drawing to Himself. We take every personal meeting as a divine appointment from God. So far, we've ministered to about 25 residents

*We covet your prayers, especially on Thursdays. The enemy always attacks prior to the meetings. Because this is a high crime area, developing trust among the residents requires patience.*

having fellowship, meeting new people and passing out information packets. The ministry

team consists of Doug & Elaine Lenamond, Manny Jefferson, Karen Edwards and Kenny Oltmanns.

### Job Readiness / Life Skills

Getting and keeping a good job is a major part of family stability. Interview skills are key to our success. LouJeanne Guye knows how to polish appearances, revamp resumés and teaches interview skills and strategies. Her class meets on Tuesday nights. We will be distributing flyers the day before the training to get the word out. We know that once a few people have been helped, they will share the news and attendance will grow.

*Please pray that the tenants will recognize the need in their lives, or someone they know, and take advantage of the training.*



### Sidewalk Sunday School

Although our first session was rained out by "Ike", the next session was a great success, with over 40 kids and their parents coming to participate! We played games, gave away bicycles, as well as lots of prizes and gifts, and

served around 100 hot dogs! We met a lot of great people who had fun and enjoyed the festivities. We were all very encouraged by the turn out for this first session. This is a vital part of our outreach ministry, because blessing the children opens the hearts of the parents. We are expecting an even greater showing on the next time. We would like to give special thanks to all of our volunteers who came and helped.

### Special Event: Harvest Festival Friday, October 31

This will be a fun filled night to give the children a safe environment instead of trick or treating. Here are some of the things we will offer to the residents:

- Games • Old-Fashion Cake Walk • Prizes
- Giveaways • Food & Refreshment
- Full Worship Team PLUS much more!

We are in the planning stage of this event and have some specific needs to have a great festival. Some of the donations we need are:

- Carnival games for the kids to play
- Hot dogs & all the fix'ns
- Canned soft drinks
- Cups & hot dog holders
- Prizes & bicycles
- Various types of candy, individually wrapped
- Most of all we need many volunteers to help set up, run the games and tear down afterwards.

With your help we can give Bruton Oaks a wonderful Festival. For information, or to volunteer, call Karen Edwards at 214-824-9852.

## A Week in Pictures at CCM



*Bruton Oaks children and adults alike had fun at Sidewalk Sunday School, playing games, winning prizes and eating hot dogs!*



*Many friends stopped by the last weekend of open house at Tree of Life. Left - right: Liz & Jim White, Robert Jakubowski, Vangie, Reginald & Belinda Sephus.*



*Pastor Sawyer baptizes Kelan in the Sept, 29 Sunday service at CCM.*



*775 families were fed at The Basket in September.*

### *Inside The Herald this month...*

#### **Bruton Oaks: UPDATE**

#### **Changed Lives: Partnership**

#### **Wednesday Night Classes**

Wednesday Nights 7:30 p.m., Hilltop Worship Center

*Experiencing God* is a twelve-week class based on the book by Henry Blackaby, taught by Robert Jakubowski. There have been many testimonies from people who have taken this course about how God used these lessons to reveal His specific purpose in their lives-both in the workplace and in their home life. You can start at any time. For more information call Robert at 214-735-4193.

### **CCM Permanent Headquarters: UPDATE**



In our continuing negotiations to purchase permanent headquarters for CCM and it's many outreach ministries, the owners have granted an extension on the deadline of our feasibility study. Our Board of Directors walked the property and there is total agreement that this facility is favorable.

This church was once a vital, energetic part of the community, with outreach ministries of its own. The owners want to see it go to those who will take up the cause and continue the work that they started in this area. We have been approved for bank financing on part of the purchase price. However, we still need to raise a considerable amount to cover the rest. Pray for a meeting to pass the baton from the former church to CCM. Ask the Lord what He would have you sow toward this vital need. Make your contributions out to the CCM Building Fund.

**Make a difference—Become a volunteer!**  
**Go to the Calendar Page for info on outreach ministry opportunities:**  
[www.carecenterministries.org](http://www.carecenterministries.org)



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 God is doing!  
 Sundays  
 at 10 a.m.**