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into houses and other means. I was once seen walking down Main Street with a shot gun and a pocket full of shells.

Finding myself in and out of jail got to almost be a bi-weekly event, until I found myself sitting down in jail for 6 months. After 6 months of good time I was out once again. Luckily not going to prison, they reinstated my probation and enhanced my deferred sentence to a suspended sentence, gave me time served and released me. But as always, within that next week I hooked back up with my running partner and we started over once again, breaking into houses, stealing cars and using. It didn't

Mike Mintz

I was an average druggie! I was addicted to speed and Xanax. At the lowest point in my addiction I have taken over thirty .2 mg Xanax's (the street name is bones) at one time. Throw some speed in the mix and I was off. During that time I would have week long binges in which I would have no recollection of the past week. I supported my ever increasing addiction by breaking

take long for the police to figure out who was causing all of this, so they came knocking on my door. I walked up to the city hall and the chief of Bokchito's finest asked me the usual run down. At that point I broke. I started crying and told him that I need HELP!

Now I had new charges in the mix. The court ordered me to do three months of rehab. My mother talked to Choctaw nation about getting me help and they referred her to CareCenter Ministries.

I had to report to my probation officer—the one who I never paid any fees to—the same one I had when I walked out on U.A.s and failed U.A.s. It just so happened that he wasn't in but his supervisor was, so we explained that we wanted to come across the state line to go into the RACE program. He explained it was a long process with lots of paper work, but he threw another option on the table—to talk to my lawyer and have him ask the judge to have my supervised probation removed, so I could cross the state line and come into the program. Who has ever heard of such a thing?

The judge accepted and lifted my supervised probation, so off I went to CareCenter Ministries. The truth was, I didn't really want help. I didn't want a bunch of Christians telling me what to do. I didn't want to change, and from the start I was looking for a way out. At one



Mike is joined on stage by his mother Mackie Bundrant & grandmother Lela Bundrant. They are extremely proud of Mike and what he has done since coming to CCM.

point I walked out of the program and smoked a pack of cigarettes then came back.

After about 2 months I finally started paying attention to what was being taught in class. I started to look at how to apply scriptures in my life in a real way. As I begun to do and apply these simple but very effective principals in my life, the Bible started to come alive to me. God became so real and before I knew it, my focus was on God not drugs. My addiction to cigarettes and my craving for drugs was also gone. Now after three years, I have completed not only the RACE program, but also the International School of Ministry and Leadership Academy. I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for the next phase of my life.

International School of Ministry Graduates Inspire Congregation

Here at CCM's Hilltop Worship Center, we are always inspired to hear the testimonies of changed lives due to the power of the gospel. Recent RACE program graduates inspired not only other men in the program, but the congregation as a whole. However, the Sunday Service on October 19 was something truly special.

Four members donned caps and gowns as they were honored for their graduation from the 2-year

International School of Ministry, Leadership Academy and three were also ordained as Ministers of the Gospel. The graduates were:

Rick Cappotto — Minister of the Gospel, Leadership Academy, ISOM.

Pat Williams — Minister of the Gospel, Leadership Academy, ISOM.

Vangie Underwood — Minister of the Gospel, Leadership Academy, ISOM.

Mike Mintz - Leadership Academy, ISOM (already graduated from men's RACE program).



L to r: Recent graduates Vangie Underwood, Rick Cappotto, Patrick Williams, and Mike Mintz.

Good and Faithful Servants

Some of the faces in the CCM office will soon be changing. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to those who have served so faithfully as they move into other areas of personal growth and ministry.



We will miss Merideth.

Merideth Weems will be leaving her administrative position here in order to devote more time to the needs of her young family and to seek the Lord's will for a season. Mike Mintz will be taking the training he has received at CCM and going out into the marketplace.

Pastor Melvin Gipson will be in charge of Executive Decisions for Office Operations and Rick Cappotto, another recent Leadership Academy graduate, will be stepping in as General Manager of Residential and Office Operations. We pray the Lord will continue to bless all of these good and faithful servants.

The Spirit Moves in Overcomers

Attendance is continuing to grow in our Thursday night **Overcomers** meetings in the Bruton Oaks Apartments. We continue to serve refreshments, which have been bringing the residents into the meetings; but it is the fellowship and personal ministry that keeps them there. Here are some of the exciting new developments in the last few weeks:

On Thursday night, Oct. 16, a young man came in the middle of the meeting and surrendered his life to the Lord. Also, a man named Edgar, who does maintenance work for the apartments, joined the group.

On the evening of Oct. 23, the women from CCM's newly opened **Tree of Life** came to the meeting. During that same meeting, Edgar, our new member, stated that he wanted the Holy Spirit in his life. When the leader of the group began praying for him, he was immediately

slain in the spirit and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues. Keep praying with us for these steady advances for the Kingdom of God.

Children Have Fun Learning at Sidewalk Sunday School

At the recent **Sidewalk Sunday School** held at Bruton Oaks Apartments, children were rewarded with paper "Bible Bucks" for participation in games and contests. Children, ages five and under, were rewarded for being good listeners, even if they were too young to participate. At the end of the program the children got to exchange their "Bible Bucks" at a table filled with



Sidewalk Sunday School participants get prizes with earned Bible Bucks.

prizes. The joy and excitement on their faces was a real blessing to all of the adults.

Pastor Sawyer briefly shared his testimony with some young gang members who were moved by this simple display of the love of God toward the younger children at Sidewalk Sunday School.

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Outreach Ministries

CCM Permanent Headquarters

Many of you have been standing with us in prayer concerning our search for permanent headquarters for this ministry. We recently met with the Board of the church facility that we had been negotiating to buy. We had been expecting to have our funds matched by a major donor, but due to the recent national financial crisis they were only able to come up with a substantially smaller amount. At this point, our offer has been rejected, so we have died to our own will, and continue to seek the Lord's perfect will in this. We are going to begin looking at alternative properties as we continue to trust God for His provision and perfect plan. Please continue to hold this ministry that is touching many lives up in prayer.

Make a difference—Become a volunteer! Go to the Calendar Page for info on outreach ministry opportunities:

www.carecenterministries.org



Solemn Assembly

We will be calling a Solemn Assembly on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Wills Point, November 4 – 6 and the operations of the office will be closed. Please join us in person or simply in prayer as we intercede for our nation and this ministry.

Call (214) 824-9852 for more information.



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