

## Changing Lives *Impacting the region one life at a time*

### Kevin Bailey Graduates from RACE Program June 8

On December 10, 2002 I was once again feeling all alone, full of shame and hopelessness, after another losing self-willed battle with drug addiction. I had tried everything else with no success, so this time I sincerely cried out for God to help me. At that moment I immediately felt his presence come over me and I felt comfort like never before.

Two days later I was at Teen/Life Challenge where my relationship with the Lord began to grow. After leaving Life Challenge I found a home church and got involved with everything I could. But as time went on, I found myself living a life full of compromise, which led to periodic relapses. Eventually I was back at a place where I felt a separation from the Lord.

I just could not get past it, until I came to a point where I was willing to surrender and let Jesus finish the work He started. CareCenter is where the Lord led me to restore and strengthen my relationship with Him. After coming here, I immediately began to feel the Lord's presence in

my life again.

A valuable principle I have learned and actually been able to apply now, is to be open and honest about what is going on in my life. The Lord has shown me the victory and growth that can be walked out by confessing our sins to one another and praying for one another.

I have to thank the Lord for showing me the value of godly counsel, which was revealed to me when the time came for me to go to the next phase and enter the job market. I had felt that surely I was supposed to return to the family business and really wasn't truly open to anything different. But Pastor and other members of leadership began to express concerns regarding the risk in going back and doing the same thing in the same location. And when I became open to receive, the Lord spoke to me through the scripture saying "the man who puts his hand to the plow and turns back is not fit for the kingdom." This was confirmation to me that I had to do something different. The Lord

immediately opened another door for me, doing what I enjoy doing, and with even more opportunity. And after a couple of months, my dad began to work with me after all.

I thank God for giving me a yielded spirit that is willing to receive. I want to continue to be obedient to the Spirit and be surrounded by those who want to know God's heart; those who can encourage me, as well as me be an encouragement to them. Thanks Pastor and all the CareCenter leadership for being obedient to the Lord's call on your lives, so that CareCenter Ministries continues to be a place of refuge where the Lord can and does change lives.

—Written by Kevin Bailey



## Thank You Letter From a Mother

CareCenter Ministries has changed my life. A CCM board member suggested to me that I schedule an interview with my troubled, homeless son and an associate of the ministry. On December 21, 2007, my son, Chris, entered the program. His life and mine have not been the same. I now know my son is receiving spiritual and physical care while staying busy with work. Chris grew up in church, but his heart was not committed to Christ. After his dad died of brain cancer when Chris was 17 years old, he became angry. Through the ministry, he has received freedom from his anger as well as bad habits. His whole attitude has changed for the better. Chris tells me how Mr. McCormick is continually teaching him throughout the day, and that means the world to him.

My son is 25 years old, and he now has a more respectful attitude than ever before. My life has been much less stressful knowing where my son is and the treatment that he is receiving. No, my son has not arrived yet, but thanks to CareCenter, he is so much closer to Jesus. I can't tell you how great it is when someone asks me how my son is doing, and I can tell them, "He is doing so well because of Jesus and CareCenter Ministries."

I am so thankful for this ministry and its faithful leaders. Thank you, Pastor Sawyer and the many leaders, for caring for my son.

Tough love isn't so tough when you know your son is being loved and cared for and now it's a joy to be around him. I can see how mature he is becoming, and I'm excited to see what his future holds because I know Who holds his future. Thank you Jesus, for the wonderful peace in my heart knowing my prayers are being answered for my son.

—Written by Sally Almond



Chris with his mom, Sally Almond

## June Special Events

### Tim Chapman

Sunday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. Service  
Hilltop Worship Center

Come hear the Chairman of the CCM Board of Directors. Tim Chapman is the Executive Director of the Fellowship of Connected Churches and Ministries, CCM's apostolic covering. Tim enjoys assisting pastors and encouraging them along the way, helping churches to be strong and the body of Christ equipped for the sake of the Kingdom. He served on the staff at Sojourn Church in Carrollton, Texas from 1990 until joining FCCM in 2002. Tim and his wife, Debi, have been married for over 26 years, and as a family, have formed Cross Generational Ministries.



### Race Program Graduation

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. Service  
Hilltop Worship Center

Join us as we celebrate the successful completion of the twelve month Men's Residency Program by our latest graduates. It will be an encouragement to them and to you as well.

## New Women's Home Director

We are so excited about what is going on with us right now. As many of you know, we recently held an indoor fundraiser picnic that was very successful. We were so pleased with the turn out. It was very exciting to see so many friends of the ministry. Our goals for this event were to have partners join us as monthly supporters and also to raise enough money to purchase a property for our women's home. Thank you Jesus, for doing both!

We are currently praying and looking at houses for the women in the Pleasant Grove area. We believe that God has predestined His perfect home for us to disciple these women. Our women's home program structure will be much like the men's, with minor changes suited towards the spiritual and physical needs of women.

Ms. Vangie Underwood will be our women's home director and will live on site with the women. She will train and disciple them to be PROVERBS 31 women. Vangie has a first-hand understanding of their needs. After a failed marriage, Vangie fell into an 18-year lifestyle of hopelessness and addiction. While seeking help in a 21-day secular treatment center, God worked through a female Christian counselor to point her to CareCenter. She entered the women's home being operated at the time by CCM in 2000. It was there that she first felt the call of God to help other women, like herself, to find restoration. She has been involved with the ministry of CCM for the last eight years, at times taking women into her home for discipleship, even while working outside her home in a full time job. When Pastor Eldred and Jeanmarie Sawyer approached her with the idea of overseeing a new

## 40-Day Season of Fasting and Prayer Begins June 1

On Sunday, May 25, Pastor Eldred Sawyer concluded a two-part teaching series on prayer and fasting. In the 17th chapter of Matthew, the disciples failed to cast out a demon. Jesus told them it was because of their unbelief. In 17:21 He told them, "this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Fasting drives out unbelief. When we drive out unbelief, we release the miraculous works that God wants to do in our lives. Join us in the Spirit as we enter into a 40-day season of prayer and fasting. As we enter this period of fasting these are the three areas we are to focus our prayer towards:



- Apostolic breakthrough over the Pleasant Grove area, resulting in repentance unto salvation, bringing a great harvest of souls.
- Abundant financial breakthrough allowing us to establish life giving ministries among the poor and broken in Pleasant Grove, that will encompass the needs of the individual from the womb to the tomb, and carry into the next generation.
- For a major release of the kingdom of God in Pleasant Grove, to be evidenced by signs, wonders, and miracles!

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women's home ministry, it was only confirmation for Vangie.

Vangie has a real heart and desire to see changed lives, just as hers was changed, based on the hope and calling of our Lord Jesus Christ. The primary focus and vision of the women's home will be towards prayer and worship, with Bible studies and teachings which will appropriate a lifestyle change from the inside out; a Beauty for Ashes, if you will. The home will allow women to build relationships with one another as family, so they will be prepared to walk out restorations with their own family members.



We are believing God's grace will be manifested, so that the women will become givers to the poor and needy with hopes of someday discipling those coming in behind them, as we continue to "go therefore and, make disciples of all the nations". Please join with us in prayer for direction and guidance as we move forward in obedience to God's plan for us. It is very important to us that the women's home be productive financially. Please join with us in prayer that the Lord gives wisdom as we seek ways for the women's home to generate revenue to be a self supported entity of CCM.



# The Pastor's Corner

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## Investing Wisely

By Eldred Sawyer, CCM President

**Matt 25:14:-29**

Investment is obviously something that the Lord wants us to consider. In this parable He draws a picture using different individuals and their ability to multiply what was given to them by investment. Sadly there was one who did not invest at all but rather being afraid he would lose his portion, chose to hang on by burying it.

The response of the Lord was clear as He evaluated the wisdom used to invest and multiply what had been given. He praised those who had invested wisely and gave them more.

However His response to the one who held on to his gift, and buried it away was severe. Not only did He communicate His disapproval, but He took what He had given him and gave it to another, before casting him into the outer darkness.

He had referred to those who took what He had given them and multiplied it as "good and faithful servants" but the one who did not invest wisely was deemed the "Unprofitable Servant".

Now we all know that the objective of investment is multiplication, whether we are speaking of natural investment or spiritual. When we invest, we desire to turn what we have into more, to have it multiply. Those who live by investment are not ignorant concerning the markets they invest in. They continu-

ally study them and determine where to invest based on the greatest potential for multiplication, to have "More Bang for the Buck."

The good thing about investing spiritually is we get to, in a sense, "double dip." The scripture teaches that when we invest spiritually we are storing up for ourselves treasure in heaven, so there are eternal dividends. There is also the promise of multiplication in this life. 2Cor. 9:10 says God supplies seed to sow and when we sow it He multiplies it to increase the fruits of righteousness in our lives.

Now as I've mentioned earlier, wise investors know the market. I want to challenge you to take a fresh look at scripture and see if there is a wiser investment spiritually than to sow into the lives of the poor and broken. **Prov. 19:17 "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given."** This is only one of many scriptures that ensure us that seed sown in this direction is an all but sure investment. I recently had lunch with a precious couple who have been friends and very significant contributors to CCM for about 12 years. I asked them to share with me why they chose to sow so heavily into CCM and I thought their response in their words was something you should hear.

*"CareCenter Ministries has always been the true hands and feet of Jesus. They are willing to go to the poor, outcast and broken, just like Jesus did. They go where most churches are afraid or unwill-*



Pastor Eldred with his wife, Jeanmarie Sawyer

*ing to go. They show godly love, guidance, and direction to people who have lost hope and are in extreme bondage. Through CCM many people have given up their addictions and have learned to live a godly and productive life. They were literally dead in their sin and addictions and now have learned to live a new life in Christ. Therefore, when we were impressed to give, CCM was on the top of our 'giving list.' Their ministry offered the 'most bang for our Spiritual buck.' It is a joy to be able to sow our financial seeds into a ministry that bears so much spiritual fruit. Through CCM lives have been changed, addictions have been broken, hope has been restored and joy has been found through following Christ."*

**Would you consider investing into the poor through CCM? We believe you'll find it is a profitable market.**

*He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and that which he has given He will repay to him. Proverbs 19:17*



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