

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

In August of 2007, Wes Graham found himself on the verge of losing both his job and his family due to drug and alcohol addiction. After several attempts at rehab with secular programs and counselors, he reluctantly entered CCM's RACE Program. "I didn't want to make the commitment at first," Wes explained. "All the other places I had tried, even church-sponsored ones, were AA based and told me that I had a disease and would have it for life. But God began breaking down my inner beliefs about spiritual authority and healing. I found support from leaders in the program, who told me the things I needed to hear."

His wife, Christina, adds "Throughout the first six months of the program, I began to see a radical transformation in the way my husband approached life. The spirit of God had captivated him and began breaking down strongholds and refashioning his heart. I saw a man being set free from years of addiction, years of anger and pride. Our marriage was being restored and made new."

On August 8, Wes graduated from the RACE program. God moved

miraculously, not only keeping his job, but giving him an opportunity for promotion. He has been reunited with his wife and daughter, and the Grahams have recently moved into their first home in McKinney. They are now expecting a new baby.

Christina recently wrote the ministry, saying, "I thank God that He has given me my husband back, drug free, and filled with the Holy Ghost! Thank you Care Center Ministries for giving our family the opportunity to be changed and transformed, that we might declare His praises to generations to come."



Wes Graham with daughter Madelyn and his wife Christina, joined by family & friends at his CCM Graduation. Go to [www.carecenterministries.org](http://www.carecenterministries.org) for more of their story.

## Prison Ministry: Ken Whitt

In October of 1994, after eight years of trying to run from God and from prison, I found myself on close custody in the Micheals Unit. At this point I knew there had to be a change in my life. That same month I was baptized by Cliff Evans. While in lock down, I began reading my Bible, pouring through it from cover to cover. After being released from lock down, I began attending a leadership program taught by Cliff and Pastor Melvin Gipson of CareCenter Ministries. God began to move in my life.

1995 became a turning point in my life and I completed another program, Kairos. I was no longer running away from my life, but was being led by God. What a change! By the end of the next year, I became one of the first Hospice Aids at Micheals. In my fourteen months of working, there were 34 men who died there.



Ken, right, with mentor at the Carol S. Vance Unit

God allowed me to be a part of these men's lives. Every day I saw God at work. As I helped those men to meet God, the Lord blessed me more

than words can describe.

In 1998 I was shipped to Betol Unit where Cliff and Pastor Mel also had a leadership program. I grew to love these God-fearing men and to love God's word. I attended many Christian programs, including Bible history, Texas Association of Ex-Offenders (TAX) and Experiencing God.

In 2006 I was transferred to Jester II, also known as Carol Vance, an 18 month Christian based program. I had devotion in the chapel twice a day, as well as completing many required classes. God was preparing me for release into the free world.

In November 2007, after 21 years and 3 months of imprisonment, I walked out of Carol Vance, a free man. God has not stopped working in my life. I've been in school to become a medical assistant since January and will graduate in September. The more I give of myself, the more He blesses me. I will soon be starting an internship as a medical assistant for Hospice. God has placed a burden in me to help people who are in Hospice care. Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, will continue to lead me if I just keep my eyes on Him. God has watched over me for 21 years. Many times I could have died, but by God's grace I am free and able to tell some of what He has done in my life. Anyone that will turn to Jesus Christ and follow him can be free, even behind bars.

Ken Whitt

## Bruton Oaks

After two years of intensive prayer, Bruton Oaks Apartments recently signed an approval contract allowing CCM to bring outreach ministry teams into this very large complex in the heart of Pleasant Grove. We are now in the process of planning a September calendar for their approval.

Planned programs will include Sidewalk Sunday School, two Saturdays a month for children 11 years and under, Overcomers on Thursday nights and Life Skills and Job Readiness training classes on Tuesdays.

*Our prayer: Help us, oh Lord of the Harvest, to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we seek to do your will in reaching out to this community.*

They have graciously given us access to their recreation room and we will be putting together a welcome package for new residents inviting them to take part in these activities. If you would like to volunteer, please call the the church office.

# Tree of Life Women's Home

The men of the RACE program have been working hard on renovations for our new women's discipleship program, which will be called "Tree of Life Refuge for Women". The two car garage has been converted into a dorm with a washroom and storage facilities, and new kitchen countertops and additional shelving have been



installed. The plumbing, electrical and AC systems are also being upgraded.

Even the backyard is looking beautiful with a new deck and privacy



fence, as well as the tall trees.

We are planning to have an Open House on the last three Saturdays of September.

## Stories inside The Herald this month...

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Planning activities and classes...



### Changed Lives

Wes Graham Graduates the RACE Program

### Prison Ministry: Ken Witt

A story of how God changed a man's heart through CCM Prison Ministry liason, Pastor Melvin Gipson.

### 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



God is answering our prayers for a permanent home for CCM and it's many outreach ministries. We believe we have found the perfect place for CCM. Ready for move-in, it meets all our needs with room to grow. We have submitted an offer for the property. Now we need a financial miracle!

*CCM INTERCESSORS: Please continue to pray with us for God's perfect will; for favor and provision. To God be the glory!*



**Get In the mix—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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Sundays  
at 10 a.m.**