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Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

Someone recently asked me, "If you could preach one message, what would it be?" I replied "Satan doesn't play fair, and God doesn't play."

There are many Scriptures which align with this quote and I have seen them "flesh out or live out" at CCOM over the past 19 years! However, I believe the most prophetic one is Isaiah 5:20. It says "Woe to those who call evil good, and good, evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." Wow, can you see the correlation to the days in which we live?

I say this, "THANK YOU" for allowing us the opportunity to live out the Gospel at CCOM! We are not ashamed of His Good News...it's what matters most, now and later! For some, later is too late, and that is why we must stay ready, and love on people with His Good News. People are realizing their way is not working, and God is leading them, one by one, through our door! They come for a multitude of reasons, but walk out knowing they've had an opportunity to hear 'a life message.' It truly helps them rethink and re-examine their lives and see their need for Christ! They realize that merely 'talking about God' is not enough. They realize their desperate need for faith in Him and a relationship with Him.

In this newsletter, you will read testimonies of how God is changing hearts when His Word and Holy Spirit convict, transform, and enlighten lost, hurting souls. In the words of our Founder, Dwight Stone, "All praise be to our Lord."

We live in a world where people 'love' so many things more than they love Christ. Let's all examine ourselves and make ready for our Lord's soon return! Let's be zealous for good works in Christ, but not be deceived and confused into thinking that good works are going to get us into Heaven. God bless you all!

Steve Workman, Executor Director of CCOM



Healing of the Soul – Dr. Iris Barrett

In the 16 years that God has favored me to work by contract at CCOM, I have had the privilege of counseling over 4000 individuals. In the past, the need for emergency financial assistance has motivated most clients to call us. Of late, God has expanded our work and extended our services to the community. In what way? Instead of working primarily with those who have fallen on hard financial times, we are spending more time counseling Christians who are not in financial distress and are regular churchgoers. So why would they come to CCOM? **They come for the needs of their souls.** Most have experienced traumas in life that they can't shake. They feel shame for what they've experienced and are afraid for others to find out the depth of their pain; yet, they know that the trauma must be dealt with and that help is needed. They desire to be fully free in their spirit and souls. At CCOM, these very individuals are finding freedom within as the knowledge of truth is revealed. Both Proverbs 11:14 and 24:6 remind us that in the multitude of [Godly] counselors, there is safety. Indeed, the healing power of God is present here to set the hurting free. Let's look at this biblically. In Genesis 3:10, Adam and Eve experienced the enemy's deception, and as a result, **Adam** told God that he was in fear and shame, and he hid himself (with fig leaves, no less). But we see someone else in Genesis who was targeted by the enemy but with different results. This person – **Joseph** – refused to bow to shame, fear, or self-protection. Though the enemy attempted to break him through the actions of his brothers, Potiphar's wife, and those who jailed him, Joseph boldly declared, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people" (Gen. 50:20). If you or someone you love has responded to a trauma in life as Adam (not Joseph), make an appointment with Dr. Iris Barrett to find the freedom for which your soul longs. Dr. Barrett is led by the Holy Spirit in helping clients understand the truth of their past from God's perspective. John 8:32 says, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." This freedom brings healing to the soul and **peace**. John also says, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, *just as your soul prospers*" (3 John 2). Make an appointment with CCOM today – it's free!

TESTIMONIES

We have **two recent testimonies** to share with you. The writing styles are different, but the words are true and inspiring. Be blessed and encouraged by what you read!

#1:::Walking through the doors of CCOM is like walking into peace. Since first coming to receive counseling, I have been saved and have been set free from a homosexual lifestyle. This ministry is anointed with the love of Christ, but also with the strength to break chains and tear down walls. I have heard God more clearly in the past few weeks than I have my entire life. Dr. Iris Barrett and Brother Steve invested in me and my walk with Christ. I've never been to a counselor like Dr. Barrett. She has provided me with a way to grow with God at a rapid rate. I never leave her office the same! I'm forever grateful to this wonderful ministry and to God that I can experience God's peace again. -R

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#2:::OK. Real talk? People don't get up one day and think to themselves, "Gee, let's go see a counselor!" We just don't. We aren't hard-wired like that.

Instead, people find themselves in a crisis. In a big, ol' gnarly of a challenge or problem and they find themselves in need of counsel, wisdom, and help, like yesterday. ASAP.

And everyone seems to know a name. Someone to send you to and you have no idea who to choose.

I can't tell ya' about the other names, the other folk. All I can tell ya' is at CCOM, the difference starts in the parking lot. You can feel God's presence before you get outta your car. And the rest is gravy.

And truly, isn't that what you want? You want something bigger than you, bigger than your problems. And you don't want a "something" but a "Someone".

CCOM offers the Word of God. Truth. About you. Your situation. And God Himself. And how you can let Him solve whatever battle you face.

And they make sure they are keeping you depending on HIM, not them. CCOM will not be counseling you weekly, for the next 20 years. That makes you dependent on a human instead of relying on the Ultimate Counselor, Teacher, and Friend- Jesus Christ. CCOM won't leave you until they are sure and certain you are connected and walking with the One True Counselor and then they will step back as you two slay your challenges and battles.

CCOM counseling for your crisis. Counseling for you.
Signed, One extremely grateful single mama CCOM counselee. -T

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CCOM Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of two new members!

They are **Mr. Lawrence Gibbs** and **Mr. Mike Shehan**. We welcome these two men and all they offer to our Board.



Lawrence and his wife, Ann, are longtime members of Highland Baptist Church. They are also retired educators. They have always been supportive of CCOM, and they encourage others to do the same!



Mike and his wife Ginger attend Corinth Church, and Mike is a Senior Vice President at BB&T. They have been associated with the ministry of CCOM for over 30 years and Mike is honored to serve on our Board.

Other Board members include: Larry Ferguson (Chairman), Woody Buchanan, Dr. Tim Blanchat, Mark Maier, Ron Hughes, Ken Niewulis, Steve Workman, CCOM Director.

MONTHLY CCOM EVENTS AND FUTURE EVENTS

**** WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR MEN:**

**One is at Granny's Kitchen in Viewmont. It meets on Tuesdays at noon, and we call it our Tuesday B.O.B. group...Band of Brothers! It is open to any brother wanting to grow in Christ.

**The second group meets on Wednesday mornings at CCOM, at 7:30 AM. It is called our "C-Group", (Community Group), and is open to men in the community to meet and fellowship, and together we walk through a daily devotional together by Dr. Charles Stanley. This is led by Steve.

**Also, BROTHER NIGHT continues, now meeting on the first and third Thursdays of most months! The first Thursday, we gather in Granite Falls at Captains's Galley Seafood at 5:45. This gathering is called "BROTHER NIGHT NORTH".

**On the third Thursday, we gather in Hickory, at First Baptist Church, (downtown), at 5:45 for a "catered dinner" and testimonies. This is an RSVP event! Call Steve @ 328-1803 if interested!

**Each group usually has a designated speaker, with open-floor sharing and prayer. If you are interested, go to BROTHERNIGHT.org, and follow us or sign-up by sending us your email address! Sorry ladies, this is for men only, except for an upcoming husband/wife night in the near future!

LINKS GOLF

Another form of outreach Steve heads up is called LINKS GOLF! This is a monthly gathering of brothers who like to play golf and love fellowshiping together on and off the golf course!

Here is what one brother had to say about LINKS GOLF... Links Golf gives me/us the opportunity to fellowship with other men from other churches and backgrounds. It also gives all of us the opportunity to bring an unsaved person to a golf outing and let them see how much fun Christian men can have, fellowshiping together!!

Also, go to linksplayers.com and look how they spread the GOSPEL! They have daily devotionals from a particular Scripture and each writer is a follower of Christ! They all use golf as an avenue to share Christ. Contact Steve at CCOM if interested in joining in on the monthly fun, or to join Links Golf and receive daily encouragement!



:::FUTURE EVENTS:::

Please put this on your calendar...

CCOM ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER

--Saturday, September 22nd, 2018

--Location to be announced SOON!

--Steve will have brochures in June and all pertinent info if you'd like to sponsor a hole, team, or participate in some way! Thank you!!!

--Theme: **WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!**

BLESSINGS AND BIBLES

Several months ago, we were blessed with “bags of love” from young students at **Hickory Christian Academy**. The children decorate bags with pictures and Scripture. Then they are filled with small toys, school supplies, candy, and other surprises. The recipients are the children of CCOM clients. They go in “the Blessing Room” to select a bag. The delight on their faces is heartwarming!

More recently, we received an unexpected gift of Bibles...a box of Bibles, commentaries, and several books. They were a donation from a dear lady who is now with the Lord.



IN CLOSING...

Friends of CCOM...In closing, I'd like to say THANK YOU for your prayers and faithful support! We are a community Gospel team **TOGETHER!!** Don't forget that. We (meaning all of us) are having an impact on our community and our world because God's Word does not

The testimonies you read in the previous pages represent only 2 people who have responded to the Good News of Jesus Christ! However, they represent thousands more over the last 33 years of being faithful to His call. Matthew 4:19... “And He said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’”

For we who believe and follow Christ, it is imperative to fight the good fight in Christ because time is short and souls hang in the balance between Heaven and Hell!

Recently, Pastor Charles Stanley said it best in an In Touch devotional: “When it comes to reaching the lost, all Believers are personally responsible.” Jesus said, “The Father has sent me, I also send you.” (John 20:20) Pastor Stanley goes on to say, **“You cannot get involved in a wiser or more everlasting venture than pouring your spiritual wealth into another person’s heart and mind. Investing in souls is a pursuit of eternal value!”**

Sincerely, Steve Workman

