

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

CCOM'S Celebration 2020 Fundraiser/Dinner (scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>) has been postponed to a later date due to the Coronavirus! Please pray for all concerned because God cares about every soul. ALSO, please pray for us, as we remained steadfast in living out the Gospel at CCOM by providing phone ministry to all who call!

# CELEBRATION 2020!

## Dear Faithful Supporters of CCOM,

After 20 years of serving as the Director of CCOM, I want to say "Thank You" for enduring and persevering with us as a Gospel outreach ministry!

Together we keep the Good News of Jesus Christ up close and personal with each soul who walks through our door at CCOM! At CCOM, His message of faith, hope, and love is lovingly clear, as it should be!

Enclosed in this letter, you will find a couple testimonials to illustrate what I stated in the last paragraph! Please take a little time to read them, and hear the heart behind what only God can do in and through the GOSPEL, and us being clear communicators of it! There are literally thousands in our own community who need to hear His Good News and receive it...before it's too late!

**THANK YOU** again for running the race with us, as you run your own race, knowing the victory is already won in CHRIST! Please continue to pray for us, as the Lord leads you and pray also for the lost to receive what GOD has for each soul we minister to.

**THANK YOU** for partnering with us in your prayers, financial support and the various ways you encourage us to 'remain steadfast in Christ'!

Sincerely, Steve Workman - Director



## MEET OUR CCOM Board of Directors...

### LARRY FERGUSON, CCOM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



What is CCOM...the name itself tells about the foundation of Christian Community Outreach Ministries. We believe in maintaining a strong relationship with our GOD through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and focus on bringing salvation to others through Him, as Lord and Savior. We are a community-focused ministry with Christ at the core of all we say and do! Our heart is to impact each person who passes through our door with the love of Jesus **in a real and personal way!** This has been done these past 35 years with the Gospel touching so many lives. I think of the verse "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth", Psalm 121:2.

Two more things I think about CCOM: 1) We are a light to Hickory and our Catawba County neighbors, and 2), as Steve says, "We are a rope of hope to the lost." Blessings, Larry

### TIM BLANCHAT, TREASURER



I want to thank all of you for the vital part you play in God's work through CCOM. Each of you are co-laborers with us through your prayers, financial support and acts of kindness you do! We would not be able to function the way God intends without you! I also want to thank Jesus Christ for the privilege He has allowed me in being involved with CCOM, even before it became a reality, and a part of the board since. God placed the vision for this work in his servant Dwight Stone approximately 35 years ago and through his leadership and other community leaders, CCOM was established! For years Dwight was involved as a leader in our jail ministry team at church but soon realized we needed an 'outside' ministry in place that could minister in 'a bigger way' to hurting souls in our community! Dwight's vision was to have a ministry where people could be encouraged, disciplined and equipped in and through the truth of God's Holy Word once they got out of prison but it has become so much more since then! There are literally countless men and women with great needs in their spiritual and physical lives

who need to know the grace, mercy, and love of Christ, and the salvation message of our Father who loves them. We all as a CCOM team have been blessed to work with other like-minded godly men and women and watch God do amazing things in the hearts of people here at CCOM as we live out his Good News!

**\*Our team again thanks you for supplying CCOM with all that is required, as He directs you.**

**You are a blessing!**

### WOODY BUCHANAN, SECRETARY



Having served on the CCOM board for many years, it is my testimony that CCOM continues to serve as a Gospel light in our community, as both Steve and Iris present the Gospel whenever the opportunity arises. More than anything else, that serves as the difference between CCOM and many other good ministries and local agencies. The Gospel is the greatest blessing any ministry can give because it is the "power of God for salvation for all who believe", Romans 1:16. Physical needs are important; however, the real problems we all face are because of the sin which enslaves us. **Praise God our Father for providing the way for us to be truly free in Christ Jesus...our risen SAVIOR, LORD, MASTER and KING!** My hope and prayer for CCOM continues to be that God will make us fruitful ministers of His Word, for His glory and for the good of many.

### RON HUGHES, CCOM Board Member



Our heart at CCOM is to network with individuals, families, businesses, churches and other Christian organizations as we strive to provide individuals with critical physical support as well as spiritual counseling/mentoring and prayer! The unique thing about CCOM is the emphasis on introducing men and women to the ultimate source of help, the Lord Jesus Christ! Steve and Iris have a genuine love for people, and provide one-on-one consistent, loving biblical truth to help people find 'true hope' in Jesus Christ!

### KEN NIEWULIS, CCOM Board Member



I was attending a non-profit class at CVCC some time back and found myself in a conversation with someone familiar with many of the local Christian Ministries. As I shared with them concerning CCOM, they suddenly interrupted with this comment, "That's the difference"! The difference they explained was the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Yes, at CCOM Jesus Christ is shared, and the word of God is the counsel.** The power of God unto salvation to all who believe...Romans 1:16

### MIKE SHEHAN, CCOM Board Member



I have been associated with CCOM for over 30 years, first with Dwight Stone, and now with Steve Workman. I have also been associated with other ministries in Hickory, as a supporter and board member. While all of the local agencies/ministries serve a purpose, I believe none tackle the hurting and spiritually lost condition of each soul they minister to with the passion and compassion of Steve and Iris. CCOM ministers to the body and soul. Here's a God thing, I am not only a supporter of CCOM, I was a client and now a board member! As a brother in Christ I still reach out to Steve for prayer and encouragement. ***Over the last 30+ years CCOM has impacted many lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ!***

### LAWRENCE GIBBS, CCOM Board Member



As one of the newest members of the CCOM board, I will tell you that this ministry is truly a Christ-centered ministry! They love to exalt the name of Christ and biblically encourage others to receive Him and live for Him too! Make an appointment and see for yourself!  
**CCOM's door is open to anyone who needs prayer and a hand up!**

From Dwight Stone, the Founder and first Director of CCOM



Dear Friends,

Over three decades ago, God lead me and some community leaders to establish CCOM, a Gospel light to our Catawba Valley neighbors. Our hearts' desire was to answer the 'call' of visiting those in prison, caring for the widows, and the orphans, as the Lord instructs. But, we must also remember what Jesus said that matters eternally...He came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Dear friends, look at 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:4:1-8 and allow it to speak to you. What's our charge in verse 1 and verse 5? Do you see it? In the times we live today, it's good to know that our Lord is in control and we can partner up with others who desire to fight the 'good fight' and finish the race here, and around the world. Dear brothers and sisters, it's the Gospel that matters, we are purchased by the shedding of His blood, and He has given us a cross to bear. As the Body of Christ of Christ, we are in it together. Steve and Iris and those who faithfully serve at CCOM live out that message in a real and loving way! For a bigger picture of this, I exhort you to meditate in Titus, chapters 1-3, and there you can see "a Bond Servant's call, and why they do what they do, and why we should too!

I am very grateful to all of you who bear the cross of Christ and faithfully pray, serve, and give to support the Gospel work that must be done...while we have time! John 9:4-6 says, "I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world!"

My closing comment is this, when you can, call or go visit Steve and Iris at CCOM, and see how you can pray, serve, and give to this vital work!

**\*Praise the Lord, Who gives us this great privilege!!**

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DR. IRIS BARRETT, BIBLICAL COUNSELOR and TEACHER



**Be the Leader You Want to See in the World**

Jesus Christ calls all believers - men and women - to lead in some arena of their lives. Ask yourself this question: Am I leading, particularly as I see the turmoil unfolding in our world? Many would respond, “How can I lead in this kind of environment? The way forward is not clear.”

Jesus Christ might say this to you: “The way forward is not clear, you say? Well, my people are forged for such a time as this.” As believers, we are to remember that the just shall live by faith (Rom. 1:17). You have within everything that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Believers are daily loaded with benefits (Ps. 68:19) and possess the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). We’re equipped to help a lost and dying world. As we grow in wisdom, grace, and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, we will manifest the righteousness of God within us. Again, we’re equipped *for leadership*. We are ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18). We are a royal priesthood and a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9). Revelations 1:6 even says that we are kings and priests before God. Enough said!

You have a challenge today not to be a follower nor be conformed to this world (Romans 12:2). Instead, you are to be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Be renewed as to WHO you really are in this world and WHY you are here. Paul instructed Timothy: **Be an example** to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity (1 Tim. 4:12). That charge remains today. Let’s be the leaders we want to see in our world - leaders who represent Christ. May it be said of us as of the early church. They “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6). Ever onward, ever forward!

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## CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

### CLIENT TESTIMONIAL 1:

"I took a friend, (or what I thought was a friend), to Christian Community Outreach Ministries, (CCOM), for help. We called first and talked with a man named Steve, who gave us an appointment. Little did I know it would turn into a divine appointment for me! He explained how important it would be for us to talk with their ladies counselor, Dr. Iris Barrett, about all we were going through. We had no idea what he meant at the time. However, he prayed with us over the phone and said, "Get ready for God to give you what you have been looking for! We arrived early because "my friend wanted to get her light bill paid" and then hurry on to other things. But, God had other plans. I wasn't even going to go in, but it's as if someone said "Go in." I didn't want to go, but I heard it again, Go in." So I went in. There was a bright light in the house. God's presence was so real, I didn't know what to say. Dr. Barrett was not back from lunch yet, but Steve was there. It was like God was waiting for us. Steve immediately started talking to us and ministering to us in the power of the Holy Spirit. I guess he could tell, or see how badly we were hurting and in trouble. The next thing I know I felt 'the love of Jesus and the Spirit of the living God' and I knew God had sent me to the right place for help and hope. I can't speak for my friend, but I will never forget how God touched me and helped me see what I needed to do from that moment forward...live for Jesus! Then after a while of helping my friend on her power bill and speaking truth into our lives, he allowed us to meet a "bright light", bright as the sun; Her name is Dr. Iris Barrett. I was so down at that point in my life and had so many problems, but Dr. Barrett helped me see that my real problem was ...not allowing God's Truth and His Spirit to be the guiding light in my own life. As a Believer, I should have known better! We all have problems and from time to time we need someone to set us straight when we don't listen and do what God says. I was thankful to leave there, free in Jesus!" – SH

### CLIENT TESTIMONIAL 2:

"I just wanted to share with you how God used Dr. Iris and brother Steve in my life. I had given up on life and GOD. I was basically homeless. I called CCOM by accident! They reminded me how much GOD loves me, through Biblical encouragement and prayers. I'm still young in my new found faith in GOD, so if you could please pray for me, I would greatly appreciate it. If any one of you needs to know GOD loves you, or if you need to speak with godly people, please call brother Steve or Dr. Iris. I'm sure they would gladly share with you what they lovingly shared with me!" – TR