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CHANGED LIVES
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*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
to all of our donors,
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Order of the Silver Crescent

David O'Dell - Board Member

During the Homecoming worship service at Santee Circle Community Church on October 28, 2018, Changed Lives Ministry's very own Jerry Lightner received the state of South Carolina's second highest award. The Order of the Silver Crescent is a once-in-a-lifetime achievement, representing the state's highest civilian award for significant contributions, leadership, volunteerism and lifelong influence within a region or community. The award was bestowed upon Lightner by the Governor of South Carolina, Henry McMaster.

Lightner is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and has invested significant personal efforts over the past 15 years to minister to, mentor and assist men and women struggling with alcohol and drug abuse to overcome their addictions. Lightner was present and involved

early on during CLM's inception and served as a volunteer staff member for several years. He currently maintains responsibility for teaching CLM's biblical principles of life to residents of both the Hannah House and the men's ministry. Lightner's life experience and faithful service to CLM have positively impacted hundreds of men and women's lives and, by extension, thousands of their family members and these numbers only continue to increase. During exit interviews with graduating residents, almost without fail, these men and women openly express how much Jerry, his passionate teaching, and, when necessary, tough love mean to them.

Lightner's involvement with Changed Lives Ministry over the years has demonstrated that personal authenticity mixed with loving accountability

is a potent combination in the successful rescue and recovery of people's lives from addiction. The residents know he genuinely cares for them and desires to see them permanently healed of their past struggles. This communicates much about the difference Lightner's contributions are making toward the victories being won by the Lord through Changed Lives Ministry.



Jenny Manchester
Ministry Assistant



My name is Jenny Manchester and I grew up in Spartanburg SC. My walk with the Lord began many years ago. I have faced many hardships over the years and through His never ending grace and love, I can proudly say that I am an overcomer. As a child of God, I look forward to walking in His Will everyday and furthering His Kingdom. Changed Lives Ministry has allowed me to pursue His Kingdom by ministering to the women that come through the doors of the Hannah House. I will remain grateful for this opportunity and am excited about being given this magnificent opportunity.

The Transitional House Update

James Riffle - Transitional House Manager

The Changed Lives Ministry Transitional House (CLMTH) was established as an additional phase in the rehabilitation process. The purpose of this group home is to help men who have been through a faith-based drug and alcohol structured program to transition back into society with their new commitment to Christ as their foundation.

CLMTH is a semi-structured program with the goal of helping individuals make life decisions based on Biblical principles. Guidelines have been established to help each resident continue to grow in Christ through church, small groups, and fellowship with other Christians.

We have just installed a new metal roof and are in the process of replacing the flooring throughout

the mobile home.

There are several success stories of guys being re-established in society. They have paid off fines and earned their driving privileges back. One of our young men had some felony charges dropped, only by the grace of God.

We have great Bible studies on Tuesday and Thursday nights. We went through 1st and 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, and now we are going through Ephesians.

The men at the CLMTH watch Louie Giglio's indescribable tour and are hoping to add a money managing course also in the future.

Blessings for the Hannah House

Kelly Farman - Manager of the Hannah House

2018 has been a year of blessings for the Hannah House. We opened our doors to our first resident in April and have had six ladies to successfully graduate from our program since then. This could not have been possible without the love of Christ shown through the community and local churches.

The churches in our community have reached out to the Hannah House and welcomed us into the fold of their congregation. Pastors and godly men and women volunteer their time and come to the Hannah House and share the Word of God daily.

We have also had the honor of being involved in their church activities. Wassamasaw Baptist Church invited the Hannah House ladies to come and

enjoy Ruth Graham as she gave her testimony. The ladies even got to meet her personally.

We also were recently asked to be involved in the revival at Victory Baptist, where the ladies performed an interpretative dance to the song "Clean" by Natalie Grant. St. Michael's Lutheran and Moncks Corner Pentecostal Holiness Church are other local churches that invite us out for monthly dinner and a message.

The ladies at the Hannah House find love and encouragement through the church. It is only by the Holy Spirit moving through the churches in Moncks Corner that we have been so blessed.

We ask for your continued prayer and support.

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- **Toiletries** - toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, non-alcoholic mouthwash, shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, soap dishes, brushes, combs
 - **Cleaning** - Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dishwashing liquid, scrub brush/sponges, 99% Lysol disinfectant spray
 - **Paper Products** - toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, napkins,
 - **Study Items** - Notebook paper, paper notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, index cards
 - **Clothes** - White t-shirts - size small - 2XL, socks and underwear
 - **Other** - 10 twin fitted sheets, pillow cases, comforters, 12 place mats, computer
 - **Outside** - weed trimmer, lawn mower(s)

Blessings for the Men's Ministry

Caleb Kennedy - Ministry Assistant

1 Corinthians 12:13-14

"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many."

Changed Lives Ministry has been blessed by God to operate as part of the body of Christ within the community of Moncks Corner. As a non-denominational organization, churches throughout the community have welcomed us in as part of their family.

Through community support and the love of God working through these churches we attend men's fellowships, as well as services where the men are not only fed spiritually but physically as well. Santee Circle, Victory Baptist, Moncks Corner Pentecostal Holiness, Oak Grove, Hickory Grove, Providence,

Berkeley Baptist, Sonrise Church as well as numerous others are dedicated monthly to ministering to the men and sharing the love of God and what it means to have a close and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. No matter the denomination, these churches in collaboration with CLM share one Spirit baptized into one body.

As a non-profit organization, we do not charge our men for residency at CLM, but we are able to give back to the churches by serving in the community as well as helping churches and members throughout their congregation.

CLM takes the men out within the community every month and builds a wheel chair ramp in conjunction with Pointe North Church and Hope Repair, where the men get the opportunity to

learn and work together as brothers in Christ.

We also help with moving projects, yard details for church members and numerous other projects throughout the community. Having these opportunities allows the men to learn to work together as brothers as well as participate in activities that they have never done. Being united by the Spirit, we see these men come together, each one bringing what they have to offer to get the task at hand complete led by the Holy Spirit of God.



Fundraising Banquet *April 11th*

Benefit Concert *TBD*

Golf Tournament *November 5th*

2018 in Review

Keith Griggs - Director of Changed Lives Ministry

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

I've heard Pastor Mickey White recite this passage time after time. As we read this verse, think about it for a moment. Are we living our lives for Christ as Paul was when he wrote this passage? It's sad to say, but many of us are still holding on to some things in our lives that are causing us to live a life out of God's will. We may be partially obedient in some areas, but partial obedience is disobedience.

The men and women that come to Changed Lives Ministry have been making decisions and doing things their way their whole lives. Their way and their decisions have gotten them to the point that they need help. That's why they must be broken when they arrive. They must be ready to surrender themselves in the flesh and allow Christ to live in them. Former graduate and now manager, Tommy Turpin, testified that surrendering his will was one of the biggest hurdles he faced when going through CLM. Faith in Christ grows stronger the more we learn God's Word. When we surrender our ways for God's ways, we can say "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me".

What an awesome year 2018 was for CLM. We kicked off the new year

planning and preparing for our women's ministry. The result of many years of prayers and blessings was provided by our mighty God and in March, the doors of the Hannah House were open to Women seeking help from addictions.

We held several fundraising events this year, including the CLM Benefit Banquet, Musical Concert and Golf Tournament. In April, we hosted our 2nd annual CLM Banquet at Trident Technical College with Bobby Richardson as the guest speaker. The CLM Banquet was a huge success as we raised over 100K to support this ministry. In July, the benefit concert was hosted at Pointe North Church and brought in about 10K. In November, the annual golf tournament was held at Berkeley Country Club and raised about 9K.

These contributions are a huge part of our budget intake. As you know, there is no charge for residents to go through our programs, so we rely heavily on donations from these events, other individuals, churches and businesses to support this ministry. With the addition of the women's program our operating budget has increased significantly. Our goal is to have commitments from these donors to cover our projected 18K monthly budget. At this point, we are falling well short of this goal. So, continue to pray that God will provide the monetary needs for this ministry.

We are absolutely amazed at how God has provided for this ministry, but what's more amazing is how lives are being impacted through CLM. We witnessed 36 men and women graduate and share their testimonies thus far this year. Lives are being changed, relationships restored and individuals are making commitments to turn away from the world and to turn to Jesus. Praise the Lord!

As we reflect on this past year, we are excited to see how God will provide for 2019. Recently, a potential donor shared his heart for this ministry and expressed his commitment to help provide funding to build a new office and dormitory on the CLM men's campus. We are currently in the planning stages of this project and hope to kick it off in the first quarter of next year. The Board of Directors has selected Barry Blackmon to head this project.

The Board has also been discussing the possibility of opening a thrift store to help support CLM. We are seeking a suitable location at this time. There's just so much happening right now with CLM. Thank God for all the people involved with the daily operations that help make this ministry a huge success. Please continue to pray for the Board of Directors, staff, residents, past residents, future residents, and volunteers. Prayers of a righteous person can accomplish much. Stay in God's will and PRAY.

Congratulations to our recent graduates:

Crystal Bennett	RJ Haywood
Whitley Newell	Michael Turner
Jaye Sturdevant	Baron Bradley
April Smith	Chad Dukes
Lizzie Bazemore	Jeff Drake
Dwayne White	Kenneth Pace
Wendell Weaver	Alex Lylerly
Randolph Washington	Kenny Litchfield
Chad Parker	



Volunteers Needed for Men and Women's Ministries

- Carpenters
- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Repairs & Maintenance Craftsman
- Painters



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