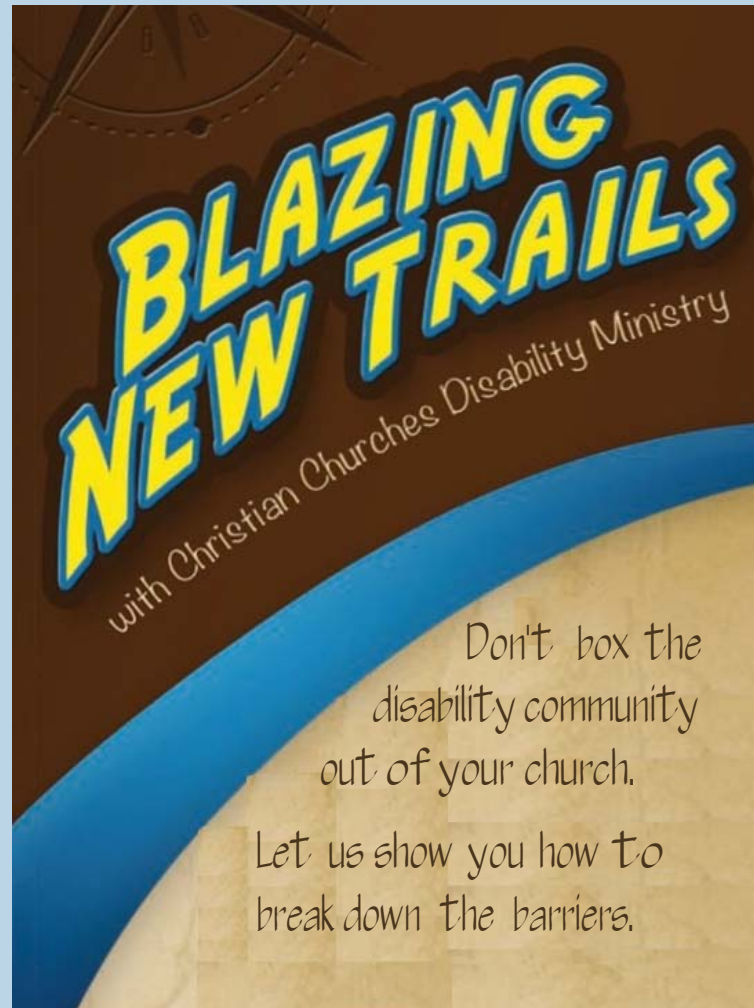


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**CCDM**  
Christian Churches Disability Ministry

## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Every now and then I get the urge for change; a new journey if you will. I must say it's been no different here at CCDM. Someone said "If you are not moving forward, you are moving backward." Many have taken credit for that saying but I am not sure who really said it. I just hope it was not someone with a crazy agenda.

With that said, the past four years of my ministry at CCDM has been nothing but moving forward. When I started in 2009, we were battling the economic crisis. Auto companies were about to go under, jobs were being lost at a very high rate, the home industry was falling off the cliff, and we had to make some drastic decisions to get our finances under control. With a grin, our dear friend, the late Don Jeanes told my predecessor that he had picked the perfect time to retire.

While we were plowing through the economic field, another friend of mine, Eugene DePorter, gave me some wise advice. "Pick out the one thing you need to do, perfect it, and then move to a next step." This was great advice even though my 30 years at Delta was telling me to multi-task as many actionable items as possible. Thank you, Eugene. We put all of our focus on the residential services and that was the right thing to do. I thank God and give Him all the glory as He directed us in making the correct decisions that enabled us to rise up and succeed. It took us about two years, but we had a good handle on the operational and financial side of our ministry.

The third year we were able to build a brand new facility with the financial help of many and the hard work of the Jack Ballard Church Builders. As we concluded my fourth year, we were able to

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pay off all our debts and we saw 15 groups with more than 300 people come to Riverwood to work on our facility and build relationships with our residents.

All of this brings us to 2013. I must admit, there was a time in late 2012 that I was befuddled as to what to do next. Where was God directing this ministry? How did He want me to lead? What was He telling me to do to continue this great work called CCDM? I called one of our directors who lives not far from Riverwood and we met, prayed, and sought some answers. We talked about the history of our ministry and how we were founded. We talked about Sam Stone and how Sam's encounter with a young lady who was disabled stirred his emotion. Even today Sam cannot talk about the impact that encounter had for this ministry without a tear filling his eye. This ministry would be more than a facility or education; it was about building "*relationship*" before the word was a catalyst for churches today.

We want to recapture that dream and raise the awareness for people to reach out to those with disabilities. There are two very important ideas that we want bring to fruition in 2013.

**First, to create an environment conducive to understanding Disability Ministry and embrace the opportunity to help churches explore their options.** I can't help but think about the parent who wanted to start a special needs Bible study and the leadership at her church said they were not good working with people who had disabilities so "don't expect our help." We will hold retreats on our campus to provide the training and encouragement needed by lay leaders in local congregations who want to reach out to their disability community.

**Second, to take advantage of the power of "online community."** There are parents who are on the front line without the tools to understand what they can expect from the health-care industry or educational opportunities. CCDM will create online support groups and monthly webinars to help families serving those with special needs.

## THANK YOU



**Our new 2012 15-passenger Ford van**

We are proud to present to you our new Ford van. Thanks to the donations given during the Christmas Season, we were able to spend time searching for the right vehicle and, with cash in our hands, we made a great deal.

We use our vans for a multitude of things such as transportation to and from church, getting our residents to work and back, taking trips together to visit supporting churches, and going to the grocery, just to name a few. This 2012 vehicle will allow us to attend the North American Christian Convention and, for most them, it will be the first time ever.

By purchasing this van we have improved the safety for our residents but also meet the need for a maintenance vehicle. We will be removing all of the seats from the old van with 250,000 miles and make that our "work truck" which will help us greatly. We give thanks to our God for providing once again the needs of transportation as we fulfill Christ's direction of taking care of others.

## WE NEED A TRACTOR

As I travel, I hear many advertisements on the radio about donating your car. There are many good not-for-profit organizations where you could donate your car.



However, if you have a **TRACTOR** you would like to donate, please contact us at **678-614-4115**. We have a long gravel driveway that needs leveling several times a year.

We also want to build a walking/jogging path around our 11 acres to give our residents a safe place to walk. When you add the fallen trees and limbs that need to be cleaned up, it all adds up to the need of a tractor.



That's right, just a good old **John Deere** or **Massey Ferguson**. Hey, we will even take a **Kubota** (a funny name for a tractor made in Gainesville, Georgia).



Seriously, please talk to your friends, family and co-workers; if they would like to donate a tractor to an incredibly wonderful cause, please give them our number — **678-614-4115** and talk to Gary Spangler.

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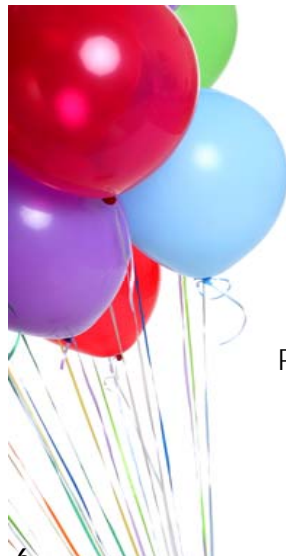
We currently have the money to remain effective in our mission to provide residential care, but my heart longs for the opportunity to do more and our dreams require so much more. We are coveting your prayers and financial support. God has richly blessed us with the years of knowledge and we need to share that knowledge with others.

My friend and CCDM board member, Roy Row is helping us blaze new trails to raise awareness and resources by hiking the Appalachian Trail. He will begin his journey on April 3, taking a brief stop to visit the North American Christian Convention - **VICTORIOUS** and then continue through the rest of the summer. Please join us in giving online at [www.ccdmonline.org](http://www.ccdmonline.org) or contacting Roy Row at [roy@ccdmonline.org](mailto:roy@ccdmonline.org) to find out more.

We are truly "**Blazing New Trails**"! Come join us, there is plenty of room.



## OUR RESIDENTS' BIRTHDAYS



February	7 <sup>th</sup>	Christy
March	27 <sup>th</sup>	Kim
April	10 <sup>th</sup>	Scott
May	17 <sup>th</sup>	Donald
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Tom K.

Thank you for remembering our residents on their birthdays!

They appreciate the cards that you send.

Please mail your cards to our residents at:

**Riverwood Campus  
3123 Pride Road  
Louisville, TN 37777**

## GIFTS TO REMEMBER

*Through December 31, 2012*

### In memory of

Helen Cinnamon  
Mary Carroll  
Charles Eversole  
Amanda Heitkamp  
Clara Judd  
Lewis C. Miller  
Louise McLendon  
Jim Myers  
Marcella Park  
Marie Skandera  
Shari Sproales  
Tony Stallings  
Winnie Wilson  
Ab and Fylma Witt

### Given by

Jim and Norma Pierson  
Harry and Sandra Fuller  
Dorothy Eversole  
Peggy McCord  
Bill and Fran Sanford  
Jim and Norma Pierson  
Cecil and Catherine Hallman  
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Tom and Phyllis Hendrickson  
Lou and Peggy Martin  
Cleveland (TN) Christian Church  
Jim and Mary Witt

## GIFTS TO HONOR

*Through December 31, 2012*

### In honor of

Betty K. Adamson  
Betty Baggett  
Carol Baggett  
Hellen Kelly  
Ham and Marianne Hamlett  
Dorothy Merriman  
  
Frank Merriman  
Lamar and Barbara Merriman  
Allen & Shirley Moore  
Larry & Linda Parker  
Jim and Norma Pierson  
  
Glenna Sandefur  
  
Barbara Wilson  
James P. Witt  
Mary C. Witt  
Elton & Jean Wright

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Jack and Dot Pickett  
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Charlie and Irene Fassam  
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Paul and Susie Greene  
Mortons Gap (KY) Christian Ch.  
Mary Helen Sandefur  
Fred Wilson  
Mary C. Witt  
James P. Witt  
Jack and Dot Pickett



## Won't you help us?

For as little as \$25 a month, **YOU** can help to sponsor a resident at Riverwood. We have four (4) residents who need financial assistance. If you, your Sunday school class, or small group would be interested in helping one of our residents, please call us at **865.984.5178**, email us at [info@ccdmonline.org](mailto:info@ccdmonline.org) or write to us at the address below. We will send you a picture and information about the person you are sponsoring. **Won't you help us to help them??**

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