

PERSPECTIVE

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF HOPE



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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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It is Possible!

One in five children in Cabarrus County live with food insecurity. Hundreds of families have been displaced from their homes and thousands face a housing crisis every day. An increasing number of children are growing up in fatherless homes. Far too many believe the world is leaving them behind.

We in Cabarrus County have the capacity to solve these problems. We make it out to be impossible. It's not.

God provided the step-by-step solution. Here's how He lays it out. (adapted from the Message)



"Making the Impossible Possible"
October 2nd, 2017

God said Here's what I want to see:

Break the chains of injustice
Get rid of exploitation in the workplace
Free the oppressed
Cancel debts

I want YOU to do this first:

Share your food with the hungry
Invite the homeless poor into your homes
Put clothing on the shoulders of the ill-clad
Be available to your own families

If you do:

You will see things you couldn't see before
You will see a difference in your life immediately
Doors will open and things will fall into place
Your prayers will be answered

Then take it to the next level:

Get rid of unfair practices
Quit blaming victims
Quit gossiping about other people's lives
Don't just give — be generous

And watch what I will do:

I will make you a shining example
I will guide you through the problem
I will make you successful right where you are
I will make sure you always have enough
I will use you to rebuild lives
I will make you a city on a hill. (Isaiah 58:6-12)

God does not call us to something that He does not equip us to do. We can try to convince ourselves this won't work, or we can assess where we are and take the next step.

Let's attack the problem!

"With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26



Save the Date!

Forest Hill, UMC, Concord

Drop-In: Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 5-6:30 pm

CROP Hunger Walk — Sunday, October 15, 2017

Registration: 1:00 pm /CROP Walk at 2:00 pm.

www.crophungerwalk.org

Facing Grown-Up Challenges with Middle School Tools



Sleeping in the front seat of the car, with mom sleeping in the back seat and dad sleeping sitting up behind the wheel makes it hard to face each day. Eating fast food, hanging out in the library, Walmart parking lot and public restrooms, wearing the same pair of pants and two shirts, wondering how many of your friends know. It is hard being homeless in fifth grade. Completing assignments is difficult, participating in other activities is impossible.

Cory knew it would get better. It hadn't always been this way. Hanging out with mom every day because she was sick, while dad went to work was just until it got better, dad promised. It seemed to be forever until Cory's family was offered an opportunity in CCM's Teaching Housing program. Dad said, "it was a good thing." Mom said, "it was a miracle!" Cory said, "finally!"

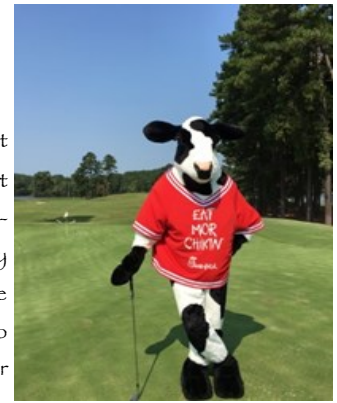
Cory's feet hit the ground running with a hardworking attitude and a contagious spirit. The next school year he was a finalist in the run for Class President. Dad was able to find more work and mom was finally able to get attention for her health needs.

Two years of perseverance and hard work has paid off, this month Dad is in the process of buying a home in their neighborhood. A yard with a fence, a driveway and a storage shed out back. A place to call home is what momma calls it. For Cory, it is a place to grow into his 7th grade year — where anything is possible.



For more details about volunteering with CCM's programs click the link below.

www.volunteerCCM.com



"We should be about more than just selling chicken. We should be a part of our customers' lives and the communities in which we serve. Nearly every moment of every day we have the opportunity to give something to someone else — our time, our love, our resources. I have always found more joy in giving when I did not expect anything in return." S. Truett Cathy

Chick-fil-A Concord Parkway's Owner/Operator **Stockton Perry** believes in supporting his community and serving others. From donating surplus food to local shelters and soup kitchens through the Chick-fil-A Shared Table program, to feeding victims and first responders after a disaster, they give away food all year long to those who need it most. CCM is blessed to have Stockton and his team support our ministries and be the 19th hole reception sponsor for our 21st annual golf classic at The Club at Irish Creek.

Chick-fil-A Concord Parkway is located at 1475 Concord Parkway N. (across the street from Carolina Mall)



Join us for this year's **SHOE SHOW/CCM Golf Classic.** Click the link below for registration details!

www.golf4ccm.com

Thank you to All Saints Episcopal Church for hosting the annual **Tour de Saints event.**

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www.cooperativeministry.com