

# The MISSION

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Serving the Lost and Hurting Community of West Point and the Golden Triangle Area  
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## Summer of Transitions

It has been an exciting summer here at The Mission. Preparations for our Men's Transitional Living Center (MTLC) have really taken off. We are blessed to have Don Cotton join us as the Program Director for the MTLC. Don brings with him a wealth of information in this area having worked in the rehabilitation and transitional housing field for over 20 years in Tampa and Miami, FL. He has been an answer to prayer as our men's transitional/aftercare program begins. As a native of West Point, MS, Don has returned home to continue his ministry as a volunteer at The Mission.

Our Adopt-A-Room continues to progress as the Calvary Baptist Men's Brotherhood group renovates the former executive offices. They installed new wainscoting, painted the room and installed new LED lights. Bathroom updates are underway too!



We are blessed to be well on our way to air conditioning and heating portions of our East Building. Thank you Lord! Painting and drywall repair continue as wall-paper and rugs are removed. We have been blessed to receive donations of paint and supplies to accomplish our renovation projects.

We are still seeking funds to complete our changeover to LED lighting in our West Building and portions of the East Building. Not only will we be able to reduce the number of fixtures we need, but also reduce our utility bill with the cost efficiency of LED's. While our renovations are coming along at a quick pace, we have a long way to go to complete these projects. ***We would not be able to do this without you, our supporters and the grace of God!***



## A MESSAGE FROM MIKE CIANCI

It is with bittersweet emotions that this will be my last report to you as Ministry Director. As most of you already know, I am leaving our ministry for a time of physical and spiritual refreshment. I am moving back home to Florida to be near my mom and sister. It will be the first time in 40 years that we all lived near each other! After 12 years of traveling full time in my RV and working in various ministries from coast to coast, God has provided an opportunity for me to rest. Please pray for me as I enter this new season of life.

I am so glad I had this time here at The Mission. To be involved in a ministry almost from the beginning has been an awesome experience. I learned a lot about myself and learned skills I didn't know I was gifted with! I know I am leaving here with The Mission in a great place, firmly planted "on the map" in West Point because you allowed me to share with our community the vision of what God is doing here through our humble servants. I am thankful for the friendships I developed while working with churches and organizations to achieve our vision of bridging the socio-economic and racial gaps in our city to The Mission and to Jesus Christ. I know we're poised for explosive growth by the grace of God as we follow His lead. I want to thank everyone who supported me personally during my time here. You are my forever family and I will take with me great memories. I hope to come back and visit when I can. I will continue to support The Mission both financially and in prayer and I hope you will join me in doing so.

May God bless all of you, *Mike*



### Celebrate Recovery

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### Conquer Series Ends; Next Session Begins This Fall



We concluded our Conquer Series program for men struggling with pornography/sexual addiction on August 21st. We have selected two leaders to facilitate the next program. We will restart Volume One and we're excited to begin Volume Two for those wanting to continue their recovery after completing Volume One. We will notify of those start dates via Facebook and our website. (Listed bottom left of this page)



### Volunteer Spotlight: Matt Fondren

We are so excited and thankful to have Matt with us! He joined The Mission in the fall of last year as we began setting up our facility. There were TV's to install, sound systems to set up, security cameras to activate and lighting to be replaced.

Matt has been invaluable with his expertise in those areas! He has added valuable insight to the staff as we progress with the various ministries at The Mission. Matt has also been using his artistic side to help us put together praise and worship sets, PowerPoint presentations and even designed our East Building sign. We are blessed to have him as part of our team!