

the MESSENGER

Serving, Reaching, Teaching — *Together*

SEPTEMBER 2020

70 Years
of Sharing
the Good News
of Jesus

Cedric:
Born in Flint, Reborn in Christ
Learn more inside!



A man wearing a black beanie and a dark jacket is looking down at an open book he is holding. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

A Note from Dr. Dallas Gatlin

CARRIAGE TOWN MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Only Constant

“Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever.”

-Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

Dear Friend,

This year has been filled with uncertainty, adjustment and change. We all had plans only to see them altered in ways we never could have imagined.

Most of us have tried to find something certain that will help us make sense of our future. I've found that stability in Hebrews 13:8: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

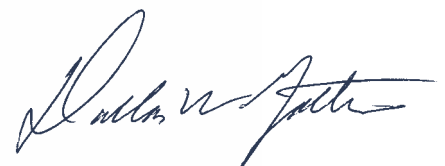
For 70 years, our primary purpose at Carriage Town Ministries has been sharing this truth because it is the only foundation upon which one can build their life.

From 1950 until today, Jesus' love and message of hope has remained the only constant. Technology has changed. Perspectives have changed. The needs of people who come to our doors have changed. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ has endured. And it is still changing hearts and lives just as it always has.

In this issue of The Messenger, you'll read about Cedric who was born and raised right here in Flint in the 1980s. But when he was heading in a downward spiral, he discovered newness of life in Christ. We've also shared some pictures of our ministry over the past seven decades, a beautiful reminder of God's grace and goodness in the midst of an ever-changing world.

Thank you for your unwavering support through it all. We've always relied on God's provision through His people to care for our guests and share His love.

We are thankful, humbled and hopeful to see Jesus proclaimed at Carriage Town Ministries in each year that is to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dallas Gatlin".

Dallas Gatlin

Born in Flint, Reborn in Christ

Cedric has a new life, thanks to you

Less than 40 years ago, God had a plan to bring Cedric into the world right here in Flint, Michigan. After growing up and finding work, Cedric began to carve out a path for this life. But he wasn't always sure of the foundation.

Just a couple years ago, Cedric was living with family and helping his dad. But when an inheritance led to family strife, Cedric was forced to find somewhere new to live. His only options at the time: his car or a storage unit in the middle of a Michigan winter.

"It was really cold," Cedric remembers. "But I just bundled up and tucked down in my car until the morning came."

Even though Cedric was still working, he knew he needed more support. He felt aimless and didn't have a plan

for his future. That's when a friend told him about Carriage Town Ministries.

Of course, Cedric was thankful for the practical care like meals and a safe place to sleep - a huge improvement from living in his car! But Cedric considers his spiritual journey the most important part of his Carriage Town Ministries experience.

"When I came here, I needed a change of pace and basically be reborn," Cedric says.

As he opened up his heart and welcomed the friendship and brotherhood cultivated in our programs, the love of Jesus began to transform him.

"My faith in God has kept my head up," Cedric says. "I've learned that Jesus will never leave me or abandon me. The difference between me now and me a couple years ago is I'm hopeful. Even though I'm going through adversity, I'm actually happy."

Today, Cedric is truly a new man. He has a different mindset and motivation for his life.

"I'm using everything I learned here as a stepping stool for integrity," Cedric expresses. "I wouldn't be here without God."

And Carriage Town Ministries wouldn't be here without you. Thank you.



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come..."

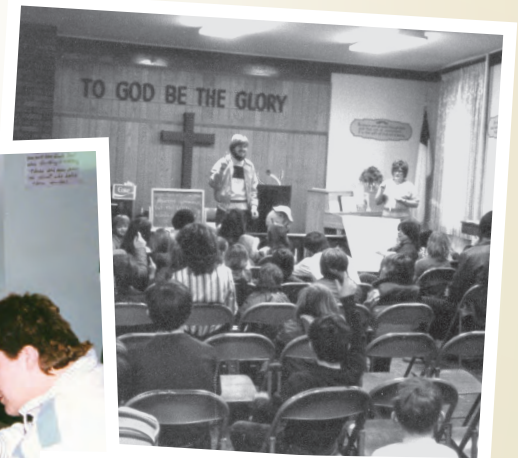
- 2 Corinthians 5:17a

70 Years of Sharing the Love of Jesus

In the past 70 years, guests have come to the doors of Carriage Town Ministries for a number of reasons. Whether they need a safe place to sleep or nourishing food to eat or new skills to find work, every night of rest, every meal prepared, and every class taught has been done in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Bible studies, chapels, prayer meetings, morning devotions and so many other faith-building programs are the lifeblood of Carriage Town Ministries. Sharing the love of Jesus is our number one priority. Everything else we do is wrapped up in this central mission.

Thank you for your role in spreading the Gospel throughout Flint and the surrounding community. We've seen lives change and guests succeed, but we are most honored by the work of Christ in the hearts of men, women and children.



CELEBRATING
70 YEARS
OF COMPASSION

Memorial & In Honor Of Gifts

Gifts received June 10, 2020 to July 21, 2020

An honor or memorial gift to Carriage Town Ministries is a special way to offer hope to the needy in the name of a friend or family member. Our deepest sympathies are with friends who have lost loved ones.

If you would like to give a gift in memory of a loved one who has passed away, or in honor of a special occasion, please mail your gift and the name of the person(s) being

remembered or honored to:

Carriage Town Ministries
P.O. Box 318
Flint, MI 48501

We will let your honoree or the family of the deceased know of your gift with a special card.

Thank you!

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Gifts that Leave a Legacy

Learn how you can help people in need for many years to come

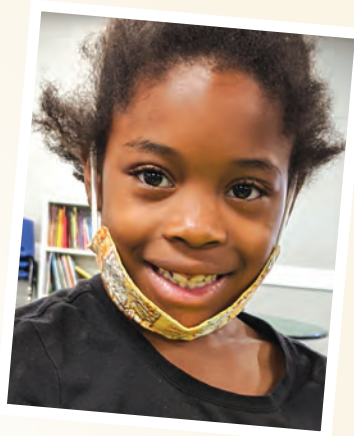
Many friends have chosen to support Carriage Town Ministries through planned giving opportunities.

These special gifts are philanthropic investments that serve to leave a lasting legacy:

- Bequest provision in a **will or living trust**
- **Life income gift** (charitable lead trust or charitable remainder trust)

- **Retirement plan** beneficiary designation
- **Life insurance** policy beneficiary designation
- **Life estate gift** (remainder interest in real property)

While many of these planned gift options offer financial advantages beyond tax deductions, they are unique opportunities to share God's love with neighbors in need for many years to come.



See if planned gifts to Carriage Town Ministries are the right choice for you by contacting Karen McGregor at 810-233-8787 or kmcgregor@carriagetown.org.

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Our Mission

is to provide help, hope, and the Good News to our community through the skills and means of God's people and the transforming power of Christ's love.



Fall Virtual Fundraiser Coming!

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 15 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**. In lieu of our annual banquet, we are excited to premiere a new virtual event to celebrate 70 years of compassion, thanks to your support!

Order your Blueline Party Pack in advance so you can enjoy donuts with coffee or hot chocolate in a Blueline mug during the event. You can even get your own Blueline Donuts t-shirts! Prices, party pack pick-up dates and more event information are available at:

www.carriagetown.org/virtualevent



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