

DECEMBER 2021

THE FAITH BASED SOLUTION TO THE ADDICTION EPIDEMIC



## IN ADDICTION FOR 30 YEARS

My name is William, but most people call me by my nickname, Oscar. I am 49 years old and I'm from Robeson County, NC. I had a big family, but had a difficult childhood being raised by a single mom. My dad was in prison most of my youth. I loved basketball and started playing when I was about 11 years.

As I became a little older, I started going to basketball camps during the summer and became really good. When I was just in 10th grade, they promoted me to the senior varsity team. I became discouraged though and started smoking marijuana about that time. Before long, I went from smoking marijuana to selling it. I dropped out of school when I was 17 years old and was known as a drug dealer.

This is when my life really started to go downhill. When I was 19 years old, I went to the Harley rally in Myrtle Beach SC. It was a popular event. Everyone attended. While I was there, I was introduced to cocaine. Everybody my age was doing it. It was like a social thing to do. I didn't know what I had gotten myself into.

Soon, I got married and had four children. Then I lost my first wife because of drugs. She left me and I had four children to raise. It was up and down, but nothing would ever be good for long. The drugs just robbed me of all I loved.

This continued for a long time. I was just half living, using drugs and working until December 30, 2020. My brother brought me to Adult & Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center. It was the best thing that I have ever done. I had been in addiction for 30 years and God made possible what seemed impossible.

Since surrendering to Christ, I will never be the same. He has moved in my family's life. I've been baptized and I'm just taking it one day at a time living for Jesus. He is my strength and my hope comes from Him.

*Glory to God in the highest,*



*And on earth peace, good will  
toward men.*

ORIGINAL BALANCE -

\$566,000

NEW BALANCE -

\$114,221



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## THE TRIFT STORE IS READY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

4812 US 441 South - Sylva, NC

10:00-5:00 Tuesday—Saturday

828-586-9966



Our men sang and gave testimony at LifeSpring Community Church and Franklin Church of God recently.

### UPCOMING GRADUATION

**Saturday, December 18, 2021, 10:00 AM**



#### TO MAKE A DONATION:

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