



## L.I.F.E. Ministries

*“Living In Freedom Everyday”*

501 (c3) nonprofit

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***Feeling hopeless? Tired? Frustrated?  
Wondering “Is there any help for  
overcoming addictions?”***

The answer to that last question is going to vary depending upon whom you are asking. We believe that the best One to ask is the One who knows us better than we know ourselves. It is God, our Creator, who has designed us with a great inner need to worship. We were in fact created to worship Him. If we do not worship God with our lives we will by default worship someone or something else. That someone or something else becomes our god for all practical purposes.

There are many different approaches to battling addiction. Many times the body needs clinical detox, the mind needs counseling or therapy, but have you ever considered the spiritual aspect of addiction? Addiction from a biblical perspective is idolatry, the worship of false gods. There are many things that can become an idol in our lives. Let me ask you, “What is it that consumes your thoughts, demands your time and attention, and utilizes your resources (finances, energy, etc)? If it is not the God of the Bible, the Creator of all creation, then you are worshipping at the altar of a false god. We are created for a purpose. God tells us exactly what that purpose is in His Word:

*1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)*

*“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

*Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)*

*“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

### **HOPE FOR CHANGE**

If we find ourselves living for a purpose other than to honor and glorify God we may be bound in an addiction. The good news that God offers is that there is a way out of addiction. The Gospel of Christ offers us the power we need to experience lasting and life-long change.

The Apostle Paul writing to the church at Corinth named many addictive sins that at one time were present in the lives of those he was writing:

*1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV)*

*“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”*

Many of the Christians at Corinth had suffered from sexual addictions, substance abuse, and criminal addictive behavior. Paul calls many of these addictions by name. Then Paul offers the key for lasting change in the next verse:

*1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)*

*“And such WERE some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”*

We have the same God today!

*Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)*

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

### **WHY THE MINISTRY OF L.I.F.E.**

The L.I.F.E. ministry began in March of 2017 with the intent of sharing this good news of deliverance with others. Our leadership team consists of those who have been set free from addictions through the power of God. These men and women know where you are and what your struggles feel like. We are here to help you recover and reach a place of freedom in your life. You do not have to remain a slave to some habit that is destroying you and those you love. We are here to help you!

### **L.I.F.E. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

To advance the gospel of Jesus Christ through helping others to realize in their own lives that there is real LIFE offered through Jesus who heals our deepest hurts, brings forgiveness for all our failures, and empowers us to be set free from addictions, leading us into transformed lives.

**God is more than able!**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

L.I.F.E. exists as a nonprofit with the mission of reaching out with love and compassion to hurting men and women struggling in the bondage of addiction. Our goal is to help others establish a new life through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ while applying Biblical truth which leads to lasting change.

## OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pastor Michael R Dixon, Pastor was delivered from drug and alcohol addiction in 1988 as he surrendered his life to Christ. Following his salvation experience, Michael answered the call to enter fulltime ministry. In 1991 and 1996 he graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, with two undergraduate degrees. In 2003 he earned the Master of Divinity degree with biblical counseling from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. He served as executive director of Hope Ministries, Inc., a Biblical Counseling Center in Kinston, N.C. for over 10 years, as well as serving five N.C. churches as Senior Pastor. Pastor Dixon is the author of "Casting Down Idols through The Power of The Gospel," as well as the 40 lesson LIFE curriculum used in this program. There is also a podcast, "Casting Down Idols," which you can access through itunes. Pastor Dixon is also a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist-A with the N.C. Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board. Pastor Dixon's heart is to help others who are struggling where he once was. There is a way out!

## THE L.I.F.E. LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our leadership team consists of individuals who really care about you and your recovery. Many who are currently serving on the team have been there and done that. They know from personal experience the pain and bondage of addiction but most importantly they know of the power of God to set the captive free. We believe that those who have been delivered from addictions are the best ones to minister to those who currently struggle.

## YOUR INVITATION

L.I.F.E. currently meets in four N.C. counties but check the website for new chapters:

**EDGECOMBE COUNTY:** Thursdays, 6:30 P.M., Family Life Center of Oakdale Baptist Church, 13037 U.S. 64 Alt. W Hwy, Rocky Mount. 252-442-6587

**PITT COUNTY:** Mondays, 6:30 P.M., in the fellowship hall of Winterville Baptist Church, 2593 Church Street, Winterville, N.C. 252-756-5955

**GASTON COUNTY:** Friday nights, "Friday Night LIGHT," 6-9 P.M. at Grace Baptist Church, 2200 Auten Road, Gastonia, N.C. 28054 1-704-864-5121 Church Office

**NASH COUNTY:** Mondays, 7 P.M. Calvary Chapel of Red Oak, 3761 Red Oak-Battleboro Rd., Battleboro, N.C. 27809 252-443-0811



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"I HAVE COME TO GIVE LIFE AND TO GIVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY"

JOHN 10:10

## A CHRIST-CENTERED ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM

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