

A Transformed Life

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My name is Johnathan W. and I am 49 years old. I have been a part of South Camden area for a long time. Through my addiction I hung around right outside the Fellowship House doors across the street at the liquor store with my drinking buddies on a house step. I often volunteered at the Fellowship House in spite of my drinking problems. I knew the Lord and believed in Him. He had delivered me from drugs but I was having a hard time being delivered from alcohol. I often came to the Addiction Victorious meetings at Fellowship House. That was where I met Lucy DuBose. She was the addictions director and was a recovering addict herself. This encouraged me and gave me hope that I could also change. For years I thought I would never overcome this addiction.

One day the Lord began ministering to me and I finally made an intelligent decision: with the help of the Holy Spirit I was able to stop drinking and after many months of Minister Davis (Fellowship House's Community Outreach Program Director) encouraging me to get married we did, we had our ceremony right at the Fellowship House and Min. Davis married us. It has now been 6 years and I am truly content. God has been restoring my mind and allowing me to work for Him. I have continued to volunteer here at the Fellowship House and am truly grateful for what God is doing in my life.

Just the other day I was walking to the store talking to the Lord about a verse that I read in the bible about the cleansing of your mind – Romans 12-2 – and the spirit spoke to me and said “Johnny – how many drugs have you done in your life? And quickly thinking – I remembered huffing glue was my first downfall – then things started running through my mind.” The list seems so long that I could have walked on this list all the way to the store. Then the spirit asked me to take a look at myself. I saw a whole man who talks well, can walk well, and can see pretty good – it's funny if I asked any doctor he would probably say, “I should be a babbling idiot, but only through the grace and mercy of God – I was spared.”

God has truly taken care of me. I should have lost my mind with all the drugs and alcohol I have done but I thank God that He kept me and continues to keep me.

I am grateful to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to the Fellowship House for not giving up on me.

“Be ye not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:1