

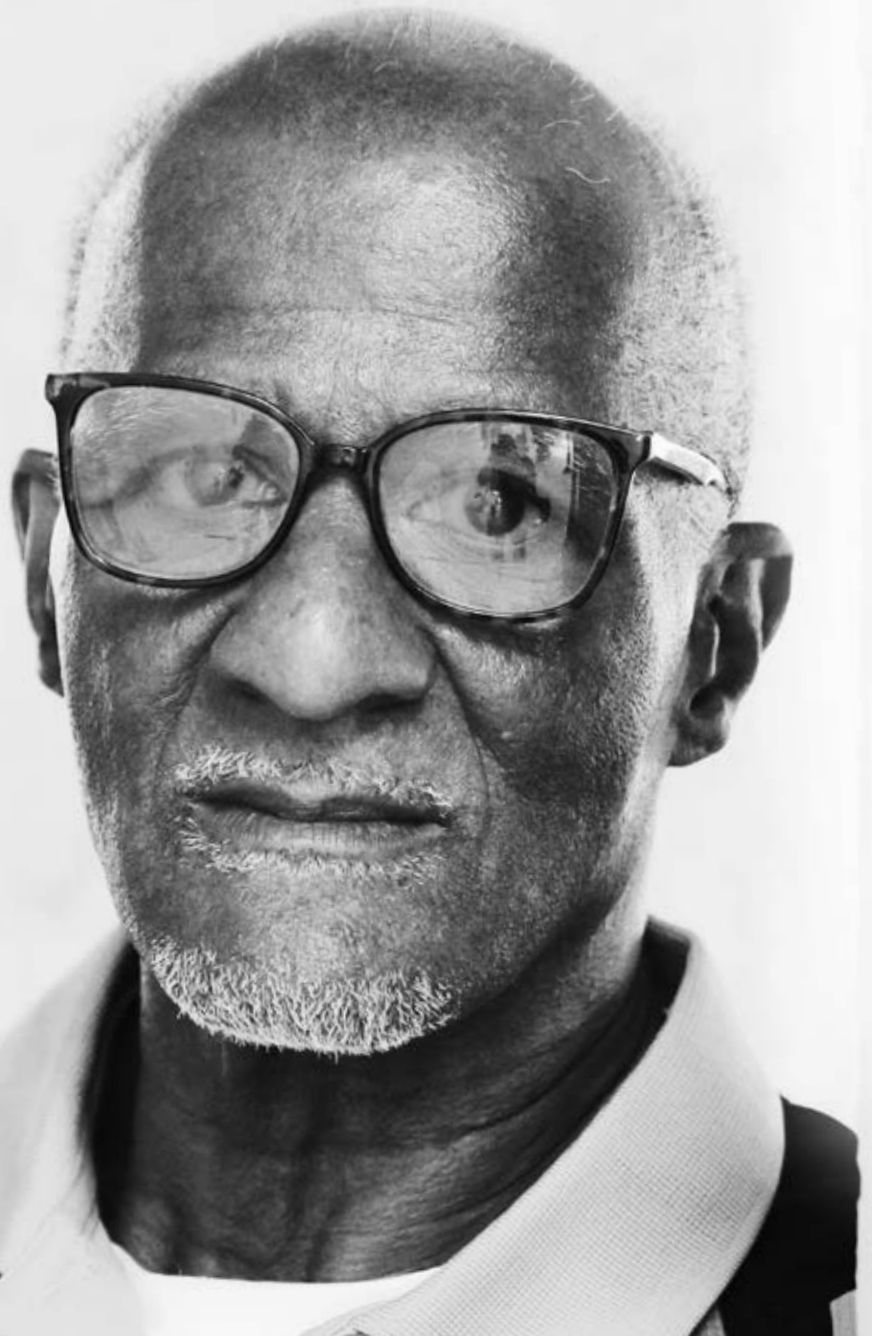
WAYSIDE CROSS MINISTRIES

# WCM <sup>+</sup>IMPACT

Easter 2023

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Clyde* A NEW BEGINNING.

Because of you, he  
has joy in his heart  
this Easter!



**DON'T MISS...**

**2** Help our hurting  
neighbors this Easter

**3** "God has His hand  
on my shoulder."

**4** Hope on  
Wheels

Transforming Lives • Restoring Families • Life-changing Programs

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**“As long as  
God has His  
hand on my  
shoulder,  
I’m good.”**



Clyde remembers his childhood as a time of trouble. Describing his parents, he says, “My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a God-fearing woman.”

Though he was raised in the church, his mother’s strict religious nature actually caused him to run away from God and pursue a rebellious lifestyle. “I was a disobedient child... I did what I wanted, when I wanted.”

Clyde started using drugs and turned to a life of crime. He went from spending time in a juvenile detention center at age eight to nearly 60 years in and out of prison.

“All that time, I was just chasing the high. I was an addict, a liar and a thief. I didn’t care about anybody but myself.”

The turning point came when Clyde finally “got tired of the chase. I got on my knees and asked God to remove the desire to get high.” The Lord responded and took away his addiction, but Clyde kept getting into trouble with the law.

Then he started hearing people talking about Wayside Cross Ministries during his last stint in jail, and felt God leading him to come here. Clyde got on a bus, then a train, and walked through our

doors – looking for lasting change.

For the first time in his life, Clyde has a job – working here in our warehouse. He hopes to create relationships with his kids and grandkids after he graduates from our Master’s Touch men’s recovery program, and is eager to share his faith with others.

“At Wayside, I’ve been transformed. They showed me how to believe, trust and follow God. They saved my life.”

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**I’m not walking by myself  
anymore... I have Jesus  
with me!**

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**With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Clyde is grateful for your support this Easter.** “I tell people who come in here that have tried everything else... try Jesus. If you don’t like what He has to offer you, your misery can be refunded absolutely free!”



A Message from JAMES LUKOSE

## THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up to become part of His family. It still amazes us that God goes to such great lengths to redeem us from our sins and guilt.

**That's why we're committed to making needy men, women and children feel welcome here at Wayside Cross.**

We invite them to be part of our family... and we share with them the eternal hope that only Jesus provides to us when we receive Him as our Savior and Lord.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Because of your prayers and financial gifts, we are able to provide them with the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward a transformed life.

**We hope you celebrate in an especially meaningful way, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's amazing grace.**

In His bond,

James Lukose  
Executive Director



## HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.25 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**
- ♥ An overnight stay in our safe housing
- ♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **[waysidecross.org](https://waysidecross.org)**.

## Leave a *lasting* legacy

John has been generous to his family, friends and the charities he believes in for years... but doesn't have a will, living trust or other plan.

**He's not alone!** More than half of U.S. adults haven't planned for their passing.

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live. And the result may be very different from what you had wished – especially if your desire was not only to care for loved ones, but to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

Wayside can help make sure your wishes are followed and help you leave a legacy of generosity that will live on for future generations.

To create or update your will so that it reflects your values, or to find inspirational resources to help you with your financial decisions, visit us at  
[📄 christianwill.org/waysidecross](https://christianwill.org/waysidecross).

*And if you have already included Wayside Cross in your will, please let us know so we can say "Thank you!"*



# Find a Treasure, Change a Life!



When you visit a Wayside Cross Ministries' Resale Store, you'll find hidden treasures and great bargains – gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys, bikes and so much more!

And when you make a donation or purchase at one of our stores, you'll be blessing others in so many ways!

- Our under-resourced neighbors can find well-priced necessities.
- Our program residents receive on-the-job training, developing service and retail skills that equip them for better employability.
- All Resale Store proceeds support our multi-faceted programs.

For hours and locations of our three stores, visit  
[waysidecross.org/thrift-stores](https://waysidecross.org/thrift-stores).

For donation drop-off information or to schedule a donation pick-up, visit [waysidecross.org/donating-goods/](https://waysidecross.org/donating-goods/)

**Thank you!**

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*"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV*

## Hope on Wheels Auto Detailing

When you bring your car to our Hope on Wheels auto detailing ministry, you'll not only receive excellent car care, but you'll be giving the men in our Master's Touch Program the opportunity to develop work habits and job skills that will change their lives.

Whether you want a quick wash, a wash and wax, an interior detailing or a full-service detailing, our well-trained Master's Touch residents will make your vehicle shine like new!

Services are by appointment only, so call ☎ **(630) 723-3438** today and bring your vehicle to our year-round indoor facility at 211 E. New York St.

For more information, including hours and prices, visit  
[waysidecross.org/hope-on-wheels](https://waysidecross.org/hope-on-wheels).

