



## The Story of Keepin' It Real

### In The Beginning

Keepin' It Real Ministries began with a homeless man. His story is similar to countless of those that are on the streets now. Oscar awoke when he was 7 years old in the back of a stranger's car. He had been adopted by a family he did not know and was headed from Baltimore, MD to Kingstree, SC. Oscar spent his early years doing everything he could to please his adopted father. He joined the Army at the age of 30, being the oldest in his boot camp. He served in Desert Storm and what many would consider his greatest worldly honor, started a nightmare that only the Lord God could fix. He returned home with spiritual baggage that he could not bare alone. Oscar ended up on the street and Satan used drugs to keep him there. When Oscar had reached his lowest and wanted to end it all, the Lord God sent an angel to save him. Shortly after that incident, sitting in Finlay Park, under an oak tree, the Lord called Oscar into service.



The ministry started as a water and prayer ministry, expanded into a Sunday service at the park and the Lord God has continued to expand the ministry. When Oscar asked what to call the ministry, he was told to "Keep It Real". That was the beginning of Keepin' It Real Ministries and the beginning of a journey for Oscar, of only wanting to please his Heavenly Father!

### Sorters Needed

The ministry is in need of sorters and organizers. We receive clothes, furniture, food, etc., regularly. We have nine units at the U-Haul, each one serving a purpose. We take each bag of clothes and go through the items one-by-one. We keep what is useful for our clients and distribute the remainder to charities throughout the midlands. Rest assured if you donate with us, we do our best to get it in the hands of the ones that could use it the most. We are at the U-Haul every Wednesday and Saturday sorting and giving out food baskets from 10 am -11 am. Please come and join us!



### Thursday Meal

Every Thursday we assemble 100 meals at the U-Haul and distribute the meal in the parking lot of Zion Baptist Church on Washington Street. Meals contain peanut butter and jelly and meat and cheese sandwiches, as well as Vienna sausage, chips, fruit cups, cookies and other non-perishable snacks. We are at the U-Haul from 2:30 pm-3:45 pm and then travel to Zion Baptist and distribute the food at 4 pm. Please come and join us!

### Sunday Worship

You can catch Oscar and volunteers at Trinity Episcopal Church every Sunday from 7:30 am -9 am. Oscar fellowships with the homeless while breakfast is being served and then delivers a message of encouragement and accountability from 8 am-9 am. Please come and join us!

### Our Mission

Keepin' It Real Ministries is dedicated to assisting the homeless and less fortunate on their individual journeys toward recovery and restoration. The only way this is possible is through Jesus Christ! It is about Christ and Christ alone!

## Clothing Distribution

Every Monday and Friday, from 10am-11am, Oscar and the volunteers open up to the homeless and needful at the U-Haul on Elmwood. We distribute food, clothing, toiletries, Bibles, new undergarments, etc. There is a time of a short devotion while our customers wait their turn. Ace is on the keyboard providing worship, and on Friday's a family comes out and cooks a pancake breakfast. Most importantly we are there to lift the spirits of our customers, offer prayer and to stand with the Most High God and unconditionally serve those who need it the most. Please come and join us! If you would like to observe or participate, give Oscar a call 803- 406-0724.



The team preparing before we open for customers.

## Services Provided

- Prayer (Daily)
- Clothing Distribution (Bi-weekly)
- Toiletries (Bi-weekly)
- Bus Tickets (As needed)
- Food Baskets (Bi-weekly/Upon request)
- Bible Study (Wednesdays at 12:00pm)
- Thursday Meal (100/week)
- Rehab Referral (As needed)
- Sunday Worship (Weekly)
- Prescription Assistance (As needed)
- Furniture (Upon availability/As needed)
- Household Goods (Upon availability/As needed)
- Counseling (Holy Spirit Led)

To help Keepin' It Real financially send a check or money order to:

1037 Elmwood Avenue Box 11  
Columbia SC 29201

Or Give Online:

<https://www.keepinitrealssc.org/reserve>

Phone: 803-406-0724

E-mail: [keepinitrealministriessc@gmail.com](mailto:keepinitrealministriessc@gmail.com)

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## Keepin' It Real Ministries

Christ-Centered Homeless Ministry



**Matt 25:35**

**For I was hungry and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:**

**Pastor Oscar**

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