

# THE Beacon

A Newsletter for Lighthouse Ministries, Inc.

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## HELPING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS



For the last five years, The Lighthouse Ministries has hosted the homeless and poor in our community for a Thanksgiving dinner in November and a Christmas party—complete with presents and Santa—in December. “It is the highlight of the year for us,” said Tay Henderson, Executive Director.

If you would like to sponsor a family or individual for Christmas or help out with either event, call 859-259-3434 or email [volunteer@thelighthouseministries.org](mailto:volunteer@thelighthouseministries.org)

We plan to give gifts to 300+ men, women and children, and ask you or your group (business, church or Sunday school) to sponsor families or individuals.



300 Lighthouse hooded sweatshirts can be purchased as gifts for the adults, at a cost of \$20 each.

### Wish List for the Lighthouse:

#### Cost to sponsor:

- Family of 6: \$450
- Family of 5: \$375
- Family of 4: \$300
- Family of 3: \$225
- Family of: \$150
- 200 single men and women: \$40\*

#### What your money provides:

Children: an age appropriate toy, outfit and candy

\*Adults: A Lighthouse hooded sweatshirt, socks, underwear and a bag of candy.

Please note that the date has changed.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

when: Sunday, November 23 at 5 p.m.  
where: Sayre School in downtown Lexington  
music: Grace Christian Church

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

when: Saturday, December 20 at 5 p.m.  
where: Sayre School in downtown Lexington

If you have donations or would like to volunteer for either event, please call the office at 859-259-3434.



I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4

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**Alcoholics Victorious Meetings**  
All are welcome...please come!  
Tuesday: 8 p.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m. dinner  
7 p.m. class  
8 p.m. meeting

**Friday Morning Bible Study**  
11 a.m.—Taught by Dr. Smith

## LIGHT THE HOUSE PARTY RAISES \$20,000 FOR MINISTRY

On Saturday, September 20, 2008 people gathered at ArtsPlace on Mill Street in downtown Lexington.

- Sold 168 tickets
- Catered by Natalie's catering
- Auctioneer was Mike Gooch
- Total amount raised was \$20,000
- DJ service by Sims Entertainment



## DEMOLITION BEGINS

Work has begun on the new facility! MCM Demolition performed demolition of the building next to the Lighthouse. Can you offer labor, funds, time, goods or services? We need any help you can provide.



**Changed Lives**  
*for a Lifetime*

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**THE TIME IS NOW**



Dear Friends,

What a wonderful, surprising year it has been. There have been many turns in the road with God leading us to buy the property next door and build a multi-purpose building. We have run out of space and started feeding in shifts several months ago because of the increase in people. This makes more work for us, but it has kept things running more smoothly and efficiently.

My desire has been for God to change us and give us a heart for Him and a heart for the lost. Surrender and humility seem to be the top two words that come out of my mouth on a daily basis. I went to a Leadership Summit a few months ago and one of the most powerful things that I got out of it was a quote from Mother Teresa. "Give Him everything, deny Him nothing, and whatever He bids you to do, do it immediately without delay." What a place of surrender to Jesus when we realize that He has not called us to be comfortable in our "status quo" but He calls us to risk takers. Get outside your comfort zone. Do something for God. Stop waiting and procrastinating, the time is NOW and the place is HERE... Go into your world and preach the Gospel.

God Bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tay". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tay Henderson, *Executive Director*

## Stats

January-September 2008  
25,657 meals served  
Last year - 20,053 meals served

9,716 Volunteer hours  
53 Salvations  
18 Rededications  
413 Received prayer  
71 Counseled  
5,000 Pieces of  
clothing distributed  
85 Blankets

Alcoholics Victorious Meetings  
Avg. monthly attendance: 116

Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Avg. attendance: 32

Bible Study Avg: 12-15

### Board of Directors

Steve Polston, *Chairman*  
Valerie "Tay" Henderson,  
*Executive Director*  
John Williams  
Mary Ann McMurry  
Stephanie Grimes  
Gary Thompson  
Roger Browning  
Adam Smith  
Vivian Hammons  
Sandy McDowell

SPECIALIZING IN CHANGED LIVES FOR A LIFETIME

## RECENT GRADUATES



Charles Hunter (left) and Keith Randall are recent graduates of the Nehemiah House.

We offer the opportunity for a new beginning to those who might not find it elsewhere. Many men who have lost their independence through unemployment, incarceration, or through the ravages of addiction are now being helped to overcome the limitations that have become a hindrance to their success. It is a six month, faith-based recovery program.

Find the application on our website at [www.changedlivesforalifetime.com](http://www.changedlivesforalifetime.com).

Our program is offered to men over 18 years of age, and is free of cost. Your donations make it easier for them to concentrate on themselves when they first enter the program.



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Check out our remodeled website!  
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