

THE Beacon

A Newsletter for Lighthouse Ministries, Inc.

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HOPE FOR A NEW YEAR

Demolition brought an immediate aesthetic improvement to the block, and we look forward to creating a welcoming place for neighborhood men, women, children and community groups to gather.

Our fundraising goal is \$1-million, and so far we have raised \$200,000. Fundraising efforts continue, and you'll be able to watch the progress meter on our new construction sign at the corner of Corral Street and Elm Tree Lane. Please pray for God's provision and guidance on this journey.

In 2008, we fed 32,000 people—our future goal is 93,000. There are currently 12 men in Nehemiah House—our future goal is to house 20. The Rachel House for women is still a dream—in the future, we'd like to house accommodate 20 women.

Can you offer labor, funds, time, goods or services? We need any help you can provide. Thank you to Jerry Herndon Architects for the beautiful building design and rendering, and AdColor for donating our new construction sign. Watch our website for the date of our upcoming groundbreaking ceremony.

LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-SATURDAY

We appreciate all the volunteers who helped during the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs, and hope you had a rewarding experience. Don't forget that we serve lunch every Monday-Saturday and the last Sunday of every month. We encourage you to spend your lunch hour helping out at the Lighthouse. Call or email ahead of time.

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



And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Galatians 6:9 (KJV)

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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

A RECORD TURNOUT FOR THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS



We are so grateful for the generosity exhibited by our downtown neighbors Sayre School during the holidays. They graciously hosted our Thanksgiving and Christmas parties in The Buttery, and had many of their families join the team of volunteers.

At the Christmas party, children had their pictures taken on Santa's lap, sang Christmas carols, received presents, enjoyed a delicious meal served by over 100 volunteers, and 50 people chose to receive Christ.



Above, Adam Smith, Roger Crowe, Tay Henderson, Sharon Helton, and Mike Miller. At left, Stephanie Grimes, Board Member and Volunteer Coordinator.

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for a Lifetime

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please call 859-259-3434 if you can help!

Monetary donations
Fundraising
Special events
Serving daily lunches

Sorting and folding clothing donations
Food donations

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE TIME IS NOW

Dear Friends,

The Bible says in Galatians 6:9 (KJV) "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not". The scripture tells us that if we are faithful and committed to the call and vision that we will see results if we don't give up. We're growing and seeing unbelievable miracles of God. If Jesus was alive today He would be at The Lighthouse. There is an atmosphere of expectancy for 2009. We believe there will be more salvations,

more rededications to Christ, more healings and deliverance from addictions. This is the year of Jubilee, where the captives are set free. We're running the race with every ounce of energy we have. We bought the properties next door, demolished the existing structures and are currently using it for parking until we start construction. In the new building we will be able to feed more people, start the Rachel House for women with life-controlling problems, and have more community involvement. In our existing building we will be able to house up to 20 men instead of 12 men.

I want to thank you for believing in the call that God placed on my life. I can't think of anywhere else that I would want to be. I am seeing peoples' lives changed the same way God changed me and my late husband, Dan. The needs are great but we serve a faithful God. Please stand in prayer for us to be able to hire a full-time men's director. We have someone now in a volunteer status but we need to hire him. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Jesus will shine in 2009!

God Bless!

Tay Henderson, *Executive Director***Stats****January–December 2008**

35,497 guests served
(up from 28,032 in 2007)
14,500 volunteer hours
(up from 10,796 in 2007)
120+ salvations
(up from 75 in 2007)
23 rededications
864 received prayer
(up from 338 in 2007)
182 counseled
(up from 105 in 2007)
10,000 coats, blankets and
clothing donated
104 Alcoholics Victorious
meetings
Men's Prayer Breakfast
avg. attendance: 20
Ed's Friday morning Bible Study
for the community avg.
attendance: 13

Board of Directors

Steve Polston, *Chairman*
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Executive Director
John Williams
Mary Ann McMurry, *Secretary*
Becky Parsons
Angela Haar
Roger Browning
Adam Smith
Stephanie Grimes
Gary Thompson
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Sandy McDowell

CHANGED LIFE: AN EMAIL FROM A

RECENT GRADUATE

This morning on the way to work I heard that song that Preston always sang. ("My God is Mighty to Save") I lost it and cried through the whole song and then some. I have never felt so home sick as I did right then Miss Tay. I miss you and the light house and the guys and the Saturdays and the doughnuts and brother Tommy and, and, and... I just really miss you all so much. Today my prayer is that God will make a way for my family and I to come

back... The atmosphere there is perfect. You and your late husband have visioned and created a place that is perfect for healing and growth.

I wish you could have seen me bawling this morning and crying out to God. I think it would have really let you know how thankful I am to have been a part of The Lighthouse Family.

I love you and miss you... Joe Cutrona



Joe Cutrona (above) is a recent graduate of the Nehemiah House.

SPECIALIZING IN CHANGED LIVES FOR A LIFETIME

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 four month, faith-based recover program. Find the application on our website at www.changedlivesforalifetime.com.

Our program is offered to men over 18 years of age, and is free of cost. Once they are able to work, they pay 20% of their earnings. Your donations make it easier for them to concentrate on themselves when they first enter the program.

We appreciate all donations.

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