

# The Beacon

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Where God guides, He provides.

Will you praise the Lord with me? I have been praying for some time now that God will open doors to expand the outreach of The Lighthouse. Last week I received a call from a man who is interested in letting us use his house for our ministry! This is something I have been praying about for some time now. This opportunity would double the beds we can offer to those struggling with addiction in our area and would provide office space and a group room for our meetings! It is exactly what I have been praying about.

With this expansion comes some serious growth opportunities and some financial commitment. I am confident that where God guides, He will provide. As we move forward, please pray for continued guidance, for courage, and for the resources to reach the hurting people that will be led our way. I have recently read a series of sermons titled "Risk is Right." I was deeply inspired by what I read. At one point, the author said, "Oh how much is wasted when we do not risk for the

cause of God." WOW! I sit and imagine how many lives would have been wasted had Queen Esther (Esther 4) not taken a risk, or how history would have been changed if Paul (Acts 20) had not taken risks, or even how my life would have been radically different if others had not taken a risk for me.

Risk is right, and it is honoring to God as long as He is the focus (1 Peter 4:11). I don't want to waste my life; I was designed to make a difference for Him! I covet your prayers and am openly inviting you to petition the Lord as to our next step. This move will come with much sacrifice, but the risk is right! I will post the series of sermons on our Facebook page and challenge you to read them.

Risking All for Him,

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Our annual Tribute Celebration is scheduled for September 16th. I invite you to join us and hear stories of redemption! Our featured speaker is Mr. Donnie Foster, whose life has been radically altered by an encounter with the Savior. He will share about his past life of abuse, drugs, and crime and how God chose him to make a difference. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at:

<https://tributecelebration.eventbrite.com>



We will start the celebration with a catered dinner and fellowship, listen to a series of testimonies of how God changes lives, and close the event with releasing sky lanterns and reading tributes. This is a great opportunity to remember, honor, or encourage someone who has been affected by addiction.



Last year, one of the tributes was for a local man who had been sober for 24 years, and he was moved to tears that someone would honor his journey. Another was submitted by a family who had just lost their son to an overdose. With tears and hope for others, they celebrated his life and chose to remember him in a special way at our event.

**Please join us! You won't be disappointed!**



Our first Community Training event was a HUGE success! With over 70 people in attendance, we heard Dr. Mark Shaw share his heart for hurting people. The Lighthouse is committed to bringing resources like this to our area so we can strengthen our community, raise awareness of addiction, provide hope, and reach hurting people.

We want to send a special thanks to our volunteers and our event sponsors for making this happen. Look for our next Community Training event in the spring.



**A special thanks to our event sponsors:**  
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We have a new office address, so please take a moment to update your contact information for The Lighthouse.

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We are very grateful for several projects that were completed at our Life Recovery Home by a group from Harvester Missionary Church. They worked hard and joyfully and were a great example of servant leadership to the men in our recovery home.

If you would like to bring a work team, please contact us at 260-255-6413. We could use your help!

## ITEMS NEEDED

With the second house on the horizon, here is a list of items we will need:

- \* Couch, End Tables, Lamps, Flat Screen Television, DVD Player, Desk, Book Shelves
- \* Pots & Pans, Dishes, Cups, Silverware & Utensils, Microwave, Toaster, Coffee Pot, Towels & Washcloths
- \* Cleaning Supplies, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
- \* Large Kitchen Table & Chairs
- \* 10-12 Matching Conference Room Chairs
- \* 5 Dressers, 10 Pillows (new), Box Fans
- \* Washer & Dryer, Laundry Baskets, Metal Storage Shelves, Laundry Detergent
- \* Patio Table & Chairs, Charcoal Grill
- \* Notebooks, Pens, 3 Ring Binders, Envelopes, Copy Paper

**All items need to be new or in good used condition. If you would like to donate funds, or one of the items listed above, please contact us!**