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Prayer Points:

- ◆ We need to raise \$500,000 during our capital campaign. This will allow us to get started sharing the gospel right away.
- ◆ We will need to re-zone the building. Please pray for the zoning process.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom for the Advisory Board members.
- ◆ Pray that God continues to direct our paths and that He continues to bring the right supporters to us.
- ◆ Pray for open doors and direction.
- ◆ Pray for the status of our 501 (c)(3) paperwork.
- ◆ Pray for patience.

What Really Matters



I recently read that D.L. Moody once said, “Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn’t really matter.” After I read Moody’s words, I sat down and pondered their implications. “What if I spent my whole life succeeding, and in the end it really didn’t matter?”

We are told in Romans 14:12 that “every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” How does this affect you? Looking back on my life, I sadly recall many years of apathy, and some very poor choices. But no longer!

I will no longer go about my life focusing on myself, and ignoring the things that really matter. Some call this radical; I call it follow-

ing Him. The Lighthouse is an outpouring of this radical thinking, helping those who are struggling find their hope in Christ! It doesn’t get better than that.

So will you join me? Will you stand up and help with something that does matter? Will you help support our vision? Stand with The Lighthouse and start making a difference today!

Thanks for your support,

Brandon Bower
Founder and Co-Laborer in Christ

Meet Our Board

Tyler Winkleman is a lawyer with Carson Boxberger. He focuses his practice on an array of corporate matters including securities offerings, real estate, nonprofit organizations and issues related to corporate governance.

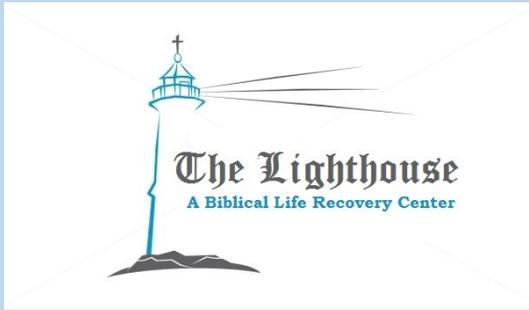


In addition, Tyler is building an emerging practice in estate planning. Having worked in the registered investment advisory and CPA industries, Tyler brings a desired talent to our team.

The Gospel and Addiction

Romans 1:16 says, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes...* The word “addict” first made its appearance early in the 20th century. Today, that word covers a wide spectrum, and indeed there are few today who could escape calling themselves addicted to something. Addiction, like any other sin, is debilitating because it elevates substances, activities, and feelings to the status of “King” in our hearts, ultimately replacing God. Addiction is a powerful, alluring idol that causes us to overreach our powers and establish our own heart’s fulfillment without God. But like all idols, the idol of addiction leaves men and women powerless. Enter the gospel. The gospel is the **Power of God!**

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SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THOSE IN NEED

Our Needs

1. Prayer Warriors:
 - We still have not received our 501(c)(3) paperwork; please keep this in your DAILY prayers.
 - Pray for the funds to complete the transfer of the building.
2. Donations of stamps for future mailings.
3. Sponsor for the remaining \$250 to build our website.
4. Additional contacts - please consider contacting those you know and sharing The Lighthouse vision with them.

ESSENTIAL GIFT CHART \$500,000 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

SIZE OF GIFT	# NEEDED	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
\$75,000	1	\$75,000
\$50,000	1	\$125,000
\$25,000	2	\$175,000
\$10,000	3	\$205,000
\$5,000	10	\$255,000
\$3,000	30	\$345,000
\$1,000	100	\$445,000
OTHER GIFT	MANY	GOAL ACHIEVED

Please consider doing something
that matters!

Return the enclosed donation slip with your
generous gift to:

The Lighthouse
\$500,000 Capital Campaign
10507 Bent Tree Lane
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

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I Corinthians 15 “*And this is the gospel...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and he was buried and rose again the third day...*” This amazing truth tells us that death, has been defeated already. Our sin has been covered by Jesus Christ! Heroin, smoking, sugar, sex or must-see TV addiction are idols which attempt to take God’s place in our heart. Ultimately they leave us empty in a raging spiritual battle for our very souls. *The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, the power to dethrone these idols, and the power to live as never before.* The gospel is the **Righteousness of God**. Many religions teach righteous living. Many of these religions have found their way into the addiction community, teaching sobriety, abstinence, forgiveness and tolerance. While these attributes are noble, they are impossible to obtain without Christ. They teach that by taking certain “steps” you can obtain righteousness, or that you can work your way to God. The gospel says the opposite is true. We don’t work our way up; rather, God comes down to us. He sent His Son to die in our place, and it is our **faith in Him** that makes us righteous. Hebrews tells us that without this faith, it is impossible to please God. No matter how much Scripture we read, how many substances we cut out, how many steps we take, it’s “*not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He has saved us*” (Titus 3:5). Believers and unbelievers will continue to struggle with addictions of all kinds, because people will continue to struggle with sin. Our hope isn’t in the next bestseller giving us 10 steps to healthy relationships, exercise, diet, or living. Our power is given to us by Almighty God and our righteousness imputed through the blood of Christ. Our hope is built on nothing less. - Glen Hart

The Lighthouse exists to serve men who struggle with a life-altering addiction. By showing the love and compassion of Christ, we strive to minister to all within our reach with the transforming message of the Gospel.