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Hope for All

The lasting effects of addiction can vary immensely, causing life-altering challenges for every member of the family. These challenges can consequently hinder the development of the mind and body of children who have been affected by addiction, even into adulthood. Jon Hudson is no stranger to the consequences of addiction. Born to an alcoholic mother, Jon faced the unwanted consequences of her actions, including fetal alcohol syndrome. Struggling with various disabilities as a result, Jon faced several challenges in his early years that continued into adulthood. But, thanks to God's divine intervention, He rescued Jon from a life of drugs and alcohol and placed him in the home of a loving pastor and his wife. Jon was exposed to the gospel at a young age, growing up in a Christian home and a stable environment. He is now able to view his disabilities through the lens of



Scripture. This gave him hope, not only for himself but others as well. As Jon pursued his passion for the gospel, God led him to The Lighthouse, where he now serves as our Disability Care Manager. Jon is able to use the difficult life lessons that he has experienced and apply them to his role as a care manager at The Lighthouse.

Because of your support, we have been able to send Jon to specialized, year-long disability training with the organization "With Ministries," where he has gained a deeper understanding of and appreciation for helping all who struggle with addictions and disabilities. In addition, Jon is working on his Biblical Counseling Certification as he is studying to receive his Masters in Theology. The Lighthouse team is proud of Jon's hard work, and we are honored to serve alongside him to advance the gospel and expand God's kingdom for His glory. With the addition of Jon to the team, we are better able to serve ALL that come through our doors. Addiction and disability often feed on each other. The ability to address both at the same time provides dignity and a better level of care for those we serve.



Our work isn't easy. Day in and day out, we continue to see the destruction and the life-altering consequence of addiction. There are many out there like Jon, who were exposed to the consequences of addiction, learning to live with life-long disabilities long into adult-hood. The struggle is real... it's hard. But God is faithful. He has a purpose in all that He does, giving hope to those who trust in Him. That's why The Lighthouse is here, to help in the fight, pointing the way to Christ. God continues to bless The Lighthouse in our pursuit to help all within our reach. We are eternally grateful. Enclosed you will find our 2023 Impact Report. Please take a moment to review the statistics and celebrate the amazing work happening at The Lighthouse! All to God's glory!

- God Bless,

"For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen." - Romans 11:36





Summits:

• April 18th: Poverty Summit

 June 13th: Biblical Fundraising Summit

August 15th: Addiction Summit

October 10th: Disability Summit

November 14th: Ethics Summit

February: Cans for Coneys

Skyline Chili and The Lighthouse Food Bank are partnering together to help fight food insecurity in our community. Donate canned goods and non-perishable food items to Skyline Chili and receive a FREE Cheese Coney! Visit our website or scan the QR code for more information.



WEB: https://biblicalliferecoverycenter.com/donate/cans-for-coneys/

March 18th-23rd: Stuff a Bug

Vorderman's Volkswagen and The Lighthouse are partnering once again for our fourth annual Stuff a Bug Campaign. Connect your life-giving donations with our specific needs—visit our website or scan the QR code for more information.



WEB: https://biblicalliferecoverycenter.com/donate/stuff-a-bug/



Welcome, Keith Allen!



On behalf of The Lighthouse Board, I would like to introduce you to our new Board President, Pastor Keith Allen. Keith is the Senior Pastor at Light City Bible Church in Wabash, IN. Answering the call of God to plant a church in Wabash, Keith and his wife, Tonia, immersed themselves in the community in December of 2020. As of January of 2022, Keith is serving the community of Wabash full-time. Prior to his Senior Pastor role at Light City Bible Church, Keith served as Pastor of Discipleship at East Pointe Bible Church in Peru from 2012 through 2021. Keith is passionate about exegetically preaching the Word of God without apology. Together,

he and Tonia love discipling others, particularly in marriage and biblical gender roles. The Allens have five adult children and really enjoy being grandparents. Keith and I have an extensive relationship that dates back to high school. I have had the privilege of seeing God work in his life and create in him a servant's heart, passionate for the gospel and people. Welcome Keith with me as he serves on The Lighthouse Board.—Dr. Brandon Bower

Addiction Awareness!

Did you know that the purple ribbon represents addiction awareness? Would you consider stopping by the Community Center for a tour and pick up your purple lapel ribbon today? Stand with us as ambassadors for those who have been affected by the life-altering challenges of addiction. Let's join together, making others aware of addiction, but most importantly sharing the hope that freedom from addiction can be found only through Christ.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 3:14

