

THE BEACON

We physically, nutritionally, and spiritually serve the homeless and low income members of our community.



LIGHTHOUSE
MINISTRIES



He left the 99
to rescue me.

—Matthew 18:12

*“The church needs the wounded
and the wounded need the church.”*

THE JOURNEY EAST
LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE

A Note from Tay: New Blessings, New Directions

It is my privilege to serve the poor and homeless and those struggling with addiction. I am exactly where I'm supposed to be.

In 2018 we served a record number of guests with some of the best meals in town—thanks in part to the tremendous help of God's Pantry and Feeding America. We purchased a 2018 Dodge refrigerated truck with grant monies raised. This will give us the ability to transport our food properly and safely according to guidelines of the two programs. Praise the Lord!

The year ended on a good note financially, but when March hits it's always tough. I'm believing God that this year will be an exception to that rule. We have

a wish list on our website for items we use every day if you would like to help.

A few months ago, I was ministering to a couple in my office. Both had serious drug addiction problems. As we talked, it was like peeling layers of an onion. It wasn't just drugs: jail, prostitution, losing their children to foster care. Both were bawling like babies. The lady said, "I used to be pretty, I had teeth and now look at me. I'm selling myself for a few bucks." I did as much as I could, made a phone call, gave them a little money. I prayed for them that they would open their hearts and be ready to take the next step in getting help. People cry and feel sad, but they have to open up and let God in. I'm sure many have given up trying to help them.

When they left my office, God birthed in me new things. I called my pastor and asked him if he would consider starting a church. He said he'd pray about it. He later reminded me he had asked me ten years ago if I ever thought about starting a church and I told him, "No." I said that was a "hallelujah no," but I had to be in the right place at the right time and I wasn't ready ten years ago. I am ready now. I want God to anoint this place with his presence. He can do more with the touch of His finger than any of man's effort.

We are launching a church called "The Journey East on Spruce Street." It is an offshoot of The Journey on Leestown in Frankfort, and will meet on Sunday afternoons. Pastor Gary Brown has a heart for people. I believe there will be three types

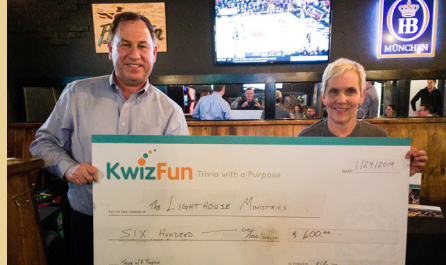
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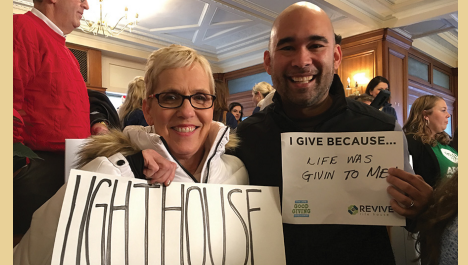
New Truck

We've believed God for two years for a refrigerated truck to pick up donations from local stores. Thanks to the Mitchell Family Foundation, Keeneland Foundation, Presbyterian Women in the PC (USA), and Kentucky Colonels for making it a reality.



KwizFun Trivia

Thank you to Kwizfun for raising \$600 for us during trivia night at Pazzo's Pizza Pub on January 24—and the the Build-the-Pot Round winner, Jeff Thomison from Community Trust, for donating \$150 in winnings.



Good Giving Challenge

During the Good Giving Challenge week at the end of November, supporters raised \$12,000 from 60 unique donors and matching funds and prizes—placing us 35th out of 110 participating Central Kentucky non-profits.



Michael's Feet Donations

Sayre School's Philemon Society donated \$500 to Michael's Feet, and John's Run/Walk Shop regularly donates new and gently used shoes. This ministry provides a good-fitting, quality pair of shoes to our guests who come in with worn-out shoes.



Donuts for a Cause

North Lime Coffee & Donuts on Clays Mill selected us as their first charitable partner of 2019! In addition to giving us 10% of profits during first quarter, they made a special lemon blueberry donut to highlight us during the first week of January.



Unexpected Gifts

We never know what blessings will arrive. DaVita Medical Group invited Tay out to share about Lighthouse and surprised us with a check for \$1,150. Right after that, Fooji, a local marketing firm, called to say they had 2,000 cans of coffee to donate!



It takes a big pantry to feed over 200 people a day. We are in urgent need of green beans, carrots, mixed vegetables, corn, baked beans, cream soups, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, tuna, Manwich, and spaghetti sauce. Donations can be dropped off or shipped directly to 190 Spruce St, Lexington, KY 40507.

ALL THINGS NEW FUNDRAISER

The annual dinner and silent auction held October 6, 2018 at Tates Creek Christian Church raised \$27,282.

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THANKSGIVING

We were honored to serve Thanksgiving dinner to and pray for approximately 325 guests at Sayre School on November 17 at 3 PM. Thank you to our volunteers who made it possible.

SAVE THE DATE

LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES

15th Birthday Celebration

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6 p.m.
190 Spruce Street in Lexington



2018 in Review

56,089

PEOPLE FED

4,180

VOLUNTEERS

250

PAIRS OF WORN-OUT SHOES REPLACED

BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

Dining With Dignity provides dinner each night, and we always need partners to make it happen. It's a two-hour commitment from 5:15–7:15 PM. Responsibilities include serving beverages, plating and serving food, washing dishes, cleaning tables and chairs, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning the kitchen and bathrooms and taking out the trash. If you can help, contact stephanie@lighthouselex.org or text 859.429.3188.



CHRISTMAS 2018 Along with a delicious meal and service, we provided gifts to 59 families and 58 individuals at our annual party on December 15. We also hosted nearly 100 guests for our Christmas Day celebration. Thank you to Little Caesars for providing pizza, salad, cake and making this event happen for 15 years.



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of people that attend: those who don't want to drive to Frankfort, those displaced and needing a church family, and the homeless and poor in our community.

We can't stay in a comfort zone because we have it all together—we need each other. We need people with influence and resources to help the "one." God bless you. Pray for us He touches many lives that receive Christ and freedom.

Love you! —Tay Henderson, *Executive Director*



Thank you to the local **Warm-Up America** chapter at the **Stitch Niche** for donating a bundle of hand-made blankets, scarves and hats!

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