

The Beacon

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Prayer Points:

- ◆ We need to raise \$500,000 during our capital campaign. This will allow us to get started right away.
- ◆ We need to locate a suitable building for our operations.
- ◆ 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 that our Fundraising Open House is a success.

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER Matching Gift Announcement

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

Do you remember the old hymn based on Psalm 50:10? It is one of my favorite. The author writes "He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the wealth in every mine; He owns the rivers and the rocks and rills, the sun and stars that shine. Wonderful riches, more than tongue can tell - He is my Father so they're mine as well; He owns the cattle on a thousand hills - I know that He will care for me."

This song expresses confidence that our Father in heaven can and will care for us and provide for our needs. I am happy to announce that He is continuing to provide for the needs of The Lighthouse! **Last month we received a promise from a generous donor who has offered to match any gift up to \$50,000!** What a blessing to kick off our Capital Campaign with a gift like this. This means that every dollar given to The Lighthouse Capital Campaign will be doubled.

The Importance of the Local Church in Rehabilitation

In all major cities in the United States, you will find many different kinds of support groups, programs, and communities that are designed to help people who struggle with addictions. Yet, strangely, the church is often the last place an addict will turn to for help. Some think that people who attend church "have it all together." **Yet if God's Word is where we get our spiritual guidance, then God's house is where the addict needs to be!** All of us have much more in common with the addict than we might think. Those who are "addicted" struggle with intoxication...that is they struggle with filling themselves with something other than the Holy Spirit. Ephesians tells us to be "filled with the Spirit." Yet this is the challenge - to not intoxicate ourselves with substances, vanity, money, or materialism but to be controlled and moved by the Spirit of God. *-Cont. on pg. 2*

This offer leaves us with a challenge. Can we rise to the occasion? Please consider what you could do to help. The need is great.

Our Father owns it all, and we are His stewards. What will you do with the resources He has placed in your possession? Please consider supporting The Lighthouse to help us reach the lost with the transforming Gospel of Christ.

Only Through Him,

Brandon Bower
Founder and Co-Laborer in Christ

Meet Our Board

Peter Albertson is a retired pastor. He has spent many years in the non-profit community, especially working with the grief and loss population. He



has a masters in pastoral counseling and is the current president of The Fellowship of Christian Counselors. In addition he has past experience working in the addiction field.



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THOSE IN NEED

Sponsorship Opportunity

Would you like to be involved in supporting The Lighthouse? Consider sponsoring a table at our Fundraising Open House on September 19th.

For \$1000, each table sponsor will be acknowledged on our Facebook page, in the event program, and on their sponsored table. They will also be thanked verbally throughout the evening of the event.

Remember that all donations are tax deductible. Please contact us for more information.

SILENT AUCTION

Save The Date - You Are Invited!

Fundraising Open House and Silent Auction

September 19th
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Hosted by the Quiet Corner
Tea and Coffee Room
3442 E. 500 S. - 57
Churubusco, IN 46723

Special Memorials: A special thanks to Beth Rawles, Kelly Webb, and their families for remembering The Lighthouse in their memorials. What a great way to continue your legacy of faith by helping The Lighthouse minister to those in need.

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Continued from pg. 1 - Scripture says that the inner man (the heart) and what it craves is the ultimate driver of addictive behavior. A church community that understands that we are fellow strugglers on the same path should be a refuge for addicts, not a hindrance. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Jesus called His church to be the light of the world. When He saves us, He calls us to be a light in the darkness. Most recovering addicts will agree with Paul that they were once "children of darkness." **They, along with the rest of us, need a community where Christ is imitated and lifted up.** But is Christ's church a place where His light is shining to a darkened world?

For the addict, there are many communities and groups that offer "sobriety." This may seem like the answer to most addicts because they can't imagine life without intoxication. The church offers a different path: the process that Scripture describes as sanctification. This is the act of being changed into the image of God's Son. *Here a person can truly overcome the addictions that enslave him/her.* It is only in His church that the addict can experience this type of change. It is through accountability in Christ to fellow believers to not just stay sober but to be growing and changing daily. When this type of change occurs, a radical thing happens; the old man is put aside and a new life has begun!

For the church to be teaching and discipling as Christ has commanded us to do, we need to see first-hand the transforming work of the grace of God. Without it, we will fail to effectively minister to the "prodigals" who fear the rejection that the world says they will find in Christ's church. God's grace and reckless love speaks to the heart of man like nothing else and His church is where this grace and loves need to be shown. - 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.