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2nd Saturday Celebration

Have you been to a 2nd Saturday Celebration? Would you like to come to another? Well if you answered yes to those questions, we need your help! We are having a more difficult time filling in the months for 2nd Saturday's this year.

We are not experiencing this because of lack of desire, but because there are not people wanting to step up and lead. If you or someone you know would like to lead a 2nd Saturday for your church, please contact Lauren White at lighthousechristianministries@gmail.com.

The months of June, August, September and November are still available. The church or group leading the 2nd Saturday will be responsible for the meal, the worship service and the materials needed during the service. We will provide the produce and sorting materials.

Church Partnership

One purpose of LCM is to be available to each of our supporting/partnering churches for their ministry to the community. One way we have made ourselves available is through the 2nd Saturday Celebration. Another way is seen through the example of Ecclesia - Clear Lake.

ECL has been partnering with us for many years. About every 6 weeks they have a toiletry give-away. In addition, once a month they partner with us for our Food Fair through the Houston Food Bank and every 2 weeks they give away diapers.

Their diaper ministry is an awesome way of helping working mothers in need.

Each of these programs are unique and valuable to who we are and the ministry of ECL and LCM.

This past November, Living Word Church of the Bay Area gave away blankets and ornaments from our parking lot. They were excited to have a place to pass out to the community and to meet the people in the community.

Our building is available for min-

istry. We welcome your ideas and participation. If you, your small group or your church have any ideas and would like to use our parking lot please contact Lauren White at lighthousechristianministries@gmail.com.

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Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

Okay, not really lions, tigers and bears more like Ministry Spotlight, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The last quarter of 2008 was very busy. As you remember back to the last newsletter we spoke about the Amy Grant Concert. The concert was a lot of fun. It was a great way to get our name out there. During the week prior to the concert you may have heard Chuck and Lauren sharing about LCM on the radio. We received phone calls and emails from many people sharing with us and wanting to volunteer. Thanks KSBJ for allowing us to be your Ministry Spotlight.

Every year for Thanksgiving we adopt families and they

are able to get a Thanksgiving meal to eat together. This year we were able to give to every family that wanted one. Stonegate Fellowship had plans to come and do a mission trip during Thanksgiving, they were going to join with the community wide meal and provide meals for 200 families. Because of unforeseen circumstances the church was unable to come. Instead they sent us a check for the meals. We were able to help approximately 300 families with meals because of their donation. Thank you Stonegate Fellowship. We are sorry you were unable to make it for your trip.

Usually for Christmas we do what we call Teen-to-Teen.

This year we did not do the Teen-to-Teen. We were not sure what would be happening with the building and so we cancelled it early on. Since we did not do the Teen-to-Teen we were able to help churches and individuals adopt some families and children for Christmas. Over 60 children were able to have a Christmas this year because of you. Thanks for all your caring hearts and willingness to help those for the Kingdom of God.



"People cannot do any work that will make them right with God."
- Romans 4:5

News From the Storefront

All's well here at 800 Grand Avenue in the resale shop. We are continually counting the many blessings God gives us here. In spite of the economic "woes", our sales have been really good, and the generous donations haven't stopped. In fact, several people have told us what a blessing it is to have us here because they couldn't afford to go somewhere else.



For those who don't know, the proceeds of the resale shop sales go directly to support Lighthouse Christian Ministries, so when you give your good, gently

used items to us, you are helping people in this community in several ways. One way is by providing them a place to shop for good used household goods and clothing items at an affordable price. Another is by our pricing your good gently used donations at a fair price, we are able to support all the programs that Lighthouse Christian Ministries offers. Another way is by your generous donations several local residents have jobs to help support their own families.

Let me also add this – those "several local residents" I mentioned are some of the most dedicated, hard-working, loyal people I have ever worked with. They see their "job" as a ministry and at any given time, you might find one of us praying with one of our customers, or just offering a

shoulder to cry on, or a listening ear.

It has been amazing to see the relationships we have built with our customers by offering to help them with their purchases, or making them laugh. Many of them come in just to "visit" because they always feel better by being here.

Our supporters have a share in that blessing whether you are providing donations or food for the pantry or cash donations. Please know that they are all important to not only us, but to this community as well. We are looking forward to more news on our "new" store...be sure to read the rest of the newsletter to get the most up to date news. Thanks again for your generous support!

Our Blessings Overflow

Amazing!

That is what we have to say about what the Lord did through us and through your giving over the last year. We had a 58% increase in the help that we were able to give the community.

Of course some of the credit for the increase can go to good ole Ike. We also added a Food Fair this year that happens on every

fourth Saturday, but in general need has increased and we have been able to meet that need.

We have been so Blessed throughout all of our years! God has always provided and because of that we have never had to turn someone away because we were out of funds. We have also always been able to give away 100% of monetary donations through goods and ser-

VICES. We have been able to do this because our store covers most of our overhead costs, if there is a short fall we have individuals who step in and help.

We are thankful to all of you who have helped through the years. Please pray with us and believe with us as we pray and believe for many more years of service to the San Leon, Bayview, Kernah and Bacliff area.

“Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.”

-Matthew 5:3

News from the Medical Clinic

Well, where to start, the medical clinic has been staying busy. We have added another hour to the time and are now able to see about 25 patients during each clinic.

During Ike, our building where we held the clinic had the roof torn off. We did some repairs, but before we knew it the building was overtaken by mold. Apparently it just got too wet. With that we were left with the question, where do we have the clinic now?

All I can say is that God does provide. We have been holding the clinic at Bayshore Friends Church and it has truly been a blessing. Even though the first clinic was hard for the patients to find, we have multiple rooms to use and are able to spread out a little.

If you have ever been to our clinic before the storm you would agree with me when I say we were a little cramped. Well we aren't cramped now and won't be in the new building. This has really been good for us to get a feel of what

we want for the new clinic. So, like I said, God is Awesome and this has truly been a blessing.

Our clinic is available to serve those without insurance or Medicaid/Medicare. It is completely free and we attempt to help all who come in our doors. We obviously can not give out narcotics and are only able to treat minor cases. Please keep that in mind when telling others. Thanks.

You Can Get Involved Too!

There are many ways that you can support Lighthouse Christian Ministries and get involved.

You can donate:

Time
Money
Goods



Time: By Volunteering.

Money: By sending in a donation to help with our benevolence or food programs.

Goods: By bringing in your unwanted items so that we can sell them to others. In return we can use the proceeds to help serve others.

Shopping: By shopping in our resale shops.

To Donate Time:

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Our Current Needs

As you know from our last newsletter we will be rebuilding our building. It is going to be awesome. (Please check out the website to see a picture of what the building will look like.) With the building project we have a few needs:



Skilled Laborers:

- Electricity
- General Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Landscaping
- Networking
- Etc.

Building Materials:

- Flooring
- Walls
- Windows
- Paint
- Shelving
- Kitchen/Pantry Appliances
- Intercom/Security System
- Etc.

We also have needs for things unrelated to the building:

Medical Clinic:

- Triple Antibiotic
- Gloves (Latex and non-latex)
- Alcohol Pads
- Blood Glucose Strips for the AccuChek Comfort Curve
- Bandaids
- Sterile Gauze
- Medical Tape
- Etc.



THANKS!

We normally have a section for thank you's in our newsletter. There was so much to share with you that we were unable to list everyone. With that said this is a big THANK YOU to all who have helped us since the last newsletter. We welcome your continued support and are always thankful for everything done for us and given to us. God Bless all of you!