

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Hermitage House Youth Services

YARD SALE

The Chaplain Program is planning on having a huge YARD SALE this summer or fall. This sale will help support the Chaplain Program at HHYS, which provides all our clients with the opportunity to know Jesus and grow in Jesus. Currently, we were hoping to have the sale in late summer or fall, but with COVID-19 we don't have a specific date, yet. So, keep your eyes peeled and we will let you know when it is happening.

YARD SALE DONATIONS

While we are not exactly sure when the YARD SALE will be we will need people to donate! Unfortunately, we are unable to have people drop off donations at HHYS because of COVID-19, but once people are allowed to come to drop things off we will set up some dates and drop off times. So, as you are doing some spring cleaning, please set some stuff aside for the Chaplain Program Yard Sale. Thanks!

Dear Friends,

This spring has been a difficult time in many ways. On April 13, my mother Becky Bookhamer went home to be with Jesus. Although we are grieved and miss her dearly we are also rejoicing that she has entered into eternity with Christ. Kate and I are both thankful that we had the past year and a half since returning from Thailand to spend time with my mom and that our children got to know their grandmother better. It has also been amazing to see the impact she had on the lives of so many and how much she loved telling people about Jesus. This is last thing she wrote down that we know of, "JESUS IS ALMOST HERE. DON'T GIVE UP." I am thankful that these are the last words she wrote. These last words are much needed in a time when the world is so unstable. May these words be a reminder to us all that the time is near for the return of Christ. Also, may these words reassure us and give us peace as we know that Jesus is in complete control. May we be reminded that we don't need to fear the difficulties of life, but we can have peace and joy even in hard times. In the book of Revelation 22:10 it says this, "Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near." I pray that these last words, "the time is near," bring a new urgency for us to share and live out the Gospel in 2020.

COVID-19 and life

As Covid-19 has stopped our society in its tracks and caused so many to question what life is about my prayer is that the church (the people of God) would rise to the occasion to bring the hope of the Gospel into a hopeless world. The word Gospel actually means "GOOD NEWS." As I think about this it is just the perfect time for the Gospel in our nation and throughout the world. As our newspapers and the internet websites are filled with bad new, what people need is the Gospel. People need "GOOD NEWS", and the way they are going to

hear this “GOOD NEWS” is through people who are in love with and following Jesus. I want to encourage you as this world is looking for some sort of stability to share the Gospel of Jesus with those who do not know Him. Take the time and make the effort to share the hope we have in Jesus. Take time to pray with people and share what Jesus has done. Let them see “GOOD NEWS” in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. Let them see that Jesus loves them, died for their sins, and has a wonderful new life for them. Let them see Jesus wants a relationship with them and has the best life for them. Let them see the love of Jesus in all our actions and speech.

HHYS Prayer Requests

NYPUM

The National Youth Program Using Minibikes is a program at HHYS that gets kids involved in learning to ride dirt bikes and encourages them to deal with issues in life. This summer I will get the privilege of going through this program with the youth at HHYS. Please pray for our safety and for me to have opportunities to share the Gospel during this program. Also, pray that this would provide a way for me to continue to get to know the youth here.

This has been a difficult time for staff and clients at Hermitage House. Although it is a difficult time, I also see it as an exciting time to share Jesus. I see it as a great opportunity to spend time sharing the Gospel and praying with staff and youth. **Please pray** that this would be a fruitful time of ministry at HHYS and that people would be open to having a relationship with their Creator. **Please pray** that this time would be a time where the students fall in love with the Word of God. **Please pray** for the health of all the staff and youth. **Please pray** the Lord gives me boldness to share Jesus with passion and conviction. **Please pray** for my dad as he seeks the Lord through this difficult time of grieving. **Please pray** for financial support for the Chaplain Program as the budget for this year has increased. To give online go to: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/HermitageHouseYouthServices/chaplain.html> or http://www.hermitagehouse.org/services_stand.html

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program that has had wonderful results. This program is for a variety of addictions and unhealthy habits. We have started the youth version called “The Landing” at HHYS and we are seeing the Lord work on the lives of students. Please pray for those involved in this program and that the Lord would continually draw these students to Him as they give up their pasts for futures in Christ.

In Christ,
Phil, Kate, Parker, Josiah, and Opal