

From the Desk of the Director: Julianne Burk Now is the perfect time to reflect on the year that's been and to think about what we want to achieve in the New Year as a family. I can't wait!

Keep the focus on a particular theme (in this case, NEW ADVENTURES), and use it as a starting point to write something interesting as well as heartwarming. You can tackle different aspects related to the month of December, such as holiday places to visit with the entire family, suggested songs to sing, games to play at reunions, and food to prepare on Christmas Day. Moving into the New Year I encourage to take it one step further and tackle some things you have always dreamed of doing!

One of the first things to remember is ask yourself, "Why not now?" "What's holding me back" Keep FEAR OUT OF THE EQUATION, Encourage yourself. Try to think about things you know you're good at and decide in your mind that YOU CAN DO IT!

The Bible says "As a Man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7 That's pretty powerful when you think about it. If others believe in you, it's important for you to believe in yourself. Think positively, allow yourself to try new things, consider more places and spaces. Its a New Era. Take the time to embrace and take Leaps of Faith! What is there to lose?

Consider what God says that faith is."Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Is God pulling at your heart this season to do New Things? I know He has for me. He has all the answers. He holds the future. He honors Obedience, Sacrifice, Trust and Faith. What is it that you can step out and try without fear? What is it you need to Believe for? Why not start thinking about it and make plans!

PARTNERING EVENTS: We love to participate in events that provide opportunities for us to connect and set up an informational table. Please let us know if your organization or church is hosting something soon!

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

Our Director, Julianne Burk, is always open to come for speaking engagements to speak about GUIDING LIGHT MINISTRIES and the women's success stories. Let us know if you would like to hear about Our Testimony and how things are going! Julianne also speaks at many churches minsitering as a Guest Speaker!

Guiding Light does Open Tours to the Community. This is by appointment only. Please contact us if interested in a tour or if you have a Group that is interested. We can even plan lunch for you!

## **CONTACT INFO:**

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## WE ARE HOPING TO RESTART OUR "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"

COMMUNITY MEALS. WE NEED YOUR HELP! This is generally through the winter months.

If interested, please contact us Today!!



**NEEDS LIST:** 

pillows
towels and washcloths
toilet paper
paper towels
gas cards
hygiene products
socks



## SUCCESS STORY

Yvonne has been a Key person for Guiding Light over this last year. We celebrate her because she has made such great progress in her ability to overcome addiction and legal matters. Step by step she took on the journey set before her to ensure a bright future. She had to put the WORK IN, in order to see RESULTS!

Today she has been am Amazing Team Lead for our second home Resting Place. She encourages the women to meet their goals, fight for their children and do whatever it takes to work hard to achieve their dreams. She understands the importance of listening to and following God's lead. Without inviting God into her life and without paying attention to what He is showing her, she believes she would not have made it this far.

She desires to stay in leadership for Guiding Light Ministries and is focusing on completing all that it takes to be in full swing, in order to help the women that come to the home in Crisis. She understands many walks of life from Motherhood, to the controls of Addiction and troubles of life that come with it

Yvonne recently received news that she would <u>be off of Probation at the end of December.</u> This has been a long awaited journey for her that entailed jumping through many hoops, homework and weekly court appearances.

She says this about Guiding Light, "I could not have done this without you Julianne...You gave me a safe place to stay, a sober place, I want to thank you sooooo much!!!"

We are so grateful to have her with us. She has been such a Blessing to the ministry and moving forward hope to keep her as further leadership at the ministry!!













We chose the theme of Pencocks becomes many need to spread their wings to Arise and Embrace all that God has for them!