

WE ARE...

A Christian non-profit residential recovery program designed to help those who suffer from substance use disorder to:

- Recover from a hopeless state of mind and body,
- Grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and
- Grow in their responsibility to their community.

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SUMMER'S END EVENTS

“The Lord is the Boss” Evangelist and Musical Minister, Dillon Loving, shared his testimony at the Friday night, August 21 Celebrate Recovery and ministered through his original Christian hip-hop music on Saturday evening, August 22 at Riverside Park. Dillon shared his remarkable testimony of redemption, from growing up in crack houses and foster care, to losing three family members to addiction and being sent to the penitentiary. Dillon surrendered his life to Jesus in 2014 in a jail cell and was delivered from everything that once had him bound. He began preaching and producing God glorifying hip-hop music. His video “The Lord is the Boss” became popular in 2017 and helped open opportunities for him to share the Gospel of Jesus. See www.lovingmusic.com and Dillon Loving Facebook page to learn more and enjoy his music.



Dillon Loving ministering at Riverside Park



The Healing House and New Beginnings with House of Prayer Family Church sponsored the weekend events. Check out the live stream postings of Dillon’s testimony and music ministry at our Facebook page. Several responded to the altar call Saturday night and one was even baptized at the hotel pool where Dillon and his family stayed that weekend. What a blessing!

Redemption Inside The Walls (RITW) Faith over Fear - September 19, 2020 Michael W. Smith Feature Artist

A crisp, fall night welcomed the worshipers Saturday, September 19, at the Cole County Fairgrounds for a wonderful evening of praise, worship and sharing in support of the community. According to the RITW web site, www.redemptioninsidethewalls.com, the event’s purpose is to reach out and unify the Christian community and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that do not know Him. The crowd enjoyed two opening musical artists beginning at 5:00 p.m. before multiple Grammy and Dove award-winning Michael W. Smith performed current and past favorite songs of praise and worship. Several attending dedicated their lives or renewed their hearts to the Lord at the end of the evening.



The Healing House and New Beginnings had the privilege of offering support by volunteering at this and previous events. Men from the Koinonia House started early in the day working on the set-up. Others helped with taking tickets, working in the merchandise booths and serving on the prayer team. Everyone stayed to help tear down and clean up afterwards. This year, organizers chose to donate the event proceeds to The Healing House efforts to expand offerings for mothers

with children. It was a beautiful time of united prayer and praise to the Lord our God.

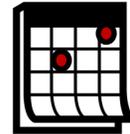
Thank you, to Kirk DeMars and RITW, for your efforts and support!



“Developing the ability to follow God and shape our decisions and actions according to His will for His use.”
The Healing House and New Beginnings

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
Gal 2:20 NKJV

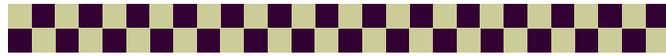
Mark Your Calendars!



OCT - 10 - Commencement Ceremony

Please join the celebration as we recognize **Lisa Anderson, Jessica Garner, Nicki Heather and Becky Schuessler** for completing The Healing House and New Beginnings program at a commencement ceremony planned for **1:00 p.m.** Saturday at House of Prayer Family Church, 2707 W. Main St. in Jefferson City.

WATCH FACEBOOK for RE-OPENING DATE
FRIDAY EVENING
‘CELEBRATE RECOVERY’
6:00 - 8:00 PM
HOUSE OF PRAYER FAMILY CHURCH
2707 W. MAIN
JEFFERSON CITY



Down to the River September 10



*As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way.*



Several men and women along with some of their children dedicated or rededicated their lives to the Lord at a baptism service The Healing House held at the Osage River. Heather Gieck, Executive Director and Founder along with Richard Finton, Men’s Program Director and Healing House Board of Directors member, conducted the baptisms. Praise You, Lord!

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Rom 6:4 NKJV



Praise Report!



With Becky’s commencement date drawing near and reunification with her children in progress, Becky knew she wanted to remain involved with The Healing House after completing the program. As part of the ministry’s expanding support for recovering mothers, in September, Becky and her children moved to an apartment just steps away from The Healing House. There she will continue to participate, serve and remain in a network of recovery and spiritual support as she grows in meeting responsibilities of having her children with her in her own place. We’re happy for you and your family, Becky! **Thank You, Lord, You are so good!**



Becky, daughter Natalie, almost 6, and son Raynon, 4, at their apartment.

Back on the Recovery Road



Kelli Crawford, who commenced The Healing House and New Beginnings Program in July 2017, is 4 months clean and sober as of the end of September following an approximate year-long relapse. She openly shares her experience and what she has learned in hopes that it may help others. When Kelli

completed the program, many things had come together for her – her faith in the Lord was strong and she was working full-time at Scholastic. She had regained custody of her two young sons and rented a small house just a few short blocks from The Healing House where she and her boys, Noah, 10, and Mason, 8, still live. According to Kelli, her sobriety went well the first year following her commencement despite many challenges. The Lord provided for every need she had as she relied on Him. Early work hours made it difficult to arrange day care, but the Lord provided.

She had returned to a relationship she had put on hold while going through the Healing House program. Though her boyfriend did not struggle with addiction, she knew in her heart that differences in their faiths presented problems that would not be overcome. When Kelli became pregnant and then suffered a miscarriage, doubts about her own walk with the Lord entered as she experienced a multitude of emotions. “Maybe this faith was not my own, but Heather’s,” she revealed her thoughts referring to Heather Gieck, Healing House Executive Director and Founder. These thoughts she now attributes to coming from our spiritual enemy. “Instead of going to God and seeking Him for myself, I was held captive to this lie. Instead of sharing what was going on in me with people, I isolated myself.”



Following her painful miscarriage and break-up of this relationship, Kelli became involved in another relationship that was difficult. Gradually departing from the practices that had built up her faith and recovery, Kelli went further on the path of relapse by first smoking pot and then drinking. This, she says, led to spending time with people with whom she previously used drugs and eventually she returned to drug use.

When asked how she made her way back to sobriety, Kelli shared, “I knew that God was my only way. I went to rehab for a brief stay. I went to 30 recovery meetings in 30 days. I have a sponsor and work with her. I’m back to reading my Bible, spending time with the Lord and writing in my journal. Being the mom my boys need is also my main focus.”

Sharing some of the things she has learned from relapse and recovery, Kelli stated, “I understand that we have to use our program. Heather can’t use it for us. I know I need to focus on my recovery and can’t be in a healthy relationship unless I’m healthy. Being in relationships with men enabled me to avoid what was going on in me. It was a way to not hold myself accountable. We can pick up where we left off in our addiction or we can pick up where we left off in our recovery.”

What does Kelli consider most important to avoid relapse?

Put God and recovery first

Work your program – no one is going to work it for you

Never forget who you are in Christ

Kelli works for general contractor McCormack Family Enterprises providing office support. She also works part-time at Sonic and volunteers twice a week at the Prenger Family Center. Her long-term goal is to return to school to become a trauma counselor for children. May God’s grace and power preserve you, Kelli, as you give yourself to follow Him.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:13-14 NKJV

Success!



Carly is all smiles as she gets ready to go into her first day of work as a professional cosmetologist. In addition to working at Scholastic full-time, she now has her own business and is cutting hair on a scheduled basis for residents of an assisted living facility. Carly earned her cosmetology license while incarcerated and put a lot of effort into what was needed after her release to put her license to use.

The ASPIRE MO program awarded Carly a grant to help obtain equipment she needs and she registered her business with the state. Selecting equipment, familiarizing herself with it and planning how best to provide a mobile service required some preparation. Carly gave haircuts to lots of happy customers her first visit and they look forward to her returning soon. Follow this link to learn more about the program offered through the Department of Corrections Reentry Unit: <https://doc.mo.gov/programs/education/career-technical/aspire-mo>

Please pray for our residents and House Managers

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| <u>Healing House</u> | <u>Koinonia House</u> |
| Andrea (Manager) | David G. (Manager) |
| Jessica, Kiara | Matthew, Deron |
| Morgan, Ashley | David D., Allen |
| Susan, Kelly | Andrew, Bryann |
| Brenda, Samantha | |
| <u>Bethel House</u> | <u>Mothers Program</u> |
| Laurie (Manager) | Becky (Natalie, 6, |
| Lisa, Nicki | Raynon, 4) |
| Amanda, Carly | |

Congratulations, Carly!

Thank You, Lord, for your goodness and provision.

The
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**“Changed hearts lead to changed lives.
Changed lives lead to changed communities.”**

About The Healing House and New Beginnings, Inc.

Our program offers:

Recovery –

- A 12 Step program of Action
- Codependency
- Seeking Safety (Trauma/Substance Use)
- Mentoring

Spiritual Growth

- Bible-based classes
- Local Church involvement

Housing and Life Skills

- Safe, affordable housing
- Help with securing employment
- Life skills classes

Physical Growth

- Importance of healthy diet and exercise

Classes are held Monday – Friday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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