



Hospitality House

"Sharing God's Grace with the Other Victims of Crime"



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Praising the Lord for the recent rains that we desperately needed, however it was quite a shock when we lost several large trees and our sign to a small twister/tornado that blew through our side of town causing damage to our roof and property. The Lord was good and faithful as always, sending volunteers to cut down the trees and limbs, and haul off all the debris (4 truck loads full!). We did have a lot of damage to our roof on the west side where one of the trees fell on top of the roof, but were blessed that it did not puncture the windows or walls. Everyone was safe! We even had a volunteer who did a quick roof patch to protect from inside damage due to continuing rains. We've now learned we are in need of a new roof. We are trusting the Lord to provide the necessary funds for roofing materials. Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's leadership and guidance in the process of taking bids and completing the necessary repairs to roof.

Debra

"Thank you for making me feel so at home when I stayed at the house. You all are so wonderful and I am very thankful for everything you all do. I look forward to coming back to the House in April. I have made some friends! We are all staying in touch."

HH Guest "N"

"He who has a generous eye will be blessed."

Proverbs 22:9

Pastor Mark Denison, FBC, Conroe, in his online devotional Feb. 15th expounded on this verse by saying, "Solomon is saying that God really blesses those who look for ways to be generous. It is one thing to say "yes" when your pastor asks you to give money or bless someone. It is even "normal." But "right" looks for opportunities to bless other people. The "right" person has a "generous" eye. He is in that 2% of Christians who give freely to support the Kingdom's work. "Right" recognizes that giving is not something we do out of obligation or duty. It is not something we do to impress others, but to demonstrate *the condition of our hearts*. You will never be so blessed as when you look to bless others. Jesus lived his life with a "generous eye." He was always looking for people to bless. As you are in the process of blessing others God will bless you, and you will become like Him." Thank you for the ways you partner with us and bless us with your "generous eye"!

We now have an electronic newsletter. We would love to have you sign up for it. Just go to our website and fill out the form. www.thehospitalityhouse.org/news/subscribe-to-newsletter.



I'm always amazed by the children who come to the HH, their ability to fit into a new routine, make new friends and go into the prisons to visit their dad or brother. Many adults find that a daunting task, however the children "seem"

to accept it. While providing an outlet for them to share through art therapy we are discovering how very difficult it really is for them. They love coming here to play in our play room, playing new games with new friends, eating snacks, Capri Sun, lots of food and no worries.



Multiple nights a month, there will be several children who just stand quietly in front of our water fountain near the registration desk. It is a fountain of Jesus at the well pouring water from his bowl into the Samaritan Woman's bowl. 6 year old Adrian, 2 weeks ago looked up with wide, amazed eyes as he said in awe, **"Jesus, never runs out of water, Ms."** The wonder of a child's view. No wonder Jesus loved talking with the children.

Pray for us as we continue to minister to the children by playing games, reading books, and answering their questions about God.



From Debra's heart . . .

In February, the HHouse once again (as it does each month) was here to offer comfort to the family of a man condemned by the state of Texas to die. These are always my most difficult days as I offer comfort, words of hope, and share my faith. I am available for whomever, whenever all day and evening. It saps my positive personality and zeal for life to deal with the sadness, hurt and embarrassment the families experience during these days. I hurt for them and with them.

Though you may not know me well, I'm a "doer" and a "fixer" personality so I share my love and concern for all here – family and friends of the condemned, attorneys, spiritual advisors, and chaplains just like we do every day of the week by providing the meals (I love to cook!), dessert, snacks, coffee, etc. However, the "fixer" part of me is never satisfied that I can't "make it all better". However, I have a God who can. "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed." Psalms. 34:18

Thankfully, George Rivas knew the Lord and was at peace though his new family did not. (a wedding was here that afternoon... interesting!) Wanda and I watched and prayed as Chaplain Yawes and Joe shared the Lord with them. **Seeds were planted, pray** that the Lord of the Harvest will bring them to fruition in His time! Pray for us each time you see the news whether TV or newspaper about the upcoming executions. Remember, the families and friends are always here and they need to know Jesus – pray for us as we plant those seeds, sharing His love and the opportunity for eternal salvation with them.

Upcoming execution dates - March 28th, April 26th, May 16th and June 6th.



Pray for

- * Execution Days
- * a new roof
- * more "generous eyes"
- * us as we minister to the children

"The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time"

- Carl F. H. Henry

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Chaplain Corner

Joe McCammon

Wanna be happy and live longer?

The website for Mental Health America notes: "If you lug your elderly neighbor's groceries up her steps, clearly it's good for her. But did you know that it's likely good for you too? Research indicates that those who consistently help other people experience less depression, greater calm, fewer pains and better health. They may even live longer."

Some other findings:

- 1) Students who performed five acts of kindness a day increased their happiness,
- 2) Providing emotional support to others significantly decreased the harmful health effects of certain kinds of stress,
- 3) People who contributed time & money to charity got a boost in a feel-good part of the brain, as revealed in brain imaging research.

Now, these are good reasons to be helpful toward everyone. I often remind myself that there may have been even greater motivation for the early believers. To the Hebrew Christians, Paul said, "Let's think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works." (Heb. 10:24) His motivation was to motivate others to become motivators! Wanna be happy and live longer? Volunteer your time to help others! Wanna do some great Kingdom work? Motivate others to do the same! And if you need a great place to serve call us and we will help you help others.

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- Praying** for the ministry of the Hospitality House
- Becoming** a Grace Giver
- Volunteering** your time to assist in HH ministry
- Donating** food items for meals for the families
- Inviting** the Director to make a presentation

With Your Financial Help:

- \$11** will purchase much needed Bibles
- \$35** will provide One Touch gift sets for mother/wife of the executed
- \$50** will provide bottles of water for 1 month
- \$85** will Adopt-A-Room to sponsor families who stay

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