

# Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

*To grow in Christ, becoming like Him, to the glory of God.*

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**Worship: Sunday 10:00am**

## Generous Church Virtual Retreat



The *Overflow Experience* is a two part retreat that is story-driven and experiential in nature. It includes inspiring stories of generous people, along with lots of good discussion, reflection and Bible study. This experience enables participants to process and practice a whole-life generosity that flows from knowing, studying and living out the gospel.

This retreat is about whole-life generosity, but is *not* part of a fund-raising campaign. Rather, it is a significant step for us to explore what living a generous life looks like as an entire church. We've invited our friends from **GenerousChurch** to bring this spiritual growth experience to us.

### Here are the details and how to RSVP:

**Dates:** February 26-27, 2021  
**Times:** Friday, February 26:  
6:00pm – 9:00pm  
Saturday, February 27:  
9:00am – 12:00noon  
**Location:** *This entire retreat will take place virtually through Zoom.*  
**RSVP:** Call the Church Office at 913-294-2400 or send an email to: [tracey@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:tracey@paolalighthouse.com)

Check out these videos and you'll be hooked!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eTbs6cZ61I>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vahi77oOsK4>

## New Mexico Mission Trip

- When:** March 14 – 20, 2021
- Where:** Navajo Nation: Cuba, New Mexico
- Who:** Trip Leader - Marcia Scott  
913.579.6141  
[marcia.scott01@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia.scott01@yahoo.com)  
All are welcome to participate
- Lodging:** Girl Scout Camp near Cuba, N.M.  
Cabins with beds, heat and showers
- Travel:** Transportation is on your own
- Cost:** Travel to and from New Mexico  
contribute food for the week
- Work:** Cutting firewood for the Navajo people
- Notes:**
- Bring your own chainsaw, gas cans, etc.
  - If you don't want to cut wood, you can help with gathering, carrying, etc.
  - We will collect various supplies to donate to the Navajo people:
    - ◇ Non-perishable foods
    - ◇ Basic medical supplies (Neosporin, rubbing alcohol, ibuprofen, etc)
    - ◇ Clothing in good condition – especially children's sizes





We apologize for our oversight, and we would like to congratulate Trevor & Bri Patton on the birth of their daughter, Tessa Mae, who was born on December 18th. Proud grandparents are Jason & Marilyn Mueller and Doyle & Carol Patton.

Congratulations to John & Stephanie McMahon on the birth of a son, Reid Patrick, born January 14th. Proud grandmother is Janet Offutt and great-grandmother is Ginger Kelsey.



**TUESDAYS** at 8:00pm  
(every other Tuesday)

Family Group  
Adult Bible Study

To join the small group:  
Contact Brad so you  
may receive the ZOOM invite!

[brad@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:brad@paolalighthouse.com)  
913.271.2140

**WEDNESDAYS** at 7:00pm  
(once a month)

Book Club:  
"Ruthless Trust"



*Like the cold of snow  
in the time of harvest  
is a faithful messenger  
to those who send him.*

PROVERBS 25:13

## Newsletter DEADLINE

The next Beacon  
newsletter will be  
published on Thursday,  
February 11, 2021.

Deadline for all articles  
will be Friday, Feb. 5th.

Thank you in advance for  
your help.

## COVID-19

With the increased number of cases of COVID-19, we want to remind everyone to be safe and protect others around you as well as yourself.

- *Following the City ordinance, we ask that you wear a mask when entering the building and when moving about the sanctuary.*
- *You may take your mask off when seated if you maintain 6 feet apart. (All rows are spaced 6 feet apart.)*
- *Please leave 3 empty chairs between families who do not reside together.*



Go to our website for up to date information:  
[www.paolalighthouse.com](http://www.paolalighthouse.com)



- 2 Robert Blanck, Sr.  
Karen Dietrich
- 3 Marsha Adams  
Robert Paulsen
- 5 Debbie Ebeling  
Abbie Perina
- 6 Sam Boan  
Mike Gibson  
Elisha Krehbiel  
Stephanie Sparks
- 7 Molly Thompson
- 8 Fred Thomas
- 9 Ava Poetter  
Dalton Roseberry
- 11 Edith Johansen
- 13 William Reese  
Janet Rhea
- 14 Edie Hewitt
- 15 Garrett Davidson  
Jacquee Servy  
Katie Short  
Alexis Wade
- 16 Diesel Meade
- 17 Rebecca Sutton
- 18 Marjorie Brink
- 21 Mandy Wiseman
- 24 David Baldrige  
Denise Reynolds
- 25 Emma Kerly  
Theresa Morrison  
Gail Walter
- 26 Christine Owens  
Brad Phipps
- 27 Zianna Reynolds

## 1st Thursdays Thursday, February 4th 11:30am-Noon

The First Thursday Team is excited to share that we will have a February First Thursdays Drive-thru on Thursday, Feb. 4th from 11:30am-Noon. Deliveries will also be made.

We have so missed being connected the last couple of months and sharing a warm meal with you.

Of course, February can be a brutal winter month, so we are hopeful for a sunny, warmer than normal day on Feb. 4th.

Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, Feb. 2nd.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 31st  
11:30am  
(following worship)



The Congregation of the Lighthouse Presbyterian Church is called for its Annual Meeting following worship on Sunday, January 31, 2021. We will review our year together in 2020 and look forward to 2021.

Allen Baldrige, Clerk of Session



Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of

- **Sam Bivins** (Denise Reynolds)
- **Don Meinig**
- **Tom Morris, Sr.** (Teresa Ruggles' father)
- **Paula Gentry** (Julie Gentry's mother)
- **Linda Stanchfield** (Denise Reynolds)

## Inclement Weather

With winter weather upon us, we would like you to be aware of the following:

You may call the church office (294-2400) during business hours 8:30-4:00 if you have a weather question or a particular need.

**If we need to cancel worship or church activities then go to:**

- ⇒ [www.paolalighthouse.com](http://www.paolalighthouse.com)
- ⇒ Facebook—Lighthouse Church Paola
- ⇒ [www.kctv5.com](http://www.kctv5.com)
- ⇒ Channel 5 KCTV News







## First Quarantians



*I (Pastor Brad) have been posting some devotions, scriptures and thoughts on our Lighthouse Facebook Page since the pandemic began in March. You can find them [here](#). Or, beginning with this current issue, you can read some of them on this page of the Beacon. Hope God blesses you through them.*

### The Great Blondin

I have heard the true story of the Great Blondin since before I became a Christian, and it still delivers.

Charles Blondin, born *Jean François Gravelet*, lived from 1824 – 1897, and was a French tightrope walker and acrobat. He called himself **The Great Blondin**, and was best known for walking across the Niagara Falls Gorge on a tightrope. Yes, a *tightrope* – a rope made entirely of hemp and only two inches in diameter. It's roughly 1,100 feet from one side to the other.

If that's not impressive enough, he performed the same feat:

- Over 300 times
- With his body in shackles
- Backwards
- Running
- At night, carrying the headlight from a locomotive
- With a sackcloth over his head so he could not see
- Carrying a camera (and taking a photograph of people watching)
- Carrying a stove (and made an omelet in the middle, then ate it...the omelet, I mean)
- On stilts!

So when he pushed a wheelbarrow from the Canadian side to the American side of the falls, no one was particularly surprised. He asked them, "Do you believe that the Great Blondin can put a man in this wheelbarrow and push him across the falls?" The crowd was electric with anticipation: "We believe!"

"OK", said the acrobat, "who will get in?" And the crowd went silent.

In our Sunday morning Bible study group, called *First Watch*, we have been studying, reflecting on, and discussing the nature of faith in relation to the eleventh chapter of Hebrews: *Now faith means putting our full confidence in the things we hope for, it means being certain of things we cannot see. It was this kind of faith that won their reputation for the saints of old* (Heb. 11:1-2 JB Phillips).

One of the men in our group, Dave, pointed out that he had never been to the continents of Africa, Asia or Europe, but he has faith that they are real, that they actually exist. Right. I have never actually seen my brain, but I'm certain it's in my head (no comments, please).

Real faith – a faith based on facts, based in reality, moves a person to take some kind of action – like the saints of old referred to in Hebrews. That kind of faith in God moved Abraham to leave his homeland, Moses to stand up to the king of Egypt, David to battle the giant Goliath. As the singer / songwriter Rich Mullins wrote: *Stories like that make a boy grow bold / stories like that make a man walk straight.*

Like the story about Blondin.

Incredibly, after several pensive moments, a man stepped forward and said that he would get in that wheelbarrow. And the Great Blondin pushed him back and forth.

It's one thing to stand in a crowd, yelling with a bunch of other people, *We believe!*

But a biblical faith – the kind of faith the saints of old were commended for in this chapter – that kind of faith means stepping out from the crowd...and actually climbing into the wheel barrow. The man who did that put his faith into practice.

Are you still standing in the crowd, cheering, shouting, watching? Or will you step out from the crowd and climb into the wheelbarrow?

Combine your tiny mustard seed of faith with the massive and overwhelming promises, goodness and faithfulness of God. He will guide you over the roiling waters of life both in the here-and-now, and even more so in the life to come.



# Children's Ministry

## Our Vision

To grow in Christ and become like Him. We seek to teach and demonstrate the gospel each time we gather with children. We pray they may be light in their world and that their light may grow brighter each day with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also dedicate ourselves to supporting the family unit as primary teachers of the faith and the conduit through which God shows His love and reveals His character.

## What We Offer

**Nursery (0-3)** – Nursery is available during worship each Sunday morning and for some special events (dates and additional information will be provided as needed). Our focus is to provide loving care for our youngest children and age appropriate activities introducing them to the God who loves them.

**Children's Church (Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade)** – Children's Church is offered during worship each Sunday. At a designated time during the service (usually following a children's message), children are dismissed to the back of the sanctuary to meet their adult leaders. Children may be picked up in the children's educational wing following the close of worship. Each week children learn about the Big Bible Story through creative storytelling and extension activities. On months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, children remain in worship.

**Family Night & Kingdom Kids (all ages)** – Two times a year, fall and spring, a mid-week program is offered on Wednesday evenings that includes a meal, worship, and Bible-based activities for all ages. Dates, times, and other necessary information will be provided in the weeks prior to each session.

**Vacation Bible School (Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** – Each summer a Vacation Bible School program is offered. Dates and other information regarding VBS will be provided in the Spring.

## Join the Team!

The lifeblood of Lighthouse Children's Ministry are the many adult and youth volunteers dedicated to teaching children about the love of God shown through Christ Jesus and then demonstrating that love as they serve.

Opportunities to serve include ...

- Nursery volunteer or employment
- Leading or helping with Bible story large groups in Children's Church
- Leading or helping with small groups in Children's Church
- Coordinating or Assisting at special events (Family Night, VBS, etc.)
- Gathering supplies and/or preparing materials.

If you would like to join our amazing team, contact Josh Simons, Director of Children's Ministry at 913.406.6137 or email him at [josh@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:josh@paolalighthouse.com).

# Lighthouse Youth



## HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

### Middle School – 5:30-8:00 Wednesdays

We are discussing the book of Romans and breaking it down into meaningful chunks every

Wednesday. Come and join us!

Pizza for dinner \$3.

### High School – 5:00-8:00 Sundays

We are currently going through the Bible discussing everything about God that we can learn, and learning how to really pray with and for each other. Come and Join us!

Pizza for dinner \$3

### Upcoming Events

**NO extra events  
scheduled at this time  
due to Covid**

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#### Youth Director

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## For the month of January 2021

### Miscellaneous Issues

**Joel Ahlbrandt**  
**Sherry Ahlbrandt**  
**Lea Anderson** (Janell Bouse)  
**Virginia Ayers** (Susan Hime)  
**Wayne Blumhorst** (Rick Blumhorst)  
**Charlie Brink**  
**Dixie Brummel** (Roberta Briley)  
**Martha Brunkhardt** (Julie Zoller)  
**Pam Bryant**  
**Joe Burke** (Terry Robinson)  
**Sheila Cleveland**  
 (Bill/Lucille Ufford)  
**Kristen Cummings**  
**Rosemary Cummings**  
**Jack Daley**  
**Cody Dement** (Ron Dowd)  
**Randy & Marla Dilliner**  
 (Carol Knoche)  
**Ben Erwin**  
**Michael Finley** (Stephanie Sparks)  
**Billie Fretz**  
**Randy Gentry** (Julie Gentry)  
**Tommy Gillen** (Terry Gillen)  
**Jan Gillespie**  
**Joe Gillespie**  
**Deacon Guilbeau** (Denise Reynolds)  
**Hank Hanquist** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Kinda Harshman**  
 (Sherry Ahlbrandt)  
**Harry Hellyer**  
**Lue Ann Hellyer**  
**Edie Hewitt**  
**Pat Hewitt**

**Tim Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Rene Korsten** (Janet Offutt)  
**Betty Matney** (Evelyn Cowden)  
**Doug Mayer** (Tammy Dowd)  
**Claude Miller** (Terry Robinson)  
**Nancy Moore** (Joel Ahlbrandt)  
**Janet Offutt**  
**Shirley Schachle** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Lela Sharp** (Bruce Jenkins)  
**Jim Sparks** (Oliver, Benjamin & Katie Sparks)  
**Alicia Spencer**  
**Fred Thomas**  
**Ruth Trout** (Cindy Reese)  
**Gail Walter**

### Military

**Joshua Ales** (Theresa Morrison)  
**Christina Behnke**  
**Tony Newman** (Bob Paulsen)  
**Nick Spencer** (Alicia Spencer)

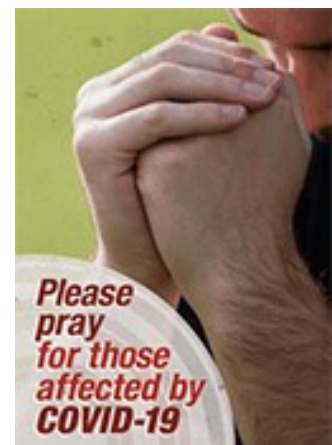
### Cancer

**Lon Boyd**  
**Vicki Campbell** (Tammy Dowd)  
**Ray Chapman** (Lyle Briley)  
**Johnny Dark** (Bob Paulsen)  
**Jim Galemore** (Cindy Walters)  
**Verna Garrett**  
 (Mary Ann Thornton)  
**Darlene Harper** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Lynita Hayden** (Dino Motta)  
**Jim Johnson** (Tracey Hecker)  
**Megan Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Robin Lutz** (Roberta Briley)  
**Joan McComb**  
 (Christine Thomas-Hursey)  
**Mike McGuire** (Kristal Sparks)  
**Janice McWilliams**  
 (Shauneen Wolf)  
**Jana Morris** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Judy Mullenix** (Kay Ufford)  
**Connie Patillo** (Margaret Quintero)  
**Russ & Susie Porterfield**

**Janet Rhea**  
**Jonica Sauce** (Sheila Majors)  
**Marcia Scott**  
**Chuck Smith** (Shonda Dyer)  
**Rebecca Sutton**  
**Strong Wright** (Bruce Jenkins)

*(Names in parentheses indicate the church family requesting prayer)*

*(Names will run for four weeks, so please notify the office if you would like to have a name left on this prayer list.)*



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