

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

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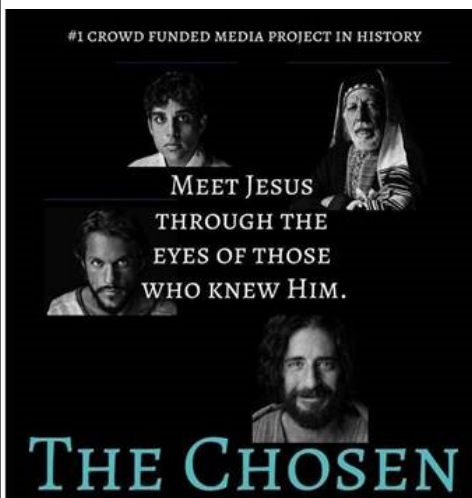
Something Safe & Fun With Family & Friends!



When: Beginning on September 23
Time: Wednesday Evenings: 5:30-7:00pm
Where: In the Sanctuary of Lighthouse Church
Who: All are invited
(Children, Youth, Adults)

*(Due to COVID-19 restrictions,
Nursery will not be available.)*

Dinner: \$2.50 covers 2 slices of pizza and a drink



Main Event: *The Chosen* (TV Series)

Beginning Wednesday evening, September 23rd, all families and friends (yes, bring friends!) are invited to enjoy some pizza (\$2.50/2 slices) and drinks together (but not too close together!) and watch ***The Chosen***: See Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him best.

In order to have this event, we will observe social distancing: families will need to stay together and all of us will need to wear masks (well, at least while we are not eating or drinking). So there will not be a nursery available.

Before each episode we will briefly introduce the main idea in order to help families and friends further discuss what happened and where to find the story in the Bible. We will also provide some helpful questions and thoughts for further study and/or discussion. At the conclusion of the episode we will go back home.

NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Sept. 4th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



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

- **Wanda Chambers**
(Sydney Dulgarian's mother)
- **Laura Park**



You can continue to give online or via text as shown below.

⇒ **Online:** <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/Ligh1402621>

⇒ **Text:** 913-294-7987.
Please specify the fund you would like to donate to.

Communion

We will be having communion during worship on Sunday September 6th, We will be using individual communion cups at this time.



Bible Study Fellowship For Men & Women

Tuesday Nights

September 15 - December 8, 2020

January 5 - May 11, 2021

Women: 6:30-7:15pm

Men: 7:30-8:15pm

Our study this year the book of Genesis. ***It will be online only.***

This study is free for everyone! All materials are provided online.

For more information on how to join, you may contact:

Women: Roberta Briley: 816-223-0543; sonicrlb@gmail.com

Men: Larry Beyer: 913-961-5015; larrybeyer1@gmail.com

Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th.



Can We Pray for You?



Contact the church office with prayer concerns:

Website: paolalighthouse.com/prayer

Email: rebecca@paolalighthouse.com

Call: 913-294-2400



- 1 Lois Evison
- 2 Creighton Beer
Ian Drummond
Ashlyn Katzer
Brady Sparks
- 3 Ben Erwin
Susan Hime
Dalton Perina
- 4 Faith Sparks
- 5 Allen Hecker
JD Knauss
- 6 Jimmy Kerley
- 7 Dave Slyter
- 8 Aaron Koechner
Hannes Poetter
- 9 Kaitlyn Bouse
- 11 Hannah Roberts
- 12 Joel Ahlbrandt
Ian Heid
- 13 Jace Kerley
Holden Roseberry
- 17 Jenna Collier
- 18 Jonas Briley
- 19 Courtney Shulista
- 20 Juliana Baldrige
Evelyn Cowden
Mike Hursey
- 22 Lucas Terflinger
- 23 Sean Sutton
- 24 Tauna Connell
- 25 Aryah Baldrige
Michelle Briley
Mark Dulgarian
Mallory Manthei
Katie McHenry
- 28 Bob Matson
Avarie Needham
- 30 Dorothy Murdock



1st Thursdays Thursday, September 3rd for Seniors 11:30am-Noon

Looking ahead: September First Thursdays **Drive-Thru**. This is for all our friends of AARP age. You may RSVP by September 1st to Rebecca at rebecca@paolalighthouse.com or call the church office, 294-2400.

For those who choose to worship from home awhile longer, an individual Communion cup for your use on Sunday, September 6th, will be available.

MONTHLY INCOME REPORT July 2020

GENERAL GIVING

YTD Budget Needed	\$ 352,765.84
YTD Actual Giving	\$ 333,561.94
Amount still needed:	\$ 19,203.90

BUILDING FUND

Annual Budget Needed:	\$ 187,085.88
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 79,156.33
Loan Balance:	\$2,531,034.08



Confirmation Class

When: Sunday (beginning September 13th)
Time: 9:00am
Where: Blue Room located at end of Children's Ministry wing.



Confirmation is a one-year class for youth 6th grade and older. The class is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45am beginning September 13th. Confirmation students will learn essential truths of the Christian faith and practice applying them to their daily lives. The goal is to provide youth with the foundation of a Christ-centered worldview as they grow into young adulthood. Youth who complete the class will be Confirmed during Sunday worship on May 2, 2021. An informational parent meeting is being held this Sunday, August 30th at 8:30am in the east classroom of the children's wing. For more information, contact Josh Simons at josh@paolalighthouse.com or 913-406-6137.



The Genius of Generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that there is a certain genius in generosity. He explains that when we open our hands figuratively speaking to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold, says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God's genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.



Intentional Generosity

Typically I ride my bike to the south from where I live, since I enjoy riding in the country much more than the city. But a fellow cyclist friend showed me a good bike path that takes us over into Missouri and connects with the Trolley Track Trail along Wornall. From there we rode all the way to the Liberty Memorial.

My friend Dave mentioned several times how many homeless people he has seen along the bike path in KCMO, and on that day we saw a couple of men and women. That got us talking about homelessness in general and ways that we can help people in that situation.

Which gave me an idea.

A week or two later we decided to make the same journey, so I loaded some non-perishable foods in my backpack and encouraged Dave to bring some food as well. Along our route we stopped three different times to bless homeless people with the food we had brought along on our ride.

Being intentional about blessing people with generosity turned a routine bike ride into more of a mission. No longer worried about typical things, like speed or mileage, we continually surveyed the area for someone we could encourage on that day. I even "knocked on the door" of a tent located just off the pathway. So when the man unzipped the door, I gave him some food and said, *God bless you, my friend.*

Over and over again God calls us to be generous in our love to others. Most of us truly want to obey this command which Jesus modeled for us, but wonder why it so often slips away.

The key, as with most of life, is to be intentional. Take some time to pray and think about who and how you can bless someone – a neighbor, a co-worker, the mail carrier, the person behind you in line at a store, the car behind you in the Drive-Thru Lane. And then open your eyes to the people and needs around you as you go about your everyday life.

Michele and I pack ziplock bags in our cars and look for homeless people who are waiting at stoplights in various spots. Be creative with your kindness and love, but be intentional about doing it; otherwise it will end up as just another good intention, but helpful to no one.

But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

Pastor Brad

Children's Ministry



Grace to you and peace from Him Who is, Who was, and Who is to come; Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood; our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

SEE YOU SOON!!!

Children's Church and Nursery will return on Sunday, September 13! We are looking forward to offering these ministries once again to children and families! Safety is of course a priority so safe practices will be in place with regard to the environment and volunteers.

In the weeks until Children's Church begins again, the following resources are available to assist families with engaging children in learning about the Bible and what it teaches about salvation through Jesus Christ alone and living a life for Him.

Each worship service includes a Family 5 time during the Children's Message which teaches a simple Biblical truth and engages believers of all ages!

Worship bags are available each week for children and families. When you pick up a bag, it's yours! Keep it and bring it back each Sunday to add new items. Each week a worship notes and coloring page will be available that go with the lesson and sometimes there will be special items available.

Virtual Children's Church videos continue to be available each week. These videos are put out on Facebook each Sunday or available on Josh's YouTube channel. A link to this is on the Children's Ministry page of the Lighthouse website.

Also available on the Children's Ministry page of the Lighthouse website are Faith at Home activities and resources. Instructions for the activities and resources are on the *Letter from Josh Simons*.

Grace and Peace,

Josh Simons
Director of Children's Ministry
913.406.6137



2nd Grade Bible Presentation

We will be presenting Bibles to all our 2nd Graders on Sunday, September 13th during worship service. If your child is currently a 2nd grader and wishes to have their own Bible, please contact:

Josh Simons, Children's Ministry Director
Email: Josh@paolalighthouse.com
Call Church: 913-294-2400

Lighthouse Youth



HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Middle School – 5:30-8:00 Wednesdays

We are discussing friendships through August using stories of exceptional friends in the Bible as our model. Come and join us! Pizza for dinner \$3.

High School – 5:00-8:00 Sundays

We are currently going through the Bible discussing Prayer and Fasting and pursuing God.

Bring your Bibles! Pizza for dinner \$3 – must respond to group message if you want pizza sent out every Sunday afternoon

Summer Events

No summer events currently scheduled

Students are encouraged to social distance while in the building. Building is sanitized after each meeting.

Please bring your own Bibles so we don't have to sanitize our communal ones every week!

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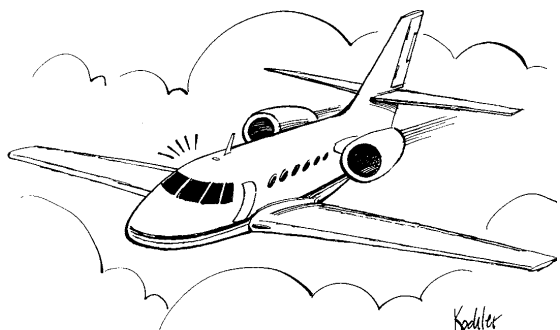
First Quarantians



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.

My Mother, the Pilot

My mother absolutely hated to fly, so most of her life she didn't. One of the few times she did I had the *pleasure* of sitting next to her for a long flight to San Francisco. For three solid hours she squirmed and groaned, jerking with the air pockets, unable to keep her mind off her misery. At one point I looked down at her hands – her white knuckles gripping the armrests in a continual battle to pull up, push down, and moved them side to side – it looked like a sincere attempt to dismantle the plastic from the metal. So I asked her, “Mom, what are you doing?” She turned and looked at me with her eyes wide open and said, mirthfully, “I’m steering the plane!”



direction, then we can experience *his peace that passes understanding* (Phil.4:7). But if we keep fighting to steer a plane even though we'll never get near the cockpit, well, that will keep you up most of the night in a never-ending cycle of frustration.

It has helped me to learn, and then convince myself, that I need to focus on those things that I *can* change, and *release* those that I cannot. Maybe the following list can help you:

Things I Cannot Control:

- ◆ The actions of others or how they react
- ◆ Predicting what will/will not happen
- ◆ How long the pandemic will last
- ◆ Other people's motives
- ◆ Will there be college football (yikes!)
- ◆ And the list goes on...

These are the things that we have to learn to let go and entrust them to the Lord...yes, even your beloved college football or eating out at your favorite restaurant.

Things I Can Control:

- ◆ My positive attitude
- ◆ Limiting my social media
- ◆ Finding things to do at home
- ◆ Turning off the news
- ◆ Reading the Bible
- ◆ Praying on a daily basis
- ◆ Reaching out to others with God's grace

Well, after all, someone had to.

We all have things in our world that we try to control, but simply cannot. How about you? What do you try to control, even though you know in your mind that it doesn't work? It's not a bad question to ask yourself, especially during this pandemic: Which things happening around me do I *have* control of, and which things are *beyond* my control?

This is both a spiritual and an emotional issue for us. And when it comes to the things I cannot control, it becomes a matter of trust. Will I trust God, that he is sovereign over all? If we truly believe that he is sovereign, that all things are ultimately under his

So focus on the areas of your life that you *can* control; ask the Lord to help you grow in his grace; and ask him to help you let go of what you cannot change.



For the month of August 2020

Miscellaneous Issues

Joel Ahlbrandt
Sherry Ahlbrandt
Dax Allen
Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)
Virginia Ayers (Susan Hime)
Anna Beyer (Larry & Joslin Beyer)
Kirk Blain (Susan Blain)
Mike Boyd (Lon Boyd)
Jackie Brewer
Pam Bryant
Joe Burke (Terry Robinson)
Avialee Burns (April England)
David & Sarah Cano
 (Rick & Angela Bishop)
Summer Carl (Bob Dameron)
Alex Carter (Rhiannon Carter)
Kristen Cummings
Rosemary Cummings
Gay Douglas
Lester & Leta England
 (Mike England)
Billie Fretz
Larry Fuller (Tracey Hecker)
Jan Gillespie
Jim Gillespie
Joe Gillespie
Sandy Gillespie
Willy Glover (Rebecca Sutton)
Rory Green (Samantha Green)
Eric Haas (Rick Bishop)
Zoe Harrington (Cumming's family)
Harry Hellyer
Lue Ann Hellyer

Lesa Higginbotham (Jenny Paulsen)
Stevie Holderman (Susan Blain)
Karen King (Lon Boyd)
Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)
Diane Kvasnicka (Sam Green)
Violet Longmire (Rebecca Sutton)
Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)
Glenda Newell (Susan Blain)
Janet Offutt
Bettie Ore (Carol Knoche)
Christine Owens
Gary Patillo (Margaret Quintero)
Don Probe (Susan Blain)
Don Prothe (Denise Debrick)
Margaret Quintero
Janet Rhea
Brent Teasley (Paula Armstrong)
Fred Thomas
Ursula VonRydingsvard
 (Terry Robinson)
Dr. Gail Walter
Ernie Walters (Brian Walters)
Karl Wesemann (Karen Dietrich)
Donna Whiteford
 (Rose Anne Taylor)
Peggy Willows
Diana Wilson (Theresa Morrison)

Military

Joshua Alex (Theresa Morrison)
Christina Behnke
Tony Newman (Bob Paulsen)

Cancer

Lon Boyd
Jim Brisendine (Bob Dameron)
Vicki Campbell (Tammy Dowd)
Ray Chapman (Lyle & Bert Briley)
Tom Dameron (Bob Dameron)
Ken Dietrich (Dave Dietrich)
Jim Donner (Charlie Brink)
Amber Evans (Jill Holcomb)
Jim Galemore (Cindy Walters)
Julie Gentry (Amy Herron)

Pam Hire (Rebecca Sutton)
Jean Kaiser (Edie Hewitt)
Kim King (Orval & Karen Miller)
Megan Knoche
Joan McComb
 (Christine Thomas-Hursey)
Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)
Megan McKellips
 (Mandy Wiseman)
Jim Moscript (Leon Briley)
Frank Mueller (Jason Mueller)
Judy Mullenix (Kay Ufford)
Larry Nation (Susan Blain)
Connie Patillo (Margaret Quintero)
Jennifer Penny (Janet Rhea)
Russ Porterfield
Susie Porterfield
Nancy Robb (Mandy Wiseman)
Rich Rowan (Abbie Perina)
Chuck Smith (Shonda Dyer)
Steve Trembly (Terry Robinson)
Jim VonGrempe (Leon Briley)
Rosemary Wolf (Linda Gibson)
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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