

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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Worship: Sunday 10:00am

Ministry Activities Update

We feel blessed that we can continue to offer our worship services both in person and online. There are only a handful of activities – compared to pre-Covid days – that are currently still available during this fall season:

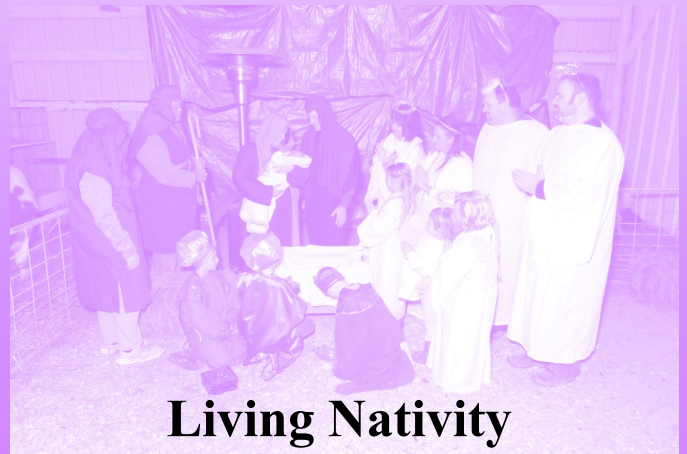
- First Watch: Sundays mornings in The Harbor (Adult Bible Study)
- Bible Study Fellowship: Tuesday evenings online (women) / at the church (men)
- Family Night: Wednesdays evenings in the sanctuary (*The Chosen*)
- 1st Thursdays: Drive Thru Lunch for Senior Adults
- Youth: Middle School students meet on Wednesday evenings
- Youth: Sr. High students meet on Sunday evenings

Unfortunately, many of our fall events, like the Hog Roast, have had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Typically we would be preparing to have two of our favorite events during this time of the year: the *All Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner* and the *Living Nativity*. However, with so many health concerns still affecting how and where we gather (or cannot gather), both of these events have been cancelled in 2020 and will have to wait until next year.

Let us continue to pray for all those affected by this pandemic and that the Lord will bring it to a swift end soon so that we can once more enjoy our fellowship together in Christ.



**All Church Family
Thanksgiving Dinner**



Living Nativity

Newsletter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

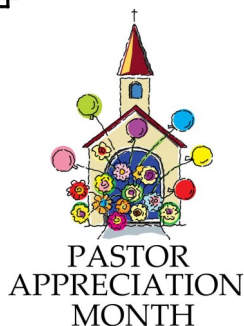
Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Oct. 16th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



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

- **June Shirley** (Kristen Walter's great grandmother)
- **Brent Teasley** (Paula Armstrong's cousin)
- **Donna Whiteford** (Rose Anne Taylor)



PASTOR APPRECIATION

Well it's that time of the year – football games, fall leaves and October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Lighthouse Church has been blessed with wonderful pastors (Kirk Johnston and Brad Buescher) and although we hope they know they are appreciated every day, what a great opportunity to let them know how we feel. Please take some time this month to express your appreciation by sending a personal note, baking a treat (Brad does not eat gluten) or sending a gift card. These are just examples. Use your imagination and let them know how much you value them.

God Amid the Pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, "Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you" (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland



The Session of Lighthouse Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the beginning of the worship service for the purpose of: electing Elders and Deacons and electing 6 members from the congregation-at-large to serve on the 2021 Church Nominating Committee.

Allen Baldridge, Clerk of Session



Want to get involved with Operation Christmas Child?

In the year of 2020, life has taken on a new meaning of normal, but that doesn't have to apply to everything. There are multiple ways for you to get involved with OCC that will fit with everyone's preference of social distancing and fellowship.

Fill a Shoebox

- Take an empty shoebox from our display.
- Fill it with items for either a girl or boy. (see "Shoebox Gift Ideas")
- Choose an age group of 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years.
- Pray for the child who will receive the gift.
- Include the \$9 donation to help cover shipping and other project costs.
- Bring into church during collection week.

Build a Shoebox Online

Lighthouse has created a "goal page" to see if we can pack 50 shoeboxes online for 2020.

- Click on this [link](#) and you will go directly to the Samaritan's Purse website that will allow you to begin building a shoebox, and that box will count toward Lighthouse's Shoebox Goal.
- Simply select toys and other fun items that are offered.
- Personalize your gift with your own letter and photo.

- Pay the suggested donation of \$25.

Donations

Donations can come in all forms.

- Donate items from the "Shoebox Gift Ideas". Maybe you found some good sales but didn't want to fill an entire shoebox. No problem, we will take them and combine them with other donations to make a completed shoebox. Please bring your items to the church before November 16th.
- Money is always a great donation. We can use this to help cover the \$9 donation per box or purchase additional items to fill the boxes.

Volunteer During Collection Week (Nov. 16-23)

- **November 16-20 (Mon-Fri) from 9:00am-4:00pm**, we will begin accepting shoeboxes that have been assembled for children around the world. With all the routines that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to encourage every person to feel safe in bringing their shoeboxes to Lighthouse Church. So instead of people bringing their shoeboxes into the church, we will meet them outside at the curb to fill out necessary paperwork and unload shoeboxes from their cars. To accomplish this, we will need 2-3 helpers per day.
- Then on **Monday, November 23rd from 9:00am-3:00pm**, other drop-off centers will

bring in their shipping boxes to be loaded onto large trucks located in our parking lot. We will need volunteers throughout the day who are able to lift heavy boxes.

- Face masks and gloves will be provided to all helpers. If you are interested in helping on any of these days, please contact **Tracey Hecker at 913-294-2400** and she will work you into the schedule or you can go to our website at paolalighthouse.com and click on the link for [Operation Christmas Child](#) to sign up.

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

"WOW" ITEMS

- Soccer ball w/ pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes

TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump Ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes (no toothpaste)
- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- Combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



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.

Got Scripture?

Some astonishing facts about the human brain:

Over the course of a lifetime, scientists estimate that the modern human brain will hold up to 1 quadrillion pieces of information. To give you a better idea, a quadrillion is 1,000,000,000,000,000! That's even more than Patrick Mahomes makes!

You have an average of 70,000 thoughts in a day. Not to mention that the brain shuts down while sleeping, or that dreaming takes *more* brain activity than any waking function.

With 86 billion neurons, 400 miles of capillaries, 100 thousand miles of axons (enough to circle the earth 4 times), more than 10 trillion synapses, the human brain is truly a fascinating organ.

And yet... (insert every possible joke here about forgetting what happened yesterday, or 10 minutes ago, or why I came into the den).

Many people will say they have a hard time remembering names, which I totally understand. But for me it's a bit more difficult to relate when people say they cannot memorize scriptures. After all, I'm pretty sure most of us know the Lord's Prayer...which is four – count 'em! – four verses from Matthew 6:9-13. So you probably have at least four verses memorized.

And you may retort, "But that's because we say it together every Sunday."

Exactly. Repetition. Repetition. Repetition. That's how I learned to memorize scripture. And I think you can too. Perhaps we're not yet convinced of the value of doing so.

This column is both a testimony to the power of scripture memory *and* an encouragement / challenge for you to consider this discipline for your daily walk with Jesus.

As a young follower of Christ I was challenged to

tackle the *Topical Memory System* (TMS), which was developed by Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators – a parachurch ministry that is particularly focused on college students. These 60 verses have been foundational in my life and ministry over the course of the last 40 years. Even in seminary I would often refer to the scriptures I had already memorized to help me get a handle on studying God's word. More often than not I will reference at least one of these verses each time I preach.

How did Jesus handle the devil and his temptations? He quoted scriptures – which he had memorized. *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your Word. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against You* (Ps.119:9 & 11).

So, rather than fumble around trying to remember, or locate, or even think of a specific verse that applies to your or someone else's particular need, committing these (or other) verses to memory allows you to take a spiritual arrow from your quiver and send it to its mark, whether it's intended for *teaching, correcting, rebuking, or training in righteousness*. (2 Tim. 3:16).

There are a few key principles that will help you memorize scripture, should you choose to: 1) Repetition 2) Accountability 3) Organization. *Repetition* is rather obvious: you tend to lose what you do not use. *Accountability* simply means doing this discipline with a friend, so that you help and encourage one another as you work at it. And *organization*...quite honestly, this is the reason I was able to memorize *and remember* these 60 verses. Each verse has a place: the 60 verses are divided into five major sections. Each major section is sub-divided into six topics. And within each topic there are two verses apiece. Sort of what IKEA would do if they were in the scripture memory business.

Got Scripture? *Topical. Memory. System.* Check it out.

Lighthouse Youth



HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Middle School – 5:30-8:00 Wednesdays

We are discussing the book of Colossians 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 Chosen series. Bring your Bibles! Pizza for dinner \$3 – must respond to group message if you want pizza sent out every Sunday afternoon

Fall Events

No fall 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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Miscellaneous Issues

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Lea Anderson (Janell Bouse)

Virginia Ayers (Susan Hime)

Tom Balch (Bob Dameron)

Anna Beyer (Larry & Joslin Beyer)

Kirk Blain (Susan Blain)

Jackie Brewer

Pam Bryant

Joe Burke (Terry Robinson)

Kristen Cummings

Rosemary Cummings

Terry Dubois (Joel Ahlbrandt)

Lester & Leta England

(Mike England)

Billie Fretz

Jan Gillespie

Joe Gillespie

Sandy Gillespie

Eric Haas (Rick Bishop)

Donna Hanquist (Rebecca Sutton)

Zoe Harrington (Cumming's family)

Leslie Harvell (Rebecca Sutton)

Harry Hellyer

Lue Ann Hellyer

Lesa Higginbotham (Jenny Paulsen)

John Huff (Lyle & Marcia Scott)

Edith Johansen

Bev Knapp

Tim Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)

Rene Korsten (Janet Offutt)

Betty Matney (Evelyn Cowden)

Russ Mayer (Tammy Dowd)

Janet Offutt

Bettie Ore (Carol Knoche)

Gary Patillo (Margaret Quintero)

Don Probe (Susan Blain)

Margaret Quintero

Shirley Schachle (Rebecca Sutton)

Iris Simons

Marcia Sparks (Oliver, Benjamin & Katie Sparks)

Dr. Gail Walter

Karl Wesemann (Karen Dietrich)

Leonard Windler

(Lyle & Marcia Scott)

Military

Joshua Ales (Theresa Morrison)

Christina Behnke

Tony Newman (Bob Paulsen)

Nick Spencer (Alicia Spencer)

Cancer

Lon Boyd

Cole Broockerd (Kirk Johnston)

Vicki Campbell (Tammy Dowd)

Ray Chapman (Lyle & Bert Briley)

Jim Donner (Charlie Brink)

Jim Galemore (Cindy Walters)

Julie Gentry (Amy Herron)

Pam Hire (Rebecca Sutton)

Megan Knoche (Rebecca Sutton)

Mike McGuire (Kristal Sparks)

Jim Moscript (Leon Briley)

Frank Mueller (Jason Mueller)

Larry Nation (Susan Blain)

Connie Patillo (Margaret Quintero)

Jennifer Penny (Janet Rhea)

Russ Porterfield

Susie Porterfield

Nancy Robb (Mandy Wiseman)

John Sandoval (Terry Robinson)

Jonica Sauce (Sheila Majors)

Marcia Scott

Chuck Smith (Shonda Dyer)

Steve Trembly (Terry Robinson)

Jim VonGrimp (Leon Briley)

Ursula VonRydingsvard

(Terry Robinson)

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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