

# Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

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

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**Worship: Sunday 10:00am**

## THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL DELIVERIES

for Miami County

**Cost:** FREE  
**Date:** Thursday, November 26, 2020  
**Time:** 11:00am-1:00pm  
**Location:** Lighthouse Church

**All meals will be delivery only this year.**

For more information and to make reservations, call Lighthouse Church at 913-294-2400.



### Ways to help with this ministry:

- Help get the word out - deliver flyers to your neighbors, place of business, etc.
- Help on Thanksgiving Day delivering meals from 11:00am-1:00pm
- Give financial contributions (this event is privately funded)

For more information, please feel free to call:

**Kim Bruza**  
(913) 908-5654

**Terry Robinson**  
(913) 837-2467



## NewsLetter DEADLine

The next Beacon newsletter will be published on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Deadline for all articles will be Friday, Nov. 13th.

Thank you in advance for your help.



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

- **Connie Goodwin**  
(Rebecca Sutton)
- **JoAnne Hileman**  
(Mary Ann Thornton)
- **Violet Longmire**  
(Rebecca Sutton)

## Pledge Sunday, November 8th

We have now distributed stewardship packets to all members and friends who wish to participate in our stewardship drive. If you have not received these materials and would like to, please contact the church office: (913) 294-2400; [tracey@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:tracey@paolalighthouse.com), [rebecca@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:rebecca@paolalighthouse.com) or [erin@paolalighthouse.com](mailto:erin@paolalighthouse.com).

We also ask that you would bring your pledge card to worship on **November 8th – Pledge Sunday** – when we will dedicate our gifts to the Lord and to His Cause. Thank you in advance for your willingness and generosity toward the building of God's Kingdom in Paola, Miami County, and to the end of the earth.

# PLEDGE Sunday

Thank You.  
Lighthouse Session

"GOD IS  
WITH YOU IN  
*everything*  
YOU DO."

GENESIS 21:22

## BSF for Men & Women



**When:** **Tuesdays**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup> thru May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Women 6:30 – 7:15 pm – Online Only**  
**Men 7:30 – 8:15 pm – Meet in the Harbor**

**What:** **Study will review Genesis**

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

If you have any questions or need any further information:  
Women - Roberta Briley (816) 223-0543 or email [sonicrlb@gmail.com](mailto:sonicrlb@gmail.com)  
Men - Larry Beyer (913) 961-5015 or email [larrybeyer1@gmail.com](mailto:larrybeyer1@gmail.com)





Mark your  
calendars!

Join us on

**Sunday,  
December 13th  
at 6:00pm**

for

**Lighthouse  
Christmas  
Program**

This will be an  
evening of singing and  
we will show "The  
Chosen", a special  
Christmas episode.



## OPERATION HOLIDAY DRIVE-THRU SIGN-UPS:

Operation Holiday, sponsored by PACA (Paola churches), is a time during the Christmas Season when Miami County residents who qualify may receive food gift cards. This will be December 10th and 11th at the First Presbyterian Church.

Qualified Miami County Residents may call the Miami County ECKAN Office at 913.246.4783. Deadline for sign-up is Friday, November 20th. Please bring your ID when you pick up.

### Drive-Thru Times:

Thursday, December 10th

8:00 am to Noon

Friday, December 11th

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm



## Event Cancellations

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.





## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 [pao-lighthouse.com](http://pao-lighthouse.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.*

## Elections 2020

Note: I wrote this on Tuesday, Nov.3

I'm feeling like I should write something about the elections, since today is that fateful day. But I can only really think of just two things to say, and they apply to all of us, no matter where you find yourself on the political spectrum.

For a run-of-the-mill pastor in the Midwestern part of the United States, I feel quite fortunate and blessed to have traveled as much as I have. I have done all kinds of mission work and preached the gospel in North Macedonia, northern Russia, northern Mexico and all over Haiti.

In addition to traveling, I have also taken part in our denomination's (EPC) World Outreach ministry, which sends missionaries all over the globe. And after they are sent, we maintain ongoing communication with them during their time of ministry. I have been a part of both the upside – people far from God hearing and responding to the gospel; and the downside – cross-cultural workers unable to work as a team, divorce, sinful habits, etc. I have also heard many, many stories of how basic human rights are denied to citizens by their own governments.

Here is the upside of living in the United States: *you get to vote*. Here is the downside of living in many – actually *most* of these other countries: *they don't*.

It does sound trite, and may draw a yawn from many who read this, but we do need to thank God that we get to vote – we have a say in who runs our country, even though we will still gripe about it the rest of the year (actually, *years*). That's the first thing that comes to mind.

The second thing is also comparative in nature: that is, the kingdoms of men simply pale in comparison to the kingdom of God: *Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?*

<sup>2</sup> *The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,* <sup>3</sup> *“Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.”* <sup>4</sup> *The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.* <sup>5</sup> *He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,* <sup>6</sup> *“I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”* (Psalm 2:1-6)

As apprentices of the Lord Jesus Christ, we affiliate first and foremost with the kingdom of God, whose ruler and king is none other than Jesus himself. As another king, David, wrote in the psalm above: God himself installed Jesus as king over all. His disciples made the mistake of thinking that Jesus had come to set things right with their Roman conquerors. Alas, they were mistaken. Alas, oftentimes we are too.

Whatever we may face in the coming days, months and years, we do so with faith in the Son of God, not in our national, state or city leaders. Whoever wins these elections, I have a difficult time thinking that our state of affairs will be worse than what Jesus and his early followers faced; or what believers in countries like North Korea, Eritrea and Pakistan *currently* face.

Take heart. Take a deep breath. You may not get your way tonight, or this week, or this year(!!!) But maybe that's not what you should want anyway... *Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done...*



# 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).



"I found our turkey!"

# Lighthouse Youth



## HARBOR YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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

We are discussing the book of Mark 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 digging out anything we can learn about Prayer and Fasting! 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!**

### **LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**

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## For the month of November 2020

### Miscellaneous Issues

**Joel Ahlbrandt**  
**Sherry Ahlbrandt**  
**Lea Anderson** (Janell Bouse)  
**Virginia Ayers** (Susan Hime)  
**Tom Balch** (Bob Dameron)  
**Anna Beyer** (Larry & Joslin Beyer)  
**Kirk Blain** (Susan Blain)  
**Jackie Brewer**  
**Barbara Brown** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Roger, Donna & Jennifer Brummel**  
 (Roberta Briley)  
**Pam Bryant**  
**Joe Burke** (Terry Robinson)  
**Kristen Cummings**  
**Rosemary Cummings**  
**Jack & Barb Daley**  
**Terry Dubois** (Joel Ahlbrandt)  
**Lester & Leta England**  
 (Mike England)  
**Richard Franz** (Brian Walters)  
**Billie Fretz**  
**Tommy Gillen** (Terry Gillen)  
**Jan Gillespie**  
**Joe Gillespie**  
**Sandy Gillespie**  
**Eric Haas** (Rick Bishop)  
**Lillian Hardwick**  
 (Margaret Quintero)  
**Zoe Harrington** (Cumming's family)  
**Leslie Harvell** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Lue Ann Hellyer**  
**Lesa Higginbotham** (Jenny Paulsen)  
**John Huff** (Lyle & Marcia Scott)

**Edith Johansen**  
**Tim Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Rene Korsten** (Janet Offutt)  
**Gerald & Robin Lutz**  
 (Roberta Briley)  
**Rick & Cheri Magee**  
 (Denise Reynolds)  
**Betty Matney** (Evelyn Cowden)  
**Russ Mayer** (Tammy Dowd)  
**Janet Offutt**  
**Bettie Ore** (Carol Knoche)  
**Gary Patillo** (Margaret Quintero)  
**Margaret Quintero**  
**Shirley Schachle** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Iris Simons**  
**Jim & Marcia Sparks** (Oliver,  
 Benjamin & Katie Sparks)  
**Ron Sutton** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Bill Ufford, Jr**  
 (Bill & Lucille Ufford)  
**Karl Wesemann** (Karen Dietrich)  
**Paula Wilson**  
**Leonard Windler**  
 (Lyle & Marcia Scott)

### Military

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

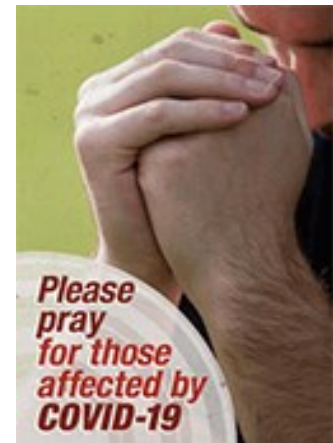
### Cancer

**Lon Boyd**  
**Cole Broockerd** (Kirk Johnston)  
**Vicki Campbell** (Tammy Dowd)  
**Ray Chapman** (Lyle & Bert Briley)  
**Ken Dietrich** (Dave Dietrich)  
**Jim Donner** (Charlie Brink)  
**Joshua Edmonds** (John Rhea)  
**Amber Evans** (Jill Holcomb)  
**Jim Galemore** (Cindy Walters)  
**Maryanne Hunter** (Terry Robinson)  
**Megan Knoche** (Rebecca Sutton)  
**Mike McGuire** (Kristal Sparks)

**Megan McKellips** (Mandy Wiseman)  
**Frank Mueller** (Jason Mueller)  
**Judy Mullenix** (Kay Ufford)  
**Connie Patillo** (Margaret Quintero)  
**Russ & Susie Porterfield**  
**Nancy Robb** (Mandy Wiseman)  
**Jonica Sauce** (Sheila Majors)  
**Marcia Scott**  
**Chuck Smith** (Shonda Dyer)  
**Jim VonGrep** (Leon Briley)  
**Ursula VonRydingsvard**  
 (Terry Robinson)  
**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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