

# *A Gleam Across the Waves*

## *From the Pastor's Desk...*



Dear Readers,

We have had a great time in the Lord these past two months with much growth, blessings, and Holy Spirit-filled speakers. We all benefitted from Evangelist Glenn Kosiorek (Cross Point String Band), Dr. Richard Coyle, and Bro. Mike Reason's messages. Bro. Reason, missionary to the youth of America, is the current president of Florida Association of Christian Child Caring Agencies (FACCCA) who accredits our ministry. His challenge to us was entitled "Experiencing the Great and Mighty Things of God." Most of us took him up on his one-month challenge to read more Scripture and to pray more.

Other good news includes our newest staff member/dorm supervisor Miss Sydney, graduate of West Coast Bible College. What a blessing to see a young person graduate and go on to serve the Lord. Miss Sydney graduated mid-term and will be attending her graduation ceremony soon. It is very apparent that she has been well trained for service before she even got here. We praise the Lord that Miss Kandace is here to help Miss Sydney "learn the ropes." Please pray for both of these young ladies as they serve the students at Lighthouse. Remember Miss Kandace as she goes off to Hyles-Anderson College in Hammond, IN this fall.

As many of you have read in the past, Mrs. Randolph, our former cook, had a heart-related episode a few months ago. Please continue to pray for her as she strives to regain her strength. She continues to have breathing issues and needs your prayerful support. At this time Mrs. Rapp and Mrs. Charlotte Cookston are filling in for most of our meal preparation, and the rest of the staff ladies are covering when they can around their busy schedules. Please pray with us for a full time cook, a big need of our ministry. The "Grandmas" who are volunteering their time to "feed the masses" are tremendous blessings to everyone, in and out of the kitchen!

My wife and I recently attended the quarterly FACCCA meeting at Hope Children's Home in Tampa. We were blessed!

Together in His service,  
Pastor and Mrs. Cookston

*Russell Cookston*



**Troy Dorrell**  
*Senior Pastor of Eastland Baptist Church  
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## INSIDE PERSPECTIVE



**Jennifer**  
*Student of LCA*

### **Avoiding Family Fragmentation Time Is the Glue that Holds Relationships Together**

A couple of years ago I was reading an interesting article from *Time Magazine* about the demise of the nuclear family. One of the things they attributed this cultural phenomenon to was the loss of the family dinner table. The article mentioned that over the last several decades, families have been eating together less often than ever before. The article stated that with the advent of fast food, busy schedules, differing obligations, and the TV, the traditional family simply has no time to eat together anymore. The outcome, according to the author, was an attenuated or weakened family structure that is not good for anyone involved. I would strongly agree with that conclusion because it echoes a Biblical truth found in the book of Mark which says, "If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

Fragmentation in a country, a business, an athletic team, or even in the home can bring with it destructive consequences. The fragmentation does not have to be a result of conflict; it can simply be a result of not being together. Teenagers need the involvement and influence of parents and family more than ever. There are a thousand competing voices for their time and attention, and not all of those voices have their best interest in mind. Teens are making important life decisions which make the influence of a mother and father vitally important. Here are a few suggestions for spending more time with your teen to prevent fragmentation:

- Eat together as much as possible and talk about the day's activities.
- Have a family night out or activity each week.
- Be a part of your teens athletic or school activities by volunteering to help.
- Go on family vacations together even if you don't go far away.
- Build good memories by doing something fun together.
- Talk to your teens—if you are persistent, they will talk back (smile).
- Most importantly, just find some way of spending time together; it will pay off in the future.

Family fragmentation does not have to be a threat if we spend time with our families!

Before I came to Lighthouse I was an angry and bitter person. The path and friends that I had chosen were not good and were only leading to destruction.

On October 3, 2009 my dad sent me here to have a second chance at life. A year later on October 11, 2010 I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and God began to do an amazing work.

I love to read and study God's Word. One day as I was reading Matthew 9:37-38, I realized God was calling me to be a missionary's wife to Germany.

That night I surrendered and told God, "Here am I, send me; I will go wherever You need me." Hopefully I will have the opportunity to attend Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma this fall. I plan to major in missions.

I know now that the past God gave me was for a reason. Romans 8:28 - *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

My life verse is ***"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;" (II Timothy 3:14)***

**CrossPoint String Band**



**Dr. Richard Coyle revival**



**Ping-pong Relay**



**Chelsea, Tricna, and Vanessa "try out" for the all girls string band**

**Bro. Hutto, praising the Lord.**



**Who's Who?**



**Fashion Contest**



**Have-It-your-Way**



**Jer. 33.3**



**Why, Yes! I do love animals. This dog is my favorite.**



**April Fools!**



**The preaching, the fun, and the fellowship say it all when you're a child of God.**

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## ***GOOD NEWS TO ALL PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS***

Lighthouse has a new website with helps that we believe will be useful to you and your family.

- LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE INSTITUTE - We have teamed up with Hyles-Anderson Institute to provide Bible training and certificates for the Lighthouse Ministries families. This is provided for a small donation for each course.
- AUDIO/VIDEO – We have CD's recorded by the Lighthouse girls and other music, both free and for donations. We will be adding sermons soon for your spiritual enrichment.
- FULL COLOR NEWSLETTERS- Both past and present
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- TOUR- A pictorial tour of Lighthouse Ministries and Lighthouse Christian Academy
- TESTIMONIES- from students and parents

Help yourself to the information that is now available on our new website.

Also, if you have a suggestion that will help your family grow in the Lord, please e-mail us. If possible, we will post a "help" on that subject.

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Heather Helms from Christopher and Janice Helms

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