



A Gleam Across the Waves

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Readers,
Thank you for your great response to our newsletters, which have generated many calls, letters, and e-mails of encouragement from families and prior students. I am so pleased to hear from a lot of you about your Christmas holidays and time with family and to hear of your successes and achievements, your weddings, your families, along with the new arrivals. What a blessing!

We are looking forward to 2012

as another great year of avoiding hurricanes and of growing in our abilities to be helpful to hurting families. We are continuing to study to keep up with the changing needs of the students and to be consistently in the Word of God. Our new year's theme is "EXPERIENCING THE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS OF GOD."

Please check out our web site www.lighthouseofnwflorida.com for some helpful literature/curriculum to be used in helping with family relationships. It has been a long-term vision and goal of this ministry to have parents/guardians involved during portions of the year that their daughter is at Lighthouse- to learn valuable life principles along with them; to become more aware of the genuine needs in family relationships; to be more proactive in the life-changing process which we all desire for each girl. We are confident that the success rate will be higher and the "finished product" happier!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all,
Pastor and Mrs. Cookston

Russell Cookston

Adopt-a-Teen Program

When Kelli was five years old, she was burned by a space heater next to her bed. She suffered third degree burns on the right side of her body from her face to her thigh. Skin grafts and recuperation lasted six months. Her parents could not take care of her financially, so she ended up in a special home for kids with



similar backgrounds. While there, she developed an attitude of bitterness and lashed out at those around her. Kelli was then enrolled in Lighthouse; she has been here for over a year. She is making progress gradually as she matures, and one day she dreams of becoming a nurse.

Kelli's promised support is just \$3.33 a day! Imagine trying to feed, clothe, house, and educate a child for that amount! Lighthouse needs some caring folks who will help support children like Kelli. A gift of just \$25 a month will supply a student with school supplies, including books, for a year. Will you pray about supporting Kelli (or another needy girl here) to help her become the young lady that God wants her to be? Your friendship and financial support will help show her that she is loved. You CAN make a difference in a child's life! Indicate your donation on the enclosed form. Specify "FOR KELLI" or feel free to call for further information.



Dr. Paul Chappell is the Pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church and president of West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, CA.

Jennifer,
LCA student



INSIDE PERSPECTIVE

Each week as we celebrate the anniversaries of couples in our church, I am reminded once again about the wonder of marriage which God has created. All the way back in the Garden of Eden, God set up marriage as a vow before Him and a lifelong commitment between a man and woman. Marriage, when done in a biblical fashion and by a couple in the will of God, becomes a celebration of God's wondrous plan.

I want to give you 20 wonderful principles concerning marriage which I pray will be a help and blessing to you:

1. A biblical marriage takes biblical people.
2. Marriage is not "50/50" but rather "100/100."
3. Most problems in marriage come from trying to tackle problems without God's help.
4. Christ is to be the head and foundation of the home.
5. The marriage will fail or succeed based on the couple's walk with the Lord.
6. A couple must show respect to each other both in private and public.
7. Spending time together must be one of the highlights of your day.
8. Couples must show appreciation to one another.
9. Good, honest communication is vital to keeping the marriage strong.
10. The marriage relationship must reflect the love of Christ for His church.
11. A great help in your marriage is to "die to self."
12. Keep a sense of humor. You may even have to laugh at yourself.
13. Thank God for the blessings which come your way.
14. It's amazing how just going to church regularly will strengthen your marriage.
15. Always be affectionate.
16. When a couple is obedient to the Lord in tithing, God meets their needs.
17. Step out with faith in God together.
18. Make your home a place where "seldom is heard a discouraging word."
19. Always be polite and kind to one another.
20. Pray for your spouse everyday.

Hello, I'm Jennifer from Avery County, North Carolina. I am 18 years old. As a little girl I did not expect anything bad could ever happen to me, but sometimes life seems to take an unanticipated turn. When I was 8, my parents divorced. Every way I turned only ended with pain and hurt. I turned to my friends, my family members, religion, and music, but none filled the empty void in my heart. By age 16, angry, bitter, and broken, my life had become a wreck. I came to Lighthouse Ministries October 3, 2009. For a long time I resisted the Gospel message. I was hard-hearted and full of stubborn pride. Finally, on October 11, 2010, I humbled myself, repented, and accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, the greatest decision I have ever made!



In December 2010, I surrendered to do God's will to become a missionary to Germany. These two Scriptures confirmed His call: Matthew 9:37-38-- "Then sayeth he unto his disciples. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Isaiah 6:8-- "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." After I graduated from high school in June, I faced a huge dilemma – I was willing to go to a Christian college but had absolutely no money! By God's grace and many hours of prayer, by the generosity of many of His people, and by picking up and selling lots of pecans here on the property, I have my first semester paid for! I will be attending Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City, on January 5, 2012. Thanks to all who have helped me! Psalm 18:30—"As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." Sometimes it is hard to see His hand in every part of my life, but I am learning to trust God completely. I am trusting that God will provide me a good-paying job to work my way through college.

What an answer to prayer!



Every girl receives a new Tempur-Pedic mattress!



Friday night games

Eating popcorn cooked the old fashioned way



Thanking our Military



Revival with Bro. Mike Reason

Fall Festival



Grandpa Cookston looking his corniest

Thanksgiving Program



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Lighthouse Needs

- Wal-Mart Gift Cards for student needs
- Golf cart batteries
- Donations for Scholarship Fund
- Commercial washer
- Replacement windows – Call for details
- Ministry Property
- Commercial grade carpet – Call for details

In Memory of

Heather Helms from Christopher and Janice Helms

Thank You

- Ms. Naomi Alvardo
- Sherri Barham
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- Faith Bible Baptist Church
- First Baptist Milton
- Grace Baptist Temple
- Haven Tabernacle
- Helping Hands Mission
- Ketha Heights Baptist Church
- Pine Grove Baptist Church
- Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
- Poplar Dell Baptist Church
- Tabernacle Baptist

Adopt-a-Teen Program



I would like to help Lighthouse Ministries continue to provide help for troubled girls through Biblical counseling, Bible principles, and character training.

Please complete this section to receive our newsletter:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Church /Ministry _____

Pastor Member Support for _____

I/We would like to “Adopt-a-Teen” in the following ways:

A one-time gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$_____

Monthly support of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$_____

I am unable to send a gift at this time, but will stand with LM in prayer.

Amount to be charged _____

Credit card type (Visa, Master Charge, Discover) _____ Expiration date _____

Credit card number _____

Signature _____

Lighthouse Ministries is a tax-exempt charitable organization. Donations to LM are tax-deductible.

Tempur-Pedic Mattresses Have Arrived!

Thank you for your prayers and donations. Through the generosity of Lighthouse supporters we were able to supply every girl with a brand new Tempur-Pedic mattress. It was inspirational to see their excitement as we unloaded 160 mattresses by hand.

Camp Tracy and Lighthouse of Tallahassee were also able to raise funds and share in this donation. We all want to say, "THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!"



Help Us Be More Efficient

In the current economic hard times, we all need to start thinking about how we can save!

You can help us save by participating in the online newsletter. Just think, no paper, no postage, no ink, and no time delay!!! We need as many as possible to sign on to our electronic newsletter. Help us by sending your email address to: newsletter@lighthouseofnwflorida.com. Once we receive your email address, we can begin sending your newsletter to you electronically.

