



# A Gleam Across the Waves

Bi-monthly Newsletter

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Dear Readers,  
We here at Lighthouse are gearing up for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years day; they have proven to be some of the most demanding times of the year. Along with demanding it can also be the most rewarding times of the year as well. Not only for us but for you at home as well. My wife and I are praying that each of you have a wonderful time with your families throughout the last few months

of this year. Family time is very important; it needs to be guarded protected and cherished. We need to do what we can to preserve it for the future. One way we can do this is by helping out hurting families with their struggling daughter. Each newsletter we send out will include a small form that can be completed and returned with your gift to a student and her family. We want to give you an opportunity to be a help to girls that come here to Lighthouse Christian Academy seeking God's help.

In His service,  
Pastor Cookston

P.S. Further details are on pg 7

## FACCCA

The biannual FACCCA meeting will be held the end of October here at Lighthouse. FACCCA stands for the Florida Association of Christian Child Care Agencies. This is the agency to which Lighthouse Christian Academy belongs. The meeting will be an opportunity for the directors of the various programs to meet and discuss recent legislation, improvements that could be implemented, and review the bylaws of the agencies. The visitors will have the opportunity to tour the facility and hear various girl's testimonies and singing. The theme of the meeting will be "Back to the Bible" emphasizing the importance of a Biblical foundation.

## Pray For...

- A full time secretary and piano player
- A spiritual awakening among the students
- Mrs. Randolph's heart condition and full recovery of strength
- All the staff's health
- The Dore's loss of their two year old great nephew and the family
- The October FACCCA meeting

## Praise God For...

- September's revival week with Bro. Jim Cook
- Renovations and repairs on the school facilities
- Grandpa and Grandma Cookston's safety while traveling this summer and their services to the school for the next several months
- The Bedsoles and the Feistels expecting new babies

# Fifties Night



**50's NIGHT** offered a small taste of a past decade. Each girl arrived to the Friday night activities resplendent in poodle skirts, scarves, and cardigans. The school was split into two groups. One group teamed together and made a very realistic-looking juke box while the other created an authentic-looking 50's convertible. Old-fashioned fun included hula hooping, marbles, and jump roping. Several girls, decked out in 50's garb, were able to share their fun at the local nursing home by singing and visiting with the residents. Staff, students, and community greatly enjoyed recreating a piece of the past.

# Old Fashioned Fun



# FARM NIGHT

**F**arm Night brought to Lighthouse the sights, smells, sounds, and tastes of the country. Sack races, wheelbarrow races, cow pie throwing contest, and a pony to pet provided some good country fun, thanks to the Bedsoles. More squeamish girls were challenged with the cow tongue relay. Many found racing across a wet, soapy tarp and wrestling for a pig leg to be especially entertaining. A hearty country meal followed the fun with live entertainment provided by the girls. Skits humourously portraying farm life were energetically performed by various groups of girls.



# Inside Perspective

## From Staff...

As we come to the last quarter of this year, let us reflect on the many physical changes on the Lighthouse Campus. Since Jan. 1, two of the most visible additions are the lampposts illuminating the driveway, and the Lighthouse Ministries signs at each entrance. The same ministry logo has been painted on the bottom of the pool.

As in any ministry, maintenance projects are in progress at all times. In fact, Faith Dorm is being refurbished now, with all other dorms on the docks for a face-lift. A recap of other maintenance projects for the Phys. Ed. Department include the sand pit volleyball court, a half court for basketball, and two pull up bars. These additions, along with regular, rigorous exercise and a monthly weigh in, boost our fitness program. Brother Andrew and Miss Abby are teaching the girls the rules of each sport with emphasis on good sportsmanship and the value of teamwork. They are doing a great job of giving the girls a physical makeover.

The most important news I would like to share is how the girls are doing spiritually. No matter how well they are doing physically, their greatest need is a new life in Christ. When our children are born into this world, they are sinners, separated from God the Father. The wonderful gift mentioned in Romans 6:23, can only be received by asking from a repentant heart. Change is good, but change without Jesus as Saviour is VAIN. There is only one way to be in God's family. John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.'"

There is no other reason for this ministry than spiritual birth, growth, and renewal. Amen!

-Bro. Dore

**CONGRATULATIONS** Melonee and Daniel Pigott for the safe arrival of thier baby, Ariana Michell, born October 19!



**Cook Family** Bro. Jim and Bobby Cook held revival services for a week in September. They have been long time friends of the ministry and often have their grandchildren at Pensacola Christian College come to visit them while they are here.



**SERVICE IN SONG** Neighboring churches in the area greatly enjoy the girls singing and testimonies. Veronica, Lillian, Andi, and Liz received the opportunity to visit Pine Grove Baptist Church.



**STEPS OF OBEDIENCE** Great care is put into teaching the girls the next step following salvation is baptism. Pastor had the privilege of baptizing several new believers.

## From Student...

Hi. My name is Franchesca and I am thirteen years old. I was twelve when I came to Lighthouse. Before I came, I had an empty, miserable life. My mom and I were really close until I was about age twelve. I bottled up my anger and looked for anything to distract me and fill me. I always looked older than I really was which got me into trouble. I started hanging around the wrong crowd and putting my confidence in people. I was running away and living an immoral lifestyle. My parents always tried to help me by sending me to programs and keeping me inside, but I never listened to them. I did go to church, but after a while I began to believe there was no God. Satan had me blinded. When I came to Lighthouse I saw how messed up I really was. When I saw the Godliness of these girls and the staff, I wanted to be like them, but I didn't want to leave my old lifestyle. I played games with God for a while, but He always won them all. I am not perfect, and I do struggle with sin, but God changed my life completely. We as teenagers are always looking for freedom and we try to find it in things like doing the exact opposite of what our parents ask us to do. Kids think there is freedom in drugs, but in reality they become bound by them because of the constant need for more and more and never reaching satisfaction. The moment I accepted Christ, I found true freedom, and I was changed. I am a new creature, and my sin is paid for by Jesus Christ. Jesus fills any emptiness and completely satisfies any need. He loved us enough to give His life for us. If God could change me, He can change you—just let Him.

-Franchesca

# FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

**KICK IT UP A NOTCH NIGHT** was not only very exciting and fun, but was also **kicked** back and relaxed. We played some ferocious **kickball**, which really got the girls into the spirit of the night. We even had some contests, like who could drop **kick** the ball the farthest and who could make the longest field goal **kick**. After our scrumptious meal of **Kickin' Chicken** and **Kix Mix**, we went back outside and played soccer and frisbee. Back inside we had a hackie sack contest, which helped our team realize the importance of working together. Then we put an impromptu skit together entitled "**Kick the Habit**." The winning skit conveyed the effects of drinking and using drugs, which really impacted

the minds of a lot of us and left a good impression on our minds and hearts. Then we **kicked** back and worked on some encouragement cards and bracelets for the kids in Africa while watching a really good **kicking** movie called Facing the Giants, which helped us all to realize how much the giants in our life hinder us from doing the things we were created to do. God really does work in mysterious ways, and I'm glad Mrs. Dore put this Friday night together because it taught me a lot about myself and how much I can impact the lives of others by **KICKING IT UP A NOTCH** in my spiritual life.

-Erica



## SOUTHERN NIGHT



# Parenting Pointers

**I**sn't it interesting that the Bible places great importance on little things. It was the widow's little mite that was used as an example of great giving. God used David's little sling to fell the mighty Goliath. The little foxes spoil the vine. One of the great differences between success and failure is the importance that we place on little things.

One of the truths we would like to instill in our students is that when you do the little things well, you will do the big things well. We all want success, but we need to understand that success comes in doing the little things. The true path to success is not to start at the top, but to work our way to the top. You become a leader by learning to follow first.

This is the reason that we emphasize doing the little things like picking up after yourself, scoring in school correctly, putting things back in their proper place, being on time, saying yes sir and no sir, etc. The honest truth is that we don't know when the little things will lead to the big things. It is said that D. L Moody asked for a student volunteer to shine his shoes. Most students passed on the request. One student, R.A. Torry, said that he would be happy to do this "little" thing. R. S Torry later became the next President of Moody Bible Institute.

## DON'T FORGET!!

1. Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are coming up very shortly. Parents are welcome to visit their daughters (if they are eligible for a visit) and attend all holiday school functions. Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve will both be free visit days. As the students are required to attend the activities on those days, it will not count as one of their visit days. Please call your daughter's dorm supervisor to arrange visits.
2. A fifteen minute phone call is allowed for any student not in detention on Christmas Day. This does not count as your monthly phone call.
3. Parents may send Christmas presents of any nature providing they are within the accepted guidelines. Two presents only will be put under the Christmas tree to be opened on Christmas Eve. Any other presents will be opened separately. Please be sure to mark which two should be saved to be placed under the tree.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Yes! I would like to help support a student at Lighthouse Christian Academy so a hurting family can get the Godly help they need for their daughter.

- A one time gift of:   \_\_ \$100   \_\_ \$500  
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- Monthly support of:   \_\_ \$100   \_\_ \$500  
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- I am unable to send a gift at this time, but I will stand with Lighthouse in prayer.

If you are interested in investing your finances in this way or simply committing yourself to pray for the work here, please check one of the above options. Return this form and any monetary gift to the address listed on the back page. We thank all our faithful supporters for their gifts but more importantly for their prayers.

What is given to the Lord will never fail to bring forth fruit.

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