

A Gleam Across the Waves

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Readers,

Thank you for bearing with us as we went through some internal changes. Miss Abby who was our newsletter editor is now Mrs. Richard Feistel. She has relocated with her husband to North Carolina. So, Bro. Andrew Feistel has taken over the task of newsletter editor. The newsletter now has a slightly new look and reduced size. Our goal is to keep you well informed of the happenings here at Lighthouse as well as reduce the printing cost of the newsletter.

The new year has already proven to be another exciting and personally challenging one. We have many events and guest speakers lined up for the next couple of months. The rest of February's events include: • Dr. Buddy Morrow preaching and training staff on the thirteenth and fourteenth • Bro. Eric Hovind guest speaker at our Valentine's Banquet • Bro. and Mrs. Ralph Rice of Good, Better, BEST! Ministries will join us for a day of fellowship on the nineteenth.

Moving on to April, May and June: • Matthew Brown will be here April 30-31, speaking on Creation • Dr. Jim Cook will preach the revival week, May 11-16 (which has proven to be a time of spiritual growth for all) • Don't forget our graduation on June 6 with guest speaker Dr. Richard Coyle • Rock of Ages Adolescent Prison Ministry, led by Brother Mike Van Horn will be here the third week of June.

We have a busy, but exciting year ahead of us. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In His service,

Russell Cookston

Russell Cookston, Pastor

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 ___ \$1,500 ___ \$ _____

Monthly support of: ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,500 ___ \$ _____

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.

Inside Perspective

From the Staff...



“Lighthouse Ministries”—some would say this is a “unique” ministry. Each girl arrives here struggling with so many issues, not knowing how to deal with them. Do we just let them aimlessly go through life and reap the consequences their actions bring? Let their lives be snuffed out early due to their poor choices? NO, we call upon the Creator, for He knows how to handle each and every care. It’s never pleasant to have correction given when we aren’t seeking it. That is what God, parents and staff are doing in the lives of these teens. Our words may be tough ones, but they are always motivated by love, and so it is with God. His desire is never to trounce on you, but to bring you closer to Him. At times it is easy to slip into self-pity, but instead ask God, “What do you want me to learn from this?” Let’s not become bitter over correction; let’s learn from it. Allow God to do the healing in our life, and help us to use the lessons we’ve learned to help others. This ministry is “unique” because we use the Word of God to help girls stop learning the hard way. We urge them to heed wise counsel instead.

-Mrs Cookston

**Life is 10% what happens to you,
and 90% what you do with what happens to you.**

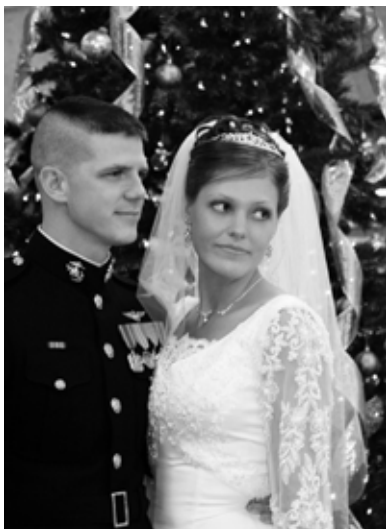
From the Student...



It’s only the 2nd month of 2008, and a lot has already happened! We’ve had a 2 week, back-to-back revival and the Valentine’s Banquet with guest speaker, Bro. Eric Hovind. Recently, Mrs. Cookston has posted Mary Engelbreit posters with great sayings throughout the school. My favorite, is a saying by Edward Rickenbacker which says, “Courage is doing what you’re afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you’re scared.” I’ve been thinking about this quote and comparing it to Deuteronomy 31:6, “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” It got me thinking about how sometimes we need that fear so that we will reach out and ask Him to be our strength. Quite honestly, compared to God, our strength is only the size of a dot printed on paper, and when we recognize that, God leads us through hardships, heartaches, and the pains of life, allowing us to accomplish anything.

-Lillian

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



*To former Lighthouse
Staff member
Abigail Veldhuis
on her marriage to
Richard Feistel
on December 15, 2007*

*May God bless
your new life together!*



*Caiden Alexander
Bedsale
Born January 7, 2008
7 lbs. 1 oz.
19.5 in.*

*To Jason and Monique
Bedsale
On the birth of their
baby boy!*



Lighthouse Highlights



Whether it's Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's or one of the many guest speakers and singers we have had over the last four months, there has rarely been a dull moment. The Lord blessed tremendously as we all shared in the food, family and fun of the holiday season. We also enjoyed a week of revival meetings with Bro. Cook. As the holiday season ended and the new year began, once again the Lord provided exactly what we needed. We were blessed to see God work as we enjoyed back-to-back revival meetings. It was wonderful to visit with the Coyle family as well as the Porter family during that time, but most importantly it was wonderful to see God dealing with the hearts of the girls as well as the staff. How faithful and wonderful our God is!

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