

# The Lighthouse

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## *Greetings from the mission field, which now-days...*

is anywhere you go. In our earlier days Sue and I typically thought overseas would be where we would go as missionaries. Forty years ago that was definitely the trend. God knew what was going to change in America and so He trained and kept us here in America! Perfect foresight...we would never have guessed. We are thankful for God's direction even though it was up stream with the trends of the time...Father knows best...***Speak, Lord; thy servant heareth*** (1 Samuel 3:9). So here we are with a very active mission field working to reach a very mixed group of people from all walks of life. As many of you know, we live on the mission field and are here continually to meet the needs God puts before us. It is our 40th year of service with the mission.

I am amazed at the changes in America 40 years later. So many people have so many answers and some think the changes are wonderful. Is it a generational thing? Well, each generation changes somewhat from their mom and dad's ways. Nonetheless, for centuries America has been built around Judeo-Christian concepts of the Bible and from the Mayflower Compact (1620) to the Declaration of Independence (1776) to the Constitution (1787) and forward. The Biblical foundations are being rejected along with our Constitution. It is not a generational change but an all-out attack upon any who will not accept all of the *new words, political correctness, secularization of media and schools* and any other area where the Judeo-Christian worldview is held.

We praise the Lord that the Gospel Mission is able every day of the week to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This brings peace and solace to the torn souls of today to hear the message Christ has brought to a distressed world. By His grace we will preach the Gospel until the day He comes. Thanks so much for your support.

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

*Christmas at the Mission*

*Please see our website for a complete listing of our Christmas needs.*

*We would need most items in by Dec. 16th.*

*Thanks so much for your consideration!*





## Camp Jabez Summer 2019

"A picture is worth 1,000 words" (Fred R. Barnard, Printers Ink, 1927). The pictures tell the story perhaps better than the best prose. We must give tremendous credit to the staff for making it all happen...they are absolutely wonderful. They had the heart and the energy to interact and communicate with all of the campers...that is a task in itself! Each one gave from their heart and went the extra mile. Thanks so very much Camp Director Sue, Equine Director Becca, Chief Counselor Caleb, Equine Assistants Angela and Amanda, Counselor Team Anna, Eva, Glory, Mahala and the great Junior Wranglers. Of course there were the volunteers working behind the scenes keeping the mechanics moving forward. What a team.

*May the Lord greatly bless.*



## Camp Jabez Equine Ministry



Camp Jabez is proud to announce Becca Shepherd as the Director of the Equine Ministry. This includes all horse activities year around. She will add a tremendous amount of outreach to the camp. For instance, Faith based Equine Assisted Learning for people in need of emotional support such as Veterans and at risk youth, children in Hospice programs, women who have been trafficked. Please see the web site for the new programs that are being offered under Becca's leadership such as Ladies Retreats, After School Horsemanship Camps, Parent and preschooler Fall Fun Days, Group and Individual lessons year round, and Jr. Wrangler/Camp Counselor fun nights. She will shepherd the camp well! Welcome aboard Becca. To God be the glory.



## Camp Open House

It was a wonderful time in the country again to celebrate another great summer at Camp Jabez. Some of the parents even went down the zip line! Bill and Melody with Faith and Friends radio were there broadcasting and the Gentry's Bluegrass Gospel ensemble was bringing us the down home music. We tried out our new fire pit for the first time and it worked well thanks to the Patterson Park men's group. We had fantastic and well-attended horse demonstrations. The horses add a special dimension to Camp Jabez in a therapeutic way. Praise the Lord for His multitudes of blessings upon His labors here. Our attendance was between 420 and 450 people...it kept us very busy!

*Please consider your missionary support for the Lord's work here.*



## Camp Jabez Volunteers

Camp volunteers are always needed to do some wonderful projects to improve the camp's effectiveness. As a missionary organization, our basic foundation for support is relying on the generosity of others as God would move their heart to simply give of themselves to the glory and calling of God. Shown here is our new fire pit built by a Patterson Park church men's group. We thank you so very much and hope to see you back for another project. The volunteer base of the camp has room for more...pray about sharing some of your talents with us...

*Lay up some treasure in Heaven.*



## Without God

There are a number of Christians who believe that America's problems are because many today are without God in their lives. Many signs in our society point to that end. This problem hasn't happened overnight. It seems as if generations of young people are being lost to the secular. Why is God no longer appealing? Christendom may be getting off focus. ***Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost its savor, with what shall it be salted? Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel...Let your light so shine before men...*** Matthew chapter five.

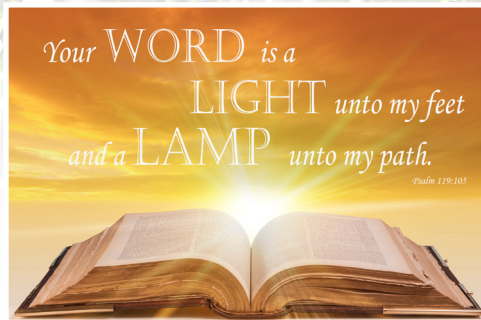
John had a view to those latter times in the book of Revelation chapter two...***Because thou hast left thy first love...I will come unto thee quickly, and remove thy lampstand.*** To add to this, the modern church seems to realize the loss and is trying **many things** to attract people back. The Word of God says they have

left their first love. People are rescued by the preaching of the Word...***faith comes by hearing and hearing by the***

***Word of God.*** It is not a generation gap that church isn't what it used to be. It is a shift away from basic Bible principles.

The 119th Psalm is all about the Word of God. It was the basic "times table" memorization for the youth to be grounded completely in the Word. For whatever change we can make in America it will only be blessed if we bring God back one on one into the many wandering lives. The right direction to go: ***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*** Psalm 119:105.

*Pray for our many preaching sessions and classes for all ages and needs*



## The Big Splash

Every summer we have the privilege to visit River's Edge for a wonderful time of canoeing and rafting. It is an exciting trip. We thank the management very much for this special event! It is one of the many things we do to reach our youth for Christ. We pray that these times will bring great memory's and challenge them to keep their lives in Him. We always give them God's message:



*My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.*

Proverbs 7:1-2

## Senior Picnic

Yes, they are now a year older and some did not make it back to the picnic this year. We want to believe they are now home with the Lord. We had a good time of fellowship and a very nice picnic lunch that was prepared by our volunteers. Ecclesiastes Chapter 12 should come to mind as we think of seniors...there are perhaps things there you do not want to think about. It all comes to a strengthening close in the 13th verse. ***Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.***

*Face to face I shall behold Him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him by and by!* (C. E. Breck, 1898)



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