

The Lighthouse

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Greetings from your mission field in Dayton.

We are still here as the dust begins to settle thanks to the many prayers and continued support. As we all know, it will take a great while to make adjustments and some things may never be the same except the Gospel message that Jesus Saves! The words of Christ are certainly the stabilizing factor for His children during these times when the storms roll. We spent much time studying the promises and attributes of God which brought encouragement to many.

By His grace, we will continue on with our mission endeavors to lead souls to Christ knowing that there will be more earth-shaking events coming as time moves on.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. Psalm 91:1-3

What a wonderful Psalm is the 91st! It is so packed with hope, strength, and confidence in the Almighty God. Notice especially this is true for “he” that is close to God. We pray that this pestilence will bring all closer to understanding there is a Mighty God Who is not willing that any should perish.

As we look to the Lord’s guidance for the balance of the year, we will do it in confidence that He is leading all the way. We desire to continue with our many youth activities; our youth really need the attention and outings. We will trust that the Lord will continue to supply our daily needs.

Sue and I have been involved with the mission for 40 years. It seems to have gone quickly. We thank the Lord for the good health, energy, and vision He has provided. By His grace we look forward to many more waiting on His return. Thanks again to our wonderful prayer partners and supporters that have enabled to do so much on this mission field.

By His grace, in His service,

Summit Clarkston
 Chaplain, Director



Ye Old Lighthouse



There is a song called *The Lighthouse* by Ronnie Hinson written in 1970 that carries a wonderful message. "I thank God for The Lighthouse, I owe my life to Him, Jesus is The Lighthouse and from the rocks of sin." Every day the mission opens with the beacon of Christ to expose the treacherous shoals of life and share the Good News of the Heavenly shores prepared by Christ. Many people have seen the light of Christ at this old mission; what a Lighthouse it has been for over a century. Those old lighthouses just keep going! We pray that the mission will always be a *light that shineth in darkness*. We know that so very many people have made it to those golden shores and we look forward to seeing them again one day.

Approaching 108 Years!

In July of 1912 the mission was established by Reverend Peter Quartel and his wife Lottie. From there on, there has been a lot of history and hard work put behind one day at a time. There have certainly been hardships and challenges but the Lord brought us through them all. He will continue to lead until the day He comes.



On Saturday July 11th of this year, join us for our annual celebration from 11 AM until 1 PM for a great cookout and fellowship.



By God's grace He enables us to just keep going...steady everyday marching forward in His Wonderful Name.



Star Spangled Mondays

The first Monday of every month during the noon service the mission plays the Star Spangled Banner. Everyone stands and watches the words on the big screen

Current "Cool" Need



Sooner or later equipment begins to wear out. We are going to be in need of a refrigerated van for all of our food pickups. Our current refrigeration system is out and we are told the repair is so much that it may not be worth the investment for the old van body. The van was actually hit by another car a few years' ago and totaled. We could not afford to replace it from the insurance money. So we bought it from the insurance company and found someone to rebuild it for an affordable price. We are looking for a good, used replacement. It is a valuable resource to keep quality food coming in.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed every day in many departments to keep the mission operating efficiently. Many of our volunteers have been with us for "decades"! None of them like to retire from their work here but often their health demands retirement. We have much work for willing hands. Drivers are especially needed for food pickups.

Please call or send an email expressing interest; we will be glad to talk with you.

with the flag flying in the back ground. Everyone participates. Many have given their affirmation and many vets very much appreciate the Star Spangled Monday.

Gospel Mission Mailings



The Gospel Mission has been sending out our missionary report, the Lighthouse, for 37 years. We have worked to keep the list accurate for those who are interested in receiving the good news of how the Lord is working here. The last mailing we tried to eliminate duplicates, bad addresses, and other non-essential mailings. We really appreciate everyone's interest in the mission; it is our essential prayer line. We hope you stay connected. We just want to be good stewards with the Lord's funds.

If for any reason you no longer wish to receive the Lighthouse, please let us know via email or postal mail. Thanks so very much.

It was interesting to note the many names that we were familiar with from years ago. Many singles that now have families. Many have now gone into senior retirement. Many have moved all over the country. One day in Heaven in the Lord's time, we will be able to reestablish those acquaintances again. What a day that will be! Praise the Lord.

Gospel Mission Texting

Yes, we have joined the texting trend to communicate information to our guests. Most of our guests have phones and not computers. As it turns out, it has worked out well so far. Reminders of special events, classes, medical checkups, etc. are some of the many things that are important to the guest. We have also set up a special network of texting to stay in contact with our youth.



We get comments back such as:

"Thanks again and God bless you and your family pastor," "God bless you and thank you for your Continued Tenacity In The Preaching of The Lord Jesus Christ"... "Thank you for Daily Infusions of Sanity, Amen, Christ Jesus be with thee, Amen," "Is there a Sermon today at Noon or Visiting Choir?..." "May GOD BLESS Pastor, Amen!"...

We will try to use all technology to His honor and glory...May He be blessed!

Days of Pestilence

By the grace of God we have come through the virus unscathed! The Lord enabled us to operate everyday under the guidelines as a *necessary operation*. So, so very many gave thanks daily that we were able to minister and provide a wonderful meal. We also provided box lunches to many. With the restaurants closing, we were the recipients of food that they could not keep for weeks waiting to reopen. So, we

were greatly blessed during the difficult times. One day we received 150 gallons of milk which we quickly distributed.

Above all, the strength of the Gospel still continued every day! We were able to conduct two services a day which kept within the guidelines.

Thanks for your prayers and continued support.

The Minor Prophets



Our chapel studies are designed to teach the Word of God; to lay a foundation for life. Three days a week the minor Prophets are the current subject.

The last twelve books of the Old Testament are called the Minor Prophets but not because their message is insignificant but only because they are of few pages. The authors brought the Word of God to a generation who really needed to hear it. The message was concerning the spiritual condition of the people and prophetically the coming of Christ. Much of mankind also finds excuses why the Word of God and the coming of Christ are irrelevant today.

The Minor Prophets were trying to give warning as well as God's gracious hope in eternity. We need to listen today.



On-Line Giving

On-line giving has progressed over the years as the trend of the times. It does work well and is very much appreciated. We stand amazed as how God moves the heart of people to support the Gospel work here. The Lord supports us in so many ways. Thanks for using the new method of giving.

Camp Jabez by Counselor Glory Hines



(We pray Camp Jabez will be able to open so our youth can experience the wonderful things Glory talks about in her article)

You pull into the short, gravel driveway at 8:25am on a Monday. Not much of the camp can be seen from the road, except for the recreation center, the barn, and a small, fenced-in horse pasture. The gate is open, and several cars are in the parking lot. On the front porch of the building there are already a dozen other kids your age running around, talking, and laughing. Many are wearing yellow t-shirts; some brand new, others crammed with signatures and doodles from previous years. You step out of the car with your lunchbox and walk up to the porch. The camp director and several counselors wave to you. They smile and say “Good morning! What’s your name? We have a backpack for you here.” They hand you a backpack, with your own new camp T-shirt inside. You can’t help but wonder what the activities are for the day, so you ask. They smile and begin

to explain. Before you know it, the camp day is almost over, and you can’t wait to see what the rest of the week has in store!

The activities Camp Jabez offers, such as horseback riding, the zip line, and the high ropes course, may be similar to other summer camps; but Camp Jabez is so much more than recreation. The camp’s outdoors setting gives kids an excellent opportunity to get away from the screen time they are so regularly immersed in. But far more importantly, it gives them a chance to learn about God as they see and discover His creative nature and incredible designs. Every camp day also opens with a Bible study, allowing campers to explore God’s Word and the love He has for us. Camp Jabez is a place where kids can try new things, make friends, explore God’s creation, and learn about God and the salvation found only through Jesus Christ.

One major highlight of the camp is the horse activities. Every week, time in the barn is possibly the most enjoyed time by all of the campers. But it isn’t just about riding the horses—they also get to experience grooming the horses, playing games with them, and even participating in barn chores. They learn the responsibility that comes with having horses as they help care for this magnificent part of God’s creation.

Outside of the barn, kids also enjoy

the high ropes course, rock wall, and zip line. These three are loads fun, but they also challenge campers physically and mentally as they overcome their fears, learn to trust God, and grow in courage and endurance. There are many other activities that are both fun and challenging in different ways. Some examples include crafts, archery, fishing, a nature walk, paddleboats, the Narrow Way low ropes course, and many, many games. Other activities are more focused on encouraging teamwork, such as The Great Race and the Pilgrim’s Progress obstacle course.

These are just some ways campers can benefit from time spent at Camp Jabez. In addition to learning new skills and trying new activities, kids also have the chance to learn more about God, deepen their faith and understanding of Him, and build relationships with the other campers. **Camp Jabez really is “a place where fun, faith, and friends are found.”**



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