

# The Lighthouse

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## Well, after a year of the plague we are very thankful to still be in daily operation

with chapel services, meals, Bible studies and some youth activities. All of this has been done with the best possible safeguards and most importantly God's providential watch-care over us. From Psalm 124:8, ***Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*** We certainly must thank the many volunteers who put in a great deal of extra time to meet the needs.

As for the balance of the year we are reminded of James 4:15, ***For that we ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that.*** So by the grace of God we will continue on due course and look for new opportunities that He may open up. As usual, the most important task before us is the preaching of the Gospel of Christ. Daily we preach not knowing who that is hearing may die tomorrow. Unfortunately, it happens. We are always concerned about those with mental issues who seem to have the least assistive resources available for them. I think there has been an increase in the "casual" drug user this year and we are very uneasy about what that leads to. So, we will plot our course to glorify God and minister to body, soul and spirit.

Camp Jabez may be our largest youth outreach this year since it is out in the open and it was a blessed success last year. The camp has been a blessing to so many youth as well as the parents who were so glad that they sent their children to a real Christian atmosphere and fellowship experience. Pray for another blessed year. Register now!

The mission will be 109 years old in July and the Lord has brought us through some tough times and only He knows what is ahead and He will prepare us for the task. We will not worry about all of the possibilities of a "new world" ahead. We have asked the Lord to keep us here, focused on the ministry of the people of the city until He comes again.

May the Lord give you a blessed year as we all enter it in the fellowship of Christ; our special bond of hope and faith. ***Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*** Isaiah 41:10

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

### Thanks for Your Prayers

We appreciate your prayers for Pastor Ken who took a tumble off of a ladder and was in the hospital for two days. Thank the Lord for no serious injuries just "body whiplash" which will fade with time. Social media reacted fast and many prayers were brought before the Lord.



## Gospel Mission Covid Safety

Humanly speaking, I think we have done all we can to have a safe operation.

- 50 % occupancy with marked spacing in the pews
- Dining tables have plastic down the middle, chairs spaced
- Six foot line markers for all lines
- Mask required inside and out
- Mask supplied for those without them
- Air quality detectors in chapel and dining hall for adding fresh air
- Sanitation stations in the chapel and dining hall
- Anti-viral spray applied before every service
- In addition to normal food handling safety guidelines

Our greatest protection is God's providential watch-care over us. We have operated daily since the beginning and by the grace of God all has been well. Please continue to keep us in prayer.

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## Christmas Time

Christmas time was a wonderful blessing even with all of the changes that had to be made. We had top-notch assistance in getting the gifts ready...that is a huge job in itself. We want to thank the churches, organizations and the many people who brought all of the gifts together. The Lord opened His storehouse to meet the needs. We had five days of distribution, special deliveries and pick-ups. *We probably missed thanking all who responded we were so busy...you are most appreciated.*

Our special Christmas Dinner was a tribute to His provision. Yes,

*God can furnish  
a table in the wilderness!*



## Thanksgiving



Despite all of the challenges that we have gone through this year we have been blessed with all of the necessities for our operation; we are considered a "necessary operation." The food and supplies have come in as the Lord touched the hearts of many people to meet the needs. We had a wonderful buffet of turkey, roast beef and chicken with dressing, gravy, green beans, salads, fruit, desert and more.

*Saying, Amen! Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might be unto our God forever and ever. Amen Revelation 7:12*



## The Broken Earth

THOU HAST MADE THE EARTH TO TREMBLE; THOU  
HAST BROKEN IT: HEAL THE BREACHES THEREOF; FOR  
IT SHAKETH.  
-PSALMS 60:2 KJV

This undoubtedly refers to some calamity that had occurred, perhaps an earthquake or disaster that came unexpectedly. We have all seen how a natural disaster can bring a city or country to a stop as all focus on the challenge and recovering. The Covid-19 has broken the earth and it has been within God's sovereignty to allow and/or direct it for His Divine purpose. Unbelievers will scoff but Christians know He has broken the earth for a purpose. He certainly has gotten the attention of the whole world with many searching for answers. The Minor Prophets are full of warnings of what God would do if the nation of Israel did not get right with Him. The world for the most part seems to have abandoned God. For example: abortion, marriage, sexual issues, lawlessness, apostasy, the great *isms...Humanism, Materialism, Hedonism, Secularism, etc.*

*Micah 1:2-3 Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.*

God always gave warnings before He struck... grace. Where might we be in the time line of God's judgement? Will we ask God to *heal the breaches thereof?* In the context, the prayer is one to restore prosperity and success. *For it shaketh...* everything in the world is agitated and disturbed and is all in commotion. In the Minor Prophets there was only a remnant that responded.

## Volunteer Situation



We are so very thankful for those who have held forth during the trying times of the last year; they were a wonderful Covid response team. None of which became ill. Coming into 2021 we will need to work to re-build our volunteer staff to do many jobs we could not get to last year. We hope to get back on these jobs in late spring and summer.

Shown here is John H, he is in charge of our fire safety systems, keeping light fixtures operational, sorting and keeping our parts rooms in order, keeping the vacuums running, small electrical repairs and much more. We are thankful for such commitment.

Pray that the Lord will move many to respond.



## The Bible Teaching Goes On

As we should all know, the best way to handle difficulties, depression and discouragement is the Words of eternal life. God's word covers every situation known to man. Through this whole year we have continued our daily Bible teaching in the chapel, at Nehemiah University and weekly discipleship classes. That is good medicine for what ails you! We are thankful for those who are faithful in their preparation to bring the Bread of Life to the table.

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

Proverbs 17:22

We daily dispense the prescription from on high with all of its healing power. So many are thankful that we have been able to keep on keeping on through this year. It has been spiritual strength, physical strength and an uplift to the needy.



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# Moving Forward to Camp Jabez

There are a lot of variables before summer camp will be starting but we are praying for another wonderful year. Some of you may remember that we reduced camp to 50% attendance but every camp filled as much as was allowed. It was a wonderful summer with not one illness and many happy campers. Plans are in the making and campers are registering for their favorite camp. Registration is very simple on the camp web site.



Meanwhile, Camp Jabez has individual lessons throughout the year if someone is interested in specialized equine training.

## Continuing Care for Camp Horses

You may not recognize this very special device but it is a hay feeder designed and built by Bob "the builder" for our miniature horses Cinnamon and Rose Bud. It will be well used and appreciated. It was a wonderful Christmas break project. We thank the Lord for the volunteers that provide much for the ministry here.



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## New Horses at Camp Jabez



For a camp, new horses are always exciting. Our two new horses, Forest and Meadow are 3 ½ and 12 years old. That is a very good age for us. We lost three horses in 2020 as they aged out. Lord willing, we will have the new ones in shape for summer camp fun. This is the most expensive part of the camp's ministry but they are worth it and they have a very positive impact on the youth.



God is so good to meet our needs whatever they are.

## New Horse Shelter Built by Volunteers

We care a great deal about our horses and do everything possible to insure their health and quality of life. This new shelter is located in our most remote area in the southwest quadrant of the camp. It was a tremendous job to get all of the materials and portable power to that area to get it built, and it is well built!

We are thankful for The Disaster Response Team under the direction of Dick Wilson from Southbrook Church that brought the project together. The team saved the camp thousands of dollars and gained some training experience. We praise the Lord for such brothers in Christ that responded to our need.

