

# The Lighthouse

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## *Whereas ye know not what shall be the morrow.*

We are so very thankful that we have a simple mission to accomplish for the Lord and that is always telling the story of the Cross. We don't have to argue over religious theology, denominational methods or practices. Our story is **Jesus Saves**. Realistically, we may only have a day or two with a person, so in the totality of church life, what is the most important object to address? The condition of the soul. One by one and daily, salvation comes and that is our goal.

I have often pondered how many **thousands** have come and gone through the mission and how many we will meet in Heaven one day. What a blessing that will be. I often get calls from people who visited the mission years ago to report that they are now saved and look to the mission as their starting point for Eternal Life...Christ.

We are very thankful for those whose hearts the Lord touched to keep the finances coming in during the *plague* season. We did not have to cut any chapel services, education services or food service. Our supporters were faithful and I am sure the Lord will Bless for providing during difficult times.

As to the balance of the year, pray for our fall ministries. The adult computer classes and the evening youth programs will need lots of energy to ramp up again. We have many ambitions to bring much hope to all the people who attend and we are looking forward to a good holiday season to meet the many needs in the Name of Christ.

We have seen a number of people pass away due to drugs already this year. There are stories I don't even want to put in print. Please pray for the many lost on the edge of eternity every day.

Again, Amen and Amen for your support and prayers.

By His grace, in His service,



Chaplain, Director

## One Hundred Ninth Birthday Celebration

Well another year has gone by and much wonderful work has been done in the Name of our Savior. To Him be the glory! We had a light mist of showers and a little drizzle but that did not dampen the excitement or the appetite. We have a good amount of shelter and



table umbrellas so the Lord blessed. It was a great menu prepared by our chefs: BBQ Ribs, Broasted Chicken Breast, Grilled Brats and Super Thick Cheese Burgers along with all of the other fixins'.

We often think of how many lives the mission has had a part in directing to Christ and await in Heaven for a great reunion.

*By the grace of God we will preach the story of Christ until the day He comes.*

## Faith and Friends Bike-A-Thon

For twenty-two years in a row, Bill and Melody have ridden their bikes 100 miles to support the Lord's work at the Gospel Mission. That is like a trip from Dayton to Los Angeles! Their relationship with the Gospel Mission goes back many, many years. This year's bike ride raised almost \$5000.00 for the mission! Pray for Faith and Friends Radio as they endeavor to get the Gospel out over the internet airways



throughout the world. The Lord has promised to *come quickly*, such support allows us to daily be very busy about His work. Thanks again Bill and Melody, and may the Lord bless your outreach to the world.

## Do You Want To Be Healed?

In John 5:6, the words of Jesus say, *“Wilt thou be made whole?”* This was concerning a paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda that had been in that condition for 38 years. It might seem strange that Jesus would even ask that question. The Lord asks the same question today with not even the response that He got from that man. Every day the Lord asks that question to the many who come to the mission. *Do you want to get well?*

Notice that the man could not move himself. Christ never asked him to move but *do you want to be healed?* The man gave excuses why he could not move quickly enough. The question without contingencies is, *“Do you want to be healed?”* As the story moves on, we see that it was the grace of our Lord that brought the healing.

The great physician awaits the answer from so many people, *“Do you want to be healed?”* No strings attached.

## Tract Ministry



An important part of our ministry are Tracts. Tracts are a very powerful method of getting the Word of God into hands of people that you might not otherwise reach. Most of

our Tracts are supplied at no cost from **Fellowship Tract League in Lebanon, Ohio**. *Pray for the effective witness of these little messengers.*

# The Gospel Is Always The Answer

*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8.*

We, from experience, should be able to relate to this verse. *Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.* Psalm 68:19.

Many of our congregation has tried about everything you can think of to find the answers for life. The mission operates under the state of urgency every day to deliver the message that God has the answer in His Son Jesus Christ. That is one reason we preach every day; that is our commission. We are concerned that some may not make it until tomorrow. We answer the phone 24/7 with sincerity to assist body and soul. We look at our calling in an hour by hour dimension rather than a day by day, week by week or month to month.

The life changing story is always the Gospel of Christ even on the death bed. Nothing else can satisfy the heart now and for all eternity. We thank the Lord for His provision to the mission that we can have such privileges of caring for the soul without let up.

## Coming Through the Plague

We are so very thankful that the Lord allowed the *Plague* to *pass over* the Gospel Mission complex. We were able to operate every day...Praise the Lord, and many were very thankful for our safe approach to the situation. Long before the plague came along we had installed sanitation stations for many reasons and always have done detailed cleaning. We still use anti-viral spray every day. May *it* continue to *pass over* us.

## Volunteer Openings

Volunteers for the mission's operations are really the backbone of the labor it takes to accomplish all of the daily tasks. It is all part of God's wonderful plan to have the church functioning as it should. So, volunteers fill many parts of the body.



*Ephesians 4:16*

*From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

We have a monthly orientation session for more details and a tour of the mission. *Anything you may be able to do can be of use to the Lord.* Send us an email or call to get things going. Shown here are Walt and Sharon, long time faithful truck drivers.

## Visiting Summer Groups

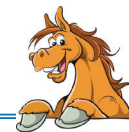
Last year due to Covid, we did not have any summer groups for assistance in outside maintenance. This year many responded to our needs for which we are very thankful. These groups were local as well as from several nearby states. Shown here are some of our wonderful workers who really battled the heat to get the work done.



They put down tons of mulch and pulled wheelbarrows of weeds as well as new fence construction, painting and served in King's Table Restaurant.

To all of you, thank you so much for work well done as unto the Lord!





## Camp Jabez Open House

Once again this year we look forward to the annual Open House at Camp Jabez. It gives the parents a better look at what the youth have been doing during the summer...and if the parents dare... they can go down the zip line! Come out and see the beautiful



facilities the Lord has provided and meet the staff. We will be open

**Saturday, September the 18th from 1 PM until 6 PM.**

The Bluegrass band plays from 3 PM until 6 PM. All of the grill and cook-out *fixins* should be ready about 3 PM for the rest of the day. We will have horse demonstrations taking place with many other fun activities. Registration for **Camp 2022** will be on-line and ready for you to sign up for next year (we always say "Lord willing"). As many of you know,



camp filled up quickly this year. We will also be looking for volunteers to work with us throughout the year. If you live locally, it will be a great Saturday afternoon outing and all at no cost...the Lord provides.

## Camp Jabez Fall Ministry

We will soon be starting our fall ministries with the horses. The Faith-Based Assisted Learning is an excellent ministry. It is called **Horses & Healing**. There will also be the high quality horsemanship sessions for individuals. As with our camps, these classes fill quickly and for the sake of quality, we limit the number of students. Please contact via email for more information and initial scheduling.

## Packed Summer at Camp Jabez

Never before have all of our camps been so filled by April that we had to start a stand-by list. We are very sorry that we could not accommodate all of those who desired to attend. Not knowing what the Covid situation would be, we



reduced the capacity by 25%. Lord willing, next year we will be able to accommodate a few more youth. It was truly a blessed time for all who were able to attend. Registration for 2022 will be on-line by September 18th with just a 50% deposit to hold a spot at your favorite camp. Thanks to the many who spent some time with us this summer.



## Basketball Back in Session

After a very long break...basketball is finally back with much applause! We are so very glad to have the youth to start coming back for activities.

Thanks to our volunteer coaches for the wonderful investment in these young people. They are laying up treasures in Heaven.



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