

The Lighthouse

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We Are Thankful..

that through all of the challenges of the last two years, our staff has remained healthy and the volunteers are coming back on board. Praise the Lord for His special watch-care over us! Covid has definitely changed the people, their habits, things they do and even mellowed them out a little. We have heard the term “reset” and for the good or bad of it, their ways of thinking have also changed. We pray each day that the Lord would give them more open minds toward the Gospel and to help them see the world isn’t as stable as they thought it was...taking too much for granted. By the grace of God we still will remain focused on the Gospel and the basic needs of the people.

Much thankfulness is given for your faithful support through the storm as we work on re-building and re-working ministries to meet new needs. What is always the most needed is transformed lives in Christ. ***II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*** Simply pray for lives to be given to Christ and that that can be continually doubled. **The Lord is coming soon.**

As we approach 110 years of ministry, the wonder of it all is found in Christ. It is truly the hand of God that has brought us along the way; not corporate planning, Board leadership, or smart people, but stepping out in faith as God directed. ***Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*** So daily we go.

We have a lot to do this summer to catch up on projects we have missed for the last two years. Join our volunteer team to be involved and keep the Gospel going and ministering to the needs of the people. Once again, our appreciation for your interest in the Gospel Mission ministries.

By His grace in His service,



Dr. Kenneth P. Clarkston
 Chaplain, Director

Nehemiah University Computer Classes



As we tell the students, the technology classes will assist in keeping your mind challenged and in good order. Many studies have been conducted that show keeping the mind thinking with various types of computer programs has many benefits. So, our classes welcome all students whether they want to improve themselves for education or job advancement or just to help keep the mind sharp.

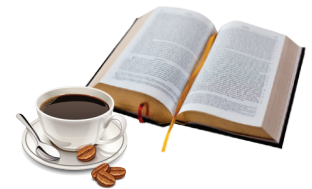
Shown here are some of our Winter Quarter graduates.



Open Seating



Seven days a week pastor Ken is at Panera on Brown Street at 7 AM to pick up left over bread and sweets. Thanks Panera! Pastor Ken has given the invitation for morning coffee and bagel to anyone who wants to stop in to talk about the Lord. You just might be surprised how many respond, and not only our guests but others see the open Bible and begin to ask questions.



There is opportunity for ministry everywhere you go.

May the Lord bless.

Looking Forward to 110 Years of Service



Well, that is a lot of years to be around and the Lord has guided us through every one of them. We take one day at a time to get us through one year at a time.

Our celebration this year will be on **Saturday, July 9th from 11 AM until 1 PM.**

All are welcome. We will have good fellowship, good food and good music.



Please join us rain or shine.



Pennies Count



Shown here are diligent volunteers counting the pennies that come in from folks who drop them in our little collection plate. Many people ask for the offering plate or envelopes; they want to invest in something good. The bank even gave us a special counting device.



We all remember the Widow's Mite.

Luke 21:3 And He said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

We very much appreciate all the offerings that come to us as we wait upon Him. Thanks ladies, for counting all of our mites; they will accomplish so very much when God is in it.

♪ Easter Choir ♪



The Cross of Christ is the central theme of preaching as the Apostle Paul said in *I Corinthians 1:23, But we preach Christ crucified.* We cannot even begin to contemplate the horrors of the cross when Jesus died for us to pay the price of our sins.

The blessings of it all is Christ Arose!

It is always a joy to welcome the Ark Church choir for our Easter presentation that Christ has risen from the grave. Our congregation really appreciates live music and the message it brings. **Ark Church has been faithful for many years serving the Lord in this capacity.**

May the Lord greatly bless!

Christmas Lights



We have received many kind words about the Christmas decorations we put up each year. The lights make a positive statement about our commitment to Christmas. Many lights stay up around the perimeters of the buildings but they have taken much wear and tear over the years. This year we have to do some major replacement and additions. We have high-rise equipment but we can't get on the grass until the ground hardens up in June or July. So it will not be long and we will start the Christmas decorations! It will take a goodly amount of time to get it all done but it will be worth it. You will have to drive by during Christmas.

Thanks to those who are contributing to this project!



Praying for Chapel Services

We feel the most important time that we have with the congregation is the chapel service. Here the Word is preached daily. The essence of the Gospel is given every day; some may not be with us tomorrow. That is one of the wonderful privileges that most missions have that many churches don't...ministering every single day to the most needy of society. We have the women at the well. We have those bound in wounds daily beat up along the way. We have the genuinely hungry for a meal. Jesus had compassion.

Sometimes our congregation needs a special prayer often written on scraps of paper or a napkin or a word of consolation when they come in. We encourage them to bring their Bible and follow along (no cell phone usage). We rely on the Spirit of God to move their hearts.

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

By the grace of God we put our services in their language so that they can easily understand the preaching of the Cross. We have our Bible Institute for teaching various aspects of the Christian faith but the chapel must always present the Salvation message; who may pass into eternity tomorrow? **Jesus Saves.**

Pray for prepared hearts to receive the Word.

Connections



Many people are amazed at the various resources that the mission has. From companies that provide their odds and ends, left over materials, supplies, scratch and dent and so on. People think we have setup a tremendous "network" for provision. In actuality, we have not set up a network. The Lord has brought us all of our resources. We are not aware of the mission ever going to a company and asking for supplies; the Lord has moved people to supply as needed. Ebenezer is the word:

1 Samuel 7:12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

The Old Testament documents the working of our powerful God in all His ways and provision for His people. God has not turned off His bounty just because we have passed the Old Testament times. Since the Lord knows all of our needs and where the resources are located, He simply directs them to us by moving the hearts of many people.

Psalm 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.



Camp Jabez Summer Camp

Another exciting summer camp is ramping up for the **OPENING DAY of JUNE 6TH!**

We are praying for a Christ-centered summer of fun and fellowship.

The camp offers so much with wonderful activities, appreciation of God's creation and of course studies and fun with one of the oldest mentioned animals in the Bible, the horse.

Please see the website for lots of information and pictures.

To contact us feel free to email or call; there are no answering devices!

May the Lord greatly bless the camp again this year.

To God be the Glory!



Volunteering at Camp Jabez

Many farm hands are needed throughout the week to keep everything in order from lawns, to fences, to trail blazing, to log cutting, to creek clearing, to barn cleaning, to horse grooming, to painting and it never ends! **Please let us know if you would have some time that you could serve the Lord in this area.**

Your labors in the Lord will be very much appreciated.



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God's Girls



God's Girls is a group of girls age 9-19 which gather together weekly to have dinner, worship, pray together and explore God's Word. Usually there's an extra activity if time allows, but sometimes the creativity overflows in wonderful ways. Recently, an art instructor walked the girls through painting a Scripture-themed project, combined with a Bible lesson. Just in time for Valentine's Day, they created paintings reminding them to *Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5-6.* A few weeks later, the girls got the opportunity to exhibit their art at Washington Heights Baptist Church during a worship night. Praise God for these girls, their growing faith, and the God-given creativity which expresses itself so uniquely.

God's Guys and Basketball



Instead of glue holding things together, for us it is the basketball. We are ever so thankful to have the facilities and the volunteers to provide some normalcy for this group of young men. They are preparing for a tournament at Kingdom Sports in Franklin, Ohio with other Christian groups. **Win or lose it is the necessary medicine for this time.**