

# The Lighthouse

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## *Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

As we often say, "Where has the year gone?" Providentially, it has gone exactly where God would have it to go. What have we done with our time? **Remember how short my time is...Psalm 89:47** The mission's desire is to spend each day to accomplish the most in case it is our last day to serve. It has been a very full and challenging year but I think our guests would give testimony to our diligence in the Lord's work here to minister to the whole person; body, soul and spirit.

This year we have had a good Spirit-led sense that the Gospel is wonderfully working in many hearts and lives and arranging circumstances to get their attention. We have lost less people this year than last through overdose, praise the Lord! We have seen people coming back that have been gone a while and they are back for positive reasons; they know we have a concern for their person and well-being. We have the greatest of joy to see folk coming to the Lord and lives being changed.

Our plans for the balance of the year is to simply be at the call of the Lord to carry on among the inner city congregation. To endeavor to bring **HOPE** which is so needed. To help them see beyond the circumstances and assure them that the Lord knows their need.

***Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.***

*Jeremiah 17:7*

To sustain us in this life, everyone needs hope from the Lord.

***Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil. Hebrews 6:19***

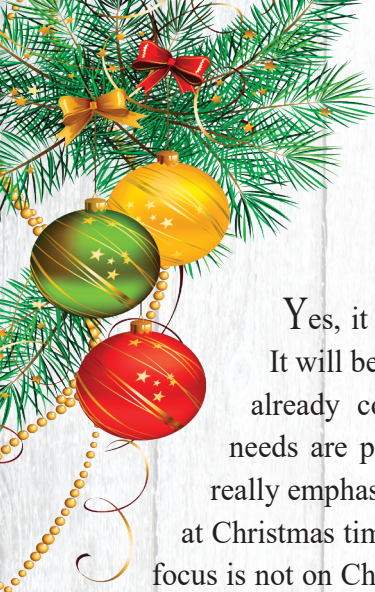
We ask for your prayers for the time ahead whatever it may hold and how long it may be. We certainly believe in the Lord's soon return and desire to be found productive until He comes again.

By His grace, in His service,



Dr. Kenneth P. Clarkston  
 Chaplain, Director





## Christmas is Coming, Praise the Lord

Yes, it is that time of year again...Christmas is coming. It will be a busy season considering the increase in people already coming for general assistance. Our Christmas needs are posted on the web site and it is up to date. We really emphasize our Lord and Savior every day and especially at Christmas time. For the majority of people, unfortunately, the focus is not on Christ; *it is how much can I get.*

Your prayers for our energy and strength during this season would be greatly appreciated. We try our best to provide each guest with exactly what they need; there is no such thing as one-size-fits-all. It is our desire to challenge people to look for the coming of Christ as much as they look for the coming of Christmas.



## Our Daily Bread

Many of you are familiar with the Our Daily Bread publication; we pass them out every month with the encouragement and Scripture they bring. Many churches pass out the Our Daily Breads every month, but sometimes many are left over from their published date, and they are dropped off at the mission. We in turn re-package them in a special bag to keep them dry along with a mission track and schedule. We use these to encourage Bible reading on a simple basis. We have gone through hundreds of these packs. They really never expire.



***Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.***

*Psalm 119:89*

## Year-End Thank You

How many times can we say thank you; never enough for all of those involved in this ministry. We think of the monetary support, the donations of food, materials, prayer and certainly all of the labor to bring it all together. You are laying up treasures in Heaven!

***For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21***

We also want to say that we get many thanks every day for being here for people that many others have written off!

***God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

*II Peter 3:9*



## The Kings Table

The King's Table has been providing daily meals since the mission opened in 1912. The tons of food is mind boggling! The meal requirements are increasing every day. We are thankful for the many restaurants that have a heart for the poor and needy. Our web site will give a list of the foods that can be donated. We all know that the cost of food is at an all-time high and probably will not go down. We simply ask that you pray for our food ministry to the needy of Dayton.

***For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.***

*John 6:33*

## Consideration for the Poor

The Lord gave Solomon this Scripture, *Proverbs 21:13, Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.* That is worthy of our earnest consideration since the Lord has put us in the business. *Mark 14:7, For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good:* (by feeding them when hungry, clothing them, and supplying them with the necessaries of life), *but me ye have not always.* (This was a gentile hint of His coming departure).

So, our operation at the mission is to follow the above example and never forget the message of the Gospel of our Lord. There are many “feeding sites” around town but we well know the Bread of Life is really what it takes to feed the whole person. The Psalms and Proverbs each have 35 references to the poor, so a study of those two books gives a good Biblical understanding of the “poor.” We thank the Lord for feeding the poor in spirit everyday bringing souls to Himself.



## Summer Workers



We are always so very thankful to have the youthful assistance during the summer time when so much outside maintenance needs to be done. Shown here is a group from Plymouth, Michigan, tired and getting ready to head back home.

**Thanks again for your desire to serve the Lord here on our mission field.**

Other outside groups we had this year: Faircreek Church, Beaver creek; Berea Baptist Church, Springfield; Quest Group, Indiana; Patterson Park Church Beaver creek.

**May the Lord bless their service.**

*...forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*



## Camp Jabez House Needed

It has been a while since we have had any major improvement projects but now this is a must. You may have heard the old Christian song This Old House. (Stuart Hambleton, 1954)

*This old house is a-gettin shaky,  
This old house is a-gettin old,  
This old house lets in the rain,  
This old house lets in the cold,  
and so on.*

The current “house” for our Equine Director is actually a double-wide trailer which has had all the repairs it can take...the floor is really falling through. The position of Equine Director is at the heart of the equine operation; horses need constant attention around the clock. It takes a special person with God given motivation to serve in this position.

So we are asking for the funds to bring this to pass. We hope to use a Unibilt home which will save a goodly amount of funds and still provide the housing we need; simple three bedroom, bath, kitchen and living area. The excavation and house are estimated at \$280,000. Our time frame is to start the ground work this year and complete by mid-2024.

***Please sincerely pray  
concerning this project.***

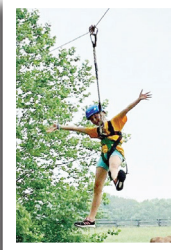


# Summer Camp Makes A Wonderful Christmas Gift!



## Summer Camp 2024 Registration Now Open

You can register for camp 2024 now on line. It is very simple and takes about 5 minutes and your camp date is secure. This year people waited too late in spring and most all of the openings were filled by summer. If you are trying to make arrangements for grandchildren visits or vacations now is the time to plan. You may certainly call if you have questions, we answer the phones...no devices, or you may email us. We respond very quickly.



## Summer Camp 2023

Summer Camp for 2023 was filled to the maximum...thank the Lord! Some of the pictures will show the excitement as well as the pictures that are posted on line. A day at camp can be exhausting. The parents say there is no problem getting the youth to sleep at night but they are up and anxious to go the next morning. Even though we are a day-camp, some want to spend the night. As usual, Bible study is the first thing on the agenda every morning for the first hour. We are a Christian Bible camp teaching the basics of the faith that Jesus Saves. You would be surprised by the quality, thoughtful questions and discussions that we have.



## Camp Jabez Annual Open House



What a beautiful day that the Lord provided for our annual open house; not too cold, not too hot, but just right! We had a large host of activities taking place from horse shows, to zip line riding, S'mores, walking in the forest, the great food and refreshments, listening to wonderful Bluegrass music by **New Mountain Heritage** and the

wonderful fellowship in the Lord could be felt by His presence.

We had a turnout of about 450 people. Many of them were returning campers (who would never miss the event) and their parents plus many new people. Truly a blessed day.

Lord willing, our open house is always held on the third Saturday of September from 2 PM to 6 PM; mark your planner.



You can get a detailed look of the camp, activities and fun at our website [www.CampJabez.org](http://www.CampJabez.org). Another great summer camp; thanks to the parents, volunteers and staff for bringing it all together.



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