



From My Heart...



Celebrating 40 years at the Cross!



Ermeda & Ben Chapman

From My Heart...

The passage from the Bible (Joshua 14:6-15) when Caleb, 85 years old said to Joshua, "Give me this mountain", has always been a great inspiration to me!!

It is particularly meaningful at this time because next month I will reach that young age of 85 years. God placed mountains before me over 40 years ago and there are some yet to be surmounted. I know as Caleb said, "...if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able..." to see God perform great and mighty works. Praise His Holy Name! God is able to carry through His Master Plan!!

We are so thankful for the staff God has brought together to minister to needy children and the widow. It's going to be a fruitful and exciting year as God does His work in not only hundreds of children's lives, but the lives of staff, counselors and volunteers.

We thank God for all of you as you pray, serve and believe God with us that the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will change the direction of a person's life 180 degrees.

To Him be all the glory!!

In Christ's Love.





Sloan Chapman Elected to Executive Board

In a recent meeting the Lighthouse Christian Camp Executive Board unanimously voted to invite Sloan Chapman to be a member of the Board of Directors. Sloan is the son of Bro. Ben and Ermeda Chapman, the founders of Lighthouse Christian Camp, Inc., (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation).

Sloan was (7) years old when the camp was founded in 1982. He has worked in every capacity at the camp through his childhood, teen years and as an adult. Sloan worked alongside his dad doing every aspect of construction and maintenance. Most of the stone work throughout the camp was done by Sloan.

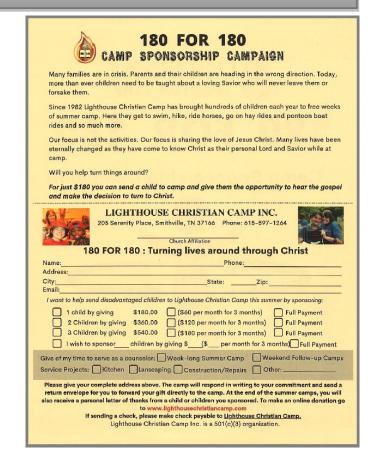
As a 10-year-old he ran the snack bar, and later was a lifeguard, counselor and staff member. Ashleigh Sheldon came as a counselor in the summer of 1998 and served on staff in the following years. Ashleigh and Sloan were married in February 2001 and moved into the home Sloan had constructed adjacent to the camp property.

Ashleigh and Sloan served as camp directors until Ashleigh enrolled in Regent Law School in 2009. They moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Ashleigh graduated with honors in 2013 and founded the Alliance for Freedom Restoration and Justice. The Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, global humanitarian aid organization to end human trafficking and to protect the vulnerable.

Ashleigh and Sloan currently reside in Laramie, Wyoming.

2021 Camp Sponsorship Campaign





We're excited to announce our 2021 Camp Sponsorship Campaign. While spending a week at



Lighthouse Christian Camp, children hear, many for the very first time, that there is a loving God who paid the ultimate price so that they may have life and have it more abundantly. When those same children go back home at the end of the week, many will do so having accepted that free gift and having given their lives to Christ. They have determined in their hearts to turn from their sin and to turn to God.

Imagine, an entire week of swimming, hiking, horses, kayaking, eating great food, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows and most importantly, learning about Jesus.

All children come at absolutely no cost to them. Will you help turn these lives around? Just \$180 will send a child to camp. Whether you sponsor 10 children or can only afford \$25, every gift, which is tax deductible, is greatly appreciated and will go towards giving these children a week of camp that could change their lives forever.





CAMP NEWS



Camp Program Directors Arrive from Texas





Kyle and Courtney Wolverton with Canine Pistol

Kyle and Courtney Wolverton, from Longview, Texas have joined the Lighthouse family as Camp Program Directors.

Working directly under Executive Director Michael Kilgore, the Wolverton's will be responsible for all of the programs for camp children. This will include the summer camps, after-school clubs, weekend retreats, Christmas parties, C.A.T.C.H. fishing events and all other follow up programs for campers as well as their families.

Kyle and Courtney both worked for the county court system where they met in Longview. Kyle served as a Sherriff's deputy and Courtney as an Internal Auditor. Both of them volunteered their time in the Christian-based Upwards Sports program.

In the past year God began to stir their hearts that they needed to do more to serve the Lord. Anticipating a big change, they began updating their Texas home for a potential sale and started looking at RV's to do a traveling ministry. Kyle also decided to post his resume on a Christian job site. Just one day later Bro. Michael saw his posting. Being prompted by the Holy Spirit, Bro. Michael was led to contact Kyle to see if he would be interested in the Camp Program Director position. When Kyle called his wife to discuss the idea, Courtney was overcome with emotion in feeling this is exactly where God was leading them.

Over the next few days there were several conversations between the two and with Bro. Michael as the initial interview process continued. Very quickly a visit was scheduled and the couple had the

opportunity to meet all of the Lighthouse family. God brought everyone together in a wonderful unity of spirit and the decision was made.

Kyle and Courtney moved into the Camp I home at the end of February. They are both very much immersed in preparing for summer camps; recruiting campers, interviewing staff for summer positions and the many other duties as the Camp Program Directors.

Pray for this spirit-filled couple as they enthusiastically serve here at Lighthouse Christian Camp.

There will be another Wolverton on the scene very soon. They are expecting their very first child, a boy, due in August.





'Honor widows that are widows' indeed...."1 Timothy 5:3

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Marilyn Joan Vinson as the newest resident to our Sing For Joy widows' homes! Joan and her husband once lived and worked here in Smithville, and even volunteered for Lighthouse's annual children's Christmas parties. In 2010 however, Joan's husband Rick Senecal, passed away and she made the decision to move to Maineville, Ohio, to live closer to family and her grandchildren.

In 2019, Joan had an accident where she fell and broke her pelvis. This time of healing caused her to slow down and reflect on what God might have in store for her. Joan was desiring to find ways to serve God in her life and earnestly sought His guidance, eventually opening her up to the idea of moving away from Ohio (now that her grandchildren were grown and involved with their own lives). With a daughter and son-in-law living fairly close by in North Carolina, Joan remembered the widows' homes here at Lighthouse and reached out in hopes of moving into one of them.

Joining Our Widows to Serve with Joy



Marilyn Joan Vinson

This past February, Joan visited Lighthouse again and met with the staff, volunteers, and resident widows. She toured the well-appointed apartments and immediately felt at home, realizing that this was where God was leading her. Joan has since sold her home in Ohio and is in the process of packing up her possessions for a move-in date of April 7th. She is beyond excited to be a part of this amazing community and to spend her time serving God and the wonderful kids who come here!

In closing out our conversation, Joan said something that really resonated. She said we all need to rely on our faith and not be afraid to give it all over to God, to let Him guide, and to ultimately trust that He will provide. Blessings abound when we choose to do so. What a great reminder!



From Our Foster Homes





The Harringtons

Jason and Amy Harrington, along with son, Isaiah, continue to make Lighthouse Ranch their home. The North Dakota family joined our ministry almost a year ago and have proven themselves to be great assets. Along with serving in all parts of the camp and widows ministries, the Harringtons are meeting the challenges of providing a loving, disciplined and structured home for children in need.

Children that enter our Ranch homes have generally had little structure in their lives and it can be a real challenge to deal with rebellious attitudes concerning respect for authority. We are so thankful for the Harringtons as they provide loving, Christ-like guidance and structure in the lives of the children in their home.

The Reckes

Tom and Tami Recke, their daughter Emerson and son, Peter, are now part of the Lighthouse family ministering to children in need in our Ranch home.

The Reckes moved to Middle Tennessee in 2020 and soon learned about Lighthouse Christian Camp. Serving at the 2020 Christmas parties, they were informed by Ranch parent Jason Harrington, that we had another home available and that we were looking for house parents.

Tom and Tami have a great heart for children in need. They adopted their first son, Csabo, from Hungary in 2007 and six months later their biological daughter, Emerson, was born.



In the summer of 2013, they adopted Jurijs (Peter) from Latvia. They lost their son, Csabo, when he passed away from a congenital heart defect.

The Reckes moved into our Ranch home last month and will soon complete the home study and will be ready to take children into their care.

What Are YOU Doing This Summer!!



You or a widow you may know could be part of the ministry at Lighthouse Christian Camp!

Independent Apartments for Widows

Located 15 minutes from Smithville, Tennessee on the beautiful 400 acre campus of Lighthouse Christian Camp, overlooking Center Hill Lake.



Many opportunities to serve camp children during events throughout the year!

E-mail mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com for more information.

"I made the Widow's heart Sing for Joy!"

Job 29:13b

- 1-bedroom apartments
- large living room & bedroom
- wonderful kitchen
- spacious closets
- basement storage
- Common area for entertaining
- Meals provided during all events at camp.
- Rent is only \$130 per month with a request to provide 15 hours of volunteer service <u>per week</u>.





Become a Sustaining Monthly Supporter

Lighthouse Christian Camp has always been a faith ministry, totally dependent on what God provides. We don't receive large corporate donations and are in just a handful of Church ministry budgets.

We're so grateful for the obedience and generosity of our supporters as God leads them to sponsor children for camp and to give to help fund our many other special events.

We've also been blessed with a faithful few who send a gift every month to help sustain our ministry, many times with an encouraging note. Rarely are the gifts large, but each one means so much and without them, it would be very difficult to continue many of our outreach and discipleship programs.

We'd like to invite you to join those "faithful few" and become a Sustaining Monthly Supporter of the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp. If you enjoy keeping abreast of what's going on at camp you'll love being a Monthly Member. Although our newsletters are generally sent out quarterly, members receive updates every month with a special letter from Bro. Ben.

Would you consider becoming a "monthly member" to help sustain our ministries?







Sing for Joy Widows' Homes



Lighthouse Ranch Homes



Lighthouse Pastor's Retreat

SCANTO DONATE IS HERE!

You can now donate to Lighthouse Christian Camp Ministries through your smartphone. Anyone with an iPhone or Android based mobile device can use their camera to scan the QR Code and instantly connect to our donation form. Open the camera app on your phone and point it at the code on the right.







GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT THROUGH LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CAMP MINISTRIES!

The ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp, Sing for Joy Widows' Home and Lighthouse Boys' & Girls' Ranch Homes are totally dependent on the monthly and special gifts of our supporters. Many times these gifts are given under special circumstances such as these listed below. If you'd like to know more about how you can give in one of these special areas, please contact the camp office at (615) 597-1264.

IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR GIFTS

Celebrate the memory of or honor a loved one by giving a "Gift That Lives On" through the lives of the children who come to camp and/or reside at the Boys' & Girls' Ranch and/or Sing For Joy Widows' Homes.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

There are currently (3) three Endowment Funds which have been established for Lighthouse Christian Camp. Contributions to these funds are invested and the interest and/or income from these funds is used to provide ongoing funding for the camp's operations.

PLANNED GIVING

Leave a lasting legacy through estate and tax planning techniques to provide for our ministries in ways that maximize your gift and/or minimize impact on your estate.

CAMP SPONSORSHIP (180 for 180)

Turn a life around by sponsoring a week of summer camp for an under-resourced child. Just \$180 can make an eternity of difference as children hear and learn of the saving grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They'll get to swim, ride horses, go out on the lake on pontoon boat rides, hike, and much more.

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"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." —Matthew 19:14

2021 Camp Schedule

1-4 Staff Training

7-30

4-Weeks of Girls' Summer Camp (Monday-Friday)

July

1-2 End of Girls Camp

5-23 3-Weeks of Boys' Camp (Monday-Friday)

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August

13-14 Girls' Weekend Retreat

27-28 Boys' Weekend Retreat

September

11 C.A.T.C.H. Fishing Event

17-18 Girls' Weekend Retreat

October

1-2 Pastors and Wives' Retreat

8-9 Boys' Weekend Retreat

29-30 Girls' Weekend Retreat

December

4 Girls' Christmas Party

11 Boys' Christmas Party

Summer Volunteers Needed!

We need counselors, cooks, servers, boat drivers, lifeguards, lawn maintenance, bus drivers and more.

WE NEED YOU!

Call and ask how you can help this summer!



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