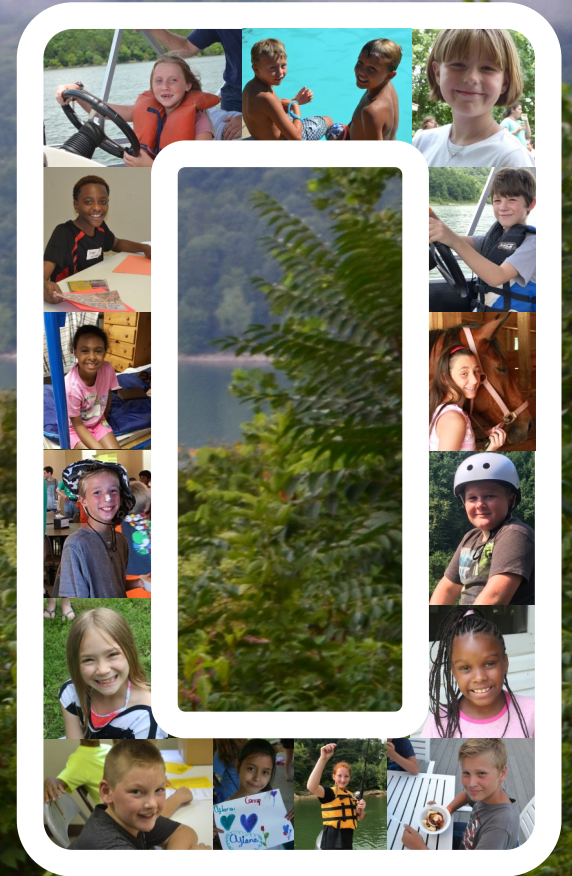




# Lighthouse Christian camp, Inc. 2021 Calendar and Ministry Guide

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*Years at the Cross!*





**“BUT GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD BOAST EXCEPT  
IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.” GALATIANS 6:14**

It is with great joy that we present to you our 2021 Calendar and Ministry Guide. This year we celebrate 40 years of serving a mighty God in ministry to Middle TN children living right here in our own neighborhoods. Those who are at-risk, under-resourced, the needy and disadvantaged, those who are often forgotten. Many of these children who come to camp are unchurched and hear the Good News for the very first time.

*We rejoice and we boast... not on ourselves, or even on the ministry, but on the cross - the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!* For it was there, that He paid the price for our sins. It is at the cross that lives are transformed; “old things are passed away; behold all things become new”.

On the following pages, as you move from month to month, you will read stories of lives changed at and by the power of the Cross.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:18: *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

In addition to the testimonies, you will notice that each month has a prayer focus. Please join us in praying for different areas of the camp’s ministry throughout the year. Thank you and God Bless!



**ABOUT THE COVER AND THE CALENDAR**



*The picture on the cover was taken during Wednesday night chapel on our last week of 2020 camp. As always, campers who feel led to respond are encouraged to walk back on the hillside and find a counselor. As the invitation continued one boy returned from praying with his counselor and walked down and knelt at a crudely made cross just below chapel. Soon another boy joined him. And then, another, and another.... As more gathered they put their arms around each other ..... and they wept. What a wonderful display of God drawing us to the cross and to Him.*



# Lighthouse Christian camp, Inc

## LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CAMP



Lighthouse Christian Camp has ministered to at-risk, under-resourced and oftentimes unchurched children for 40 years. Thousands of children who would never have had the opportunity to attend camp have come, free of charge, to experience the beauty of God's creation in a new and meaningful way.

Children attending camp enjoy riding horses, swimming, hiking, hay rides, pontoon boat rides and so much more. Each activity includes prayer, sharing, quiet time and acknowledging our Creator and Savior.

Through the camp's staff and volunteers, these boys and girls see a living picture of Christ as they are loved, accepted, and valued for who they are. They enjoy three delicious meals a day—and they eat until they're full! They run, play and make new friends. Most importantly, many lives have been eternally changed as they have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

## SING FOR JOY WIDOW'S HOMES



The goal and mission of Sing for Joy is to offer widows safe, independent retirement living with unlimited opportunities to serve in ministry to the children and staff of Lighthouse Christian Camp.

Each widow occupies her own private, spacious, one-bedroom suite with a full kitchen, full bath, and deck or patio. Fellowship times can be enjoyed in the common area where there is an eat-in kitchen, living room, 1/2 bath and laundry area.



# CAMP Ministries

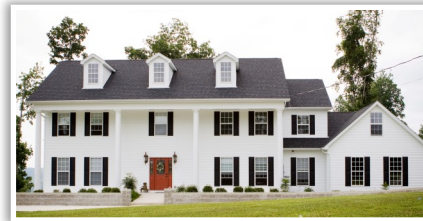
## LIGHTHOUSE RANCH HOMES



The Lighthouse Ranch provides loving homes for foster children that are referred and administered by The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. The homes are very large and the goal is to provide a home that will accommodate multiple siblings.

Siblings in foster care are often separated into different foster homes and sometimes permanently separated through adoption.

The mission is to provide long-term homes for children in foster care if children are unable to be reunited with their family, and to adopt if available.



## PASTOR'S RETREAT HOME



A beautiful spacious home is provided for pastors and their wives and families to use as a wonderful getaway to recuperate from the challenges of ministry. With magnificent views of the camp and Center Hill Lake, the retreat home offers much relaxation to those who come.

A game room equipped with billiards, ping pong, and foosball provides families a great place to reconnect. The home's close proximity to camp offers many other activities and amenities which will allow these families a place to get together or to get alone with God.



# It Began with an *Encounter at the Cross*

Ben and Ermeda Chapman were married in 1964, purchased a large hill farm on Center Hill Lake in 1965 and constructed their first home on the property in 1967.

By 1973 the couple had one young child, three-year-old, Justin, and another baby, (Sloan), on the way. Ermeda, a college graduate, had served as an executive secretary for years, but now was a stay-at-home mom. Ben was the Resource Manager at Center Hill Lake but spent his free time improving the cattle and horse farm, with Ermeda assisting in every way.

Sundays were no different than Saturdays for Ben and he didn't consider he had time for church, but he would encourage Ermeda to attend a church down the road. Ermeda's response was always the same, "I'll go if you'll go".

Ermeda attended a Catholic school from first to eighth grade and graduated with honors from Joelton High School. In one of the services at the Catholic church, the priest said, "You must personally ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior. When Ermeda got home later that day, she spoke directly to God and said, "Lord, I want to do that".

Ben finally agreed to go to church and figured he would get the family plugged in and then sneak away and get back to work. After attending a short time, the pastor and a few men from the church came to the Chapman house to visit. It was during that September visit that Bro. Ben knelt on the living room floor of his home and said, "God let me have it".

Ben and Ermeda's individual encounter with the cross was where this ministry began. Soon afterward, Bro. Ben was called to preach and then pastor with Ermeda serving beside him. Later God called Bro. Ben and Ms. Ermeda to form Lighthouse Christian Camp and, in 1983, God spoke loud and clear that this was forever to be a place for the lost, the unloved, the forgotten. A place for those who, unless they could come for free, would have most likely never enjoyed the experience of a week of summer camp. Later God added a ministry to widows known as the Sing for Joy Widows' Homes. In 2008, God added to the ministry again with the Lighthouse Boys' and Girls' Ranch Homes. God established the Pastors' Retreat Home in 2010. This ministry provides a place for pastors and their wives and families to use as a wonderful getaway to recuperate from the challenges of ministry. All Glory be to God!





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# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b><i>This Month's Prayer Focus</i></b>            As the New Year begins, pray for the camp's permanent staff as we plan and prepare for this year's programs and activities.</p>					1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB				
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
		AFTER SCHOOL CLUB			BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT	



# My Journey to the Cross

For Camper Jeannie Poore, the comfort and joy of the Cross seemed un-reachable.

After being removed from her birth home at the age of 3, Jeannie was placed in 12 different foster homes over a 5-year period. During that time she experienced abuse, rejection and loneliness. A failed adoption made things even worse.

Finally, Jeannie was placed with Putnam County TN Special Ed teacher Julia Bowman. Ms. Julia had a special love for children which caused her to become a foster parent and also gave her a passion for volunteering at Lighthouse Christian Camp during the summer. When Jeannie was initially placed in the Bowman home there were several other foster children there as well as Ms. Julia's birth daughter Marlo.

It was through her placement with the Bowman family that Jeannie was introduced to Lighthouse Christian Camp in the summer of 1984. Little did she know that in less than a year she would be adopted and welcomed into Camp Founders Ben and Ermeda Chapmans family. Shortly after, in the summer of 1985, Jeannie was adopted again.... this time into the family of God when she gave her heart to Christ. In the years to come, as her relationship with Christ grew, Jeannie went on to serve as Junior counselor, counselor, camp cook, Ranch home parent and more.



*Chapman Family portrait soon after Jeannie's adoption.*



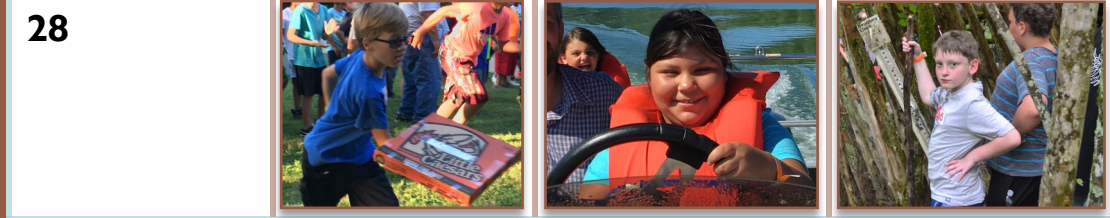
*Today Jeannie continues to serve in the camp offices and is heavily involved in all aspects of camp ministries. She is married to a wonderful husband Jonathan, has 3 children, 2 grand children and another on the way. (Family pictured with Jonathan's father)*



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# February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	10	11	12 GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	17	18	19 STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERS RETREAT	20
21	22	23 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	24	25	26 BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT	27



**This Month's Prayer Focus**  
 Please be in prayer for this year's Student Ministry Leader's Retreat. This first time event will be for Pastors and leaders of high school and college aged students.



# The Unconditional Love *Of the Cross*

In 1997 James Gribble JR (who later as he grew up would be nicknamed “too tall” because of his 6’6” stature) rode a church van onto the campus of Lighthouse Christian Camp for the very first time. James fondly remembers seeing the staff and volunteers standing in the driveway “like they had been waiting for me the whole time”.

Little did young James realize that he would return to camp many times during the next 20 plus years. Attending in the beginning, as a camper, later as a junior counselor and counselor and many, many times since as a volunteer during summer camps and follow up programs.

Unlike most children when James first came to Lighthouse, he had already accepted Christ a few years before while watching a Christian TV program. Camp however helped him nail it down and to build his faith over the years as he watched countless others give their own hearts and lives to Jesus.



James pictured here as a 13 year old his first day of camp in 1997.



“I can’t imagine that I will ever grow tired of looking a child in the eye and telling them that they are a gift to the world, far more valuable than all the birds of the air and the flowers in the field”.

What do you most cherish about camp we asked? “The unconditional love and acceptance” James replies. “That which I received as a camper and later as a leader.... and that which I have been able to pass on to others while being on staff and volunteering at Lighthouse Christian Camp.”

Today, James is husband to Jessica and father to two handsome young sons Alden and Malachi. He continues to volunteer at camp whenever he can and often schedules vacations and time off around camp activities.

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# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	10	11	12 GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings</i>	15	16 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	17	18	19	20 <i>Spring Begins</i>
21	22	23 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	24	25	26 BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31	<p><i>This Month's Prayer Focus</i> Please pray as we recruit for this year's summer staff. Please ask God to prepare their hearts to serve at camp this summer.</p>		



# The Cross Transforms Lives

*“Lighthouse changed me - and I’ve never even been to camp.” James Gribble Sr.’s Story.*

For years, James Gribble Sr. sent four of his children to Lighthouse Christian Camp as he struggled in darkness.

“Each year they would return from camp changed. Changed by relationships, changed by Christ! During that time, men and women volunteering as counselors at Lighthouse were the role models that I should have been for them. Thank God because of those experiences and changes I saw in my kids – I was eventually changed myself and I have never even been to camp,” said James Sr.

“After Christ saved me, I discovered how the Lord answered my children's prayers back when I was still lost. Several years sober and working at Freedom Ministries – a ministry for those who suffer from addiction, my son James “Too Tall” Junior stopped by to see me. I just happened to be beside a co-worker, Lee Smith. Lee didn’t know Too Tall was my son but recognized him from years before when he served as a volunteer counselor at Lighthouse. Later, with tears in his eyes, Lee shared how each night at camp he would ask his campers for their prayer requests and would write their responses in his journal. Most nights Too Tall would respond “pray for my dad – he is lost and in a dark place.” For years, Lee had continued to pray over those requests without realizing until that moment, his prayer for me had been answered.”

Today, James Sr. is 15 years sober and working as a Recovery Coordinator in the Substance Abuse Solution department for UCHRA. His journey has included serving as a youth leader at the River Community Church, then with Freedom Ministries.




James and his wife Denise Gribble together have 10 kids and 15 grandkids with 2 on the way.  
“Life only gets ‘gooder and gooder’ from here!”  
says James of his life today.



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# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>This Month's Prayer Focus</i>                      Our Sing for Joy Ministry provides affordable housing for up to eight widows. Please pray for our current widows and that any openings will be filled.</p>				1	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	5	6 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	7	8	9 GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT	10
11	12	13 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	14	15	16	17 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FIELD TRIP
18	19	20	21	22	23 BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



# Take Up Your Cross

When Christ calls His followers to take up their cross, He is calling us into a relationship for the long haul. Putnam County school teachers and sisters Raejean and Lisa Landis have been faithfully volunteering at camp since almost the beginning.

Over the years they have served as cabin leaders, county coordinators, kitchen helpers, financial supporters and more! The sisters have become family themselves to the staff and counselors at camp. "We always feel at home when we come to camp." the sisters stated.

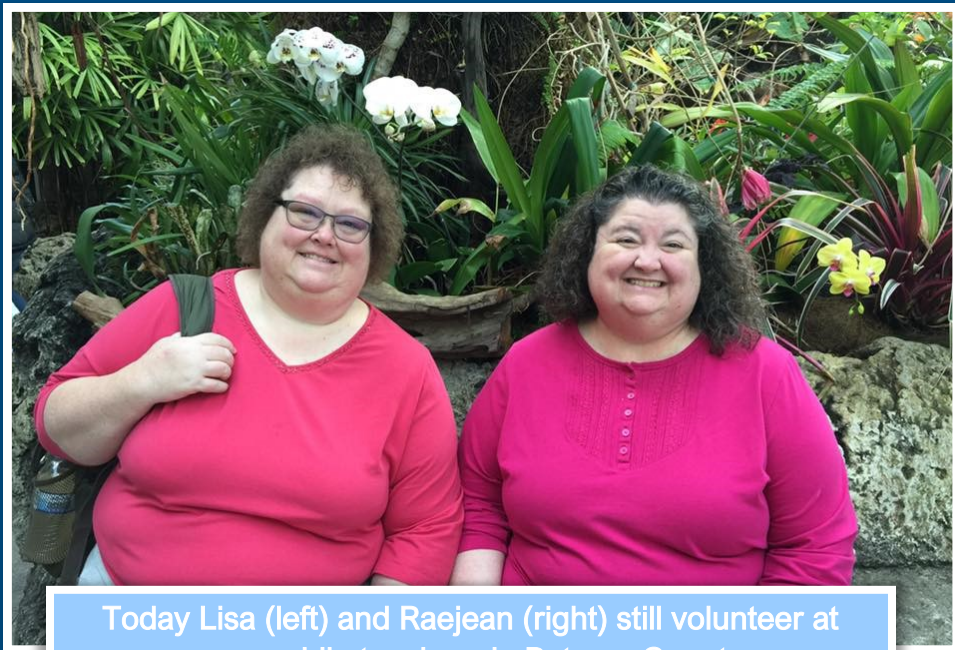
"Lisa and I have such wonderful memories of girls in our cabins, many of whom we still see. Camp really taught us how to memorize scripture and share the gospel using the Romans Road" says Raejean.

Throughout their time serving in the ministry here, Lisa and Raejean have worked with thousands of camp children. They have gotten to know and invested in not only the campers but also campers' families. Now they often have the opportunity to share the message of the cross with those camper's children and even grandchildren. "Often when we call to sign up children for camp - we hear - do you remember when you signed me up for camp? Now I want my child to go!" What a blessing it is to see these children now grown up around town working in stores, at the hospital or as pastors at a local church."

As Christians, we know that carrying your cross can be laborious - but it is the joy during and at the end of the journey that makes it well worth it. "Once you are at camp, and you're able to share and participate- the fatigue and exhaustion fade when you hear a child pray and accept God or see their smiling faces because they are truly happy to be somewhere where they are loved and accepted."





Raejean (back row far left) and Lisa (back row far right) with their cabin during the 2002 summer camp.



Today Lisa (left) and Raejean (right) still volunteer at camp while teachers in Putnam County.

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# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>This Month's Prayer Focus</b>                      The camp's focus this month is preparing for summer camp. Please pray that an abundance of volunteers and camper sponsorships needed to operate camp will be joyfully received.</p>						1
2	3	4	5	6 <i>Day of Prayer</i>	CAMP VOLUNTEER RETREAT	
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30 <i>Pentecost (23)</i>	24/31 <i>Memorial Day (31)</i>	25	26	27	28	29



# Building Forever Memories

Many children who attend camp grow up in challenging circumstances where fond memories can be few and far between. For 39 years Lighthouse Christian Camp has been a place where children can escape, feel safe and build special life-long memories filled with joy and laughter.

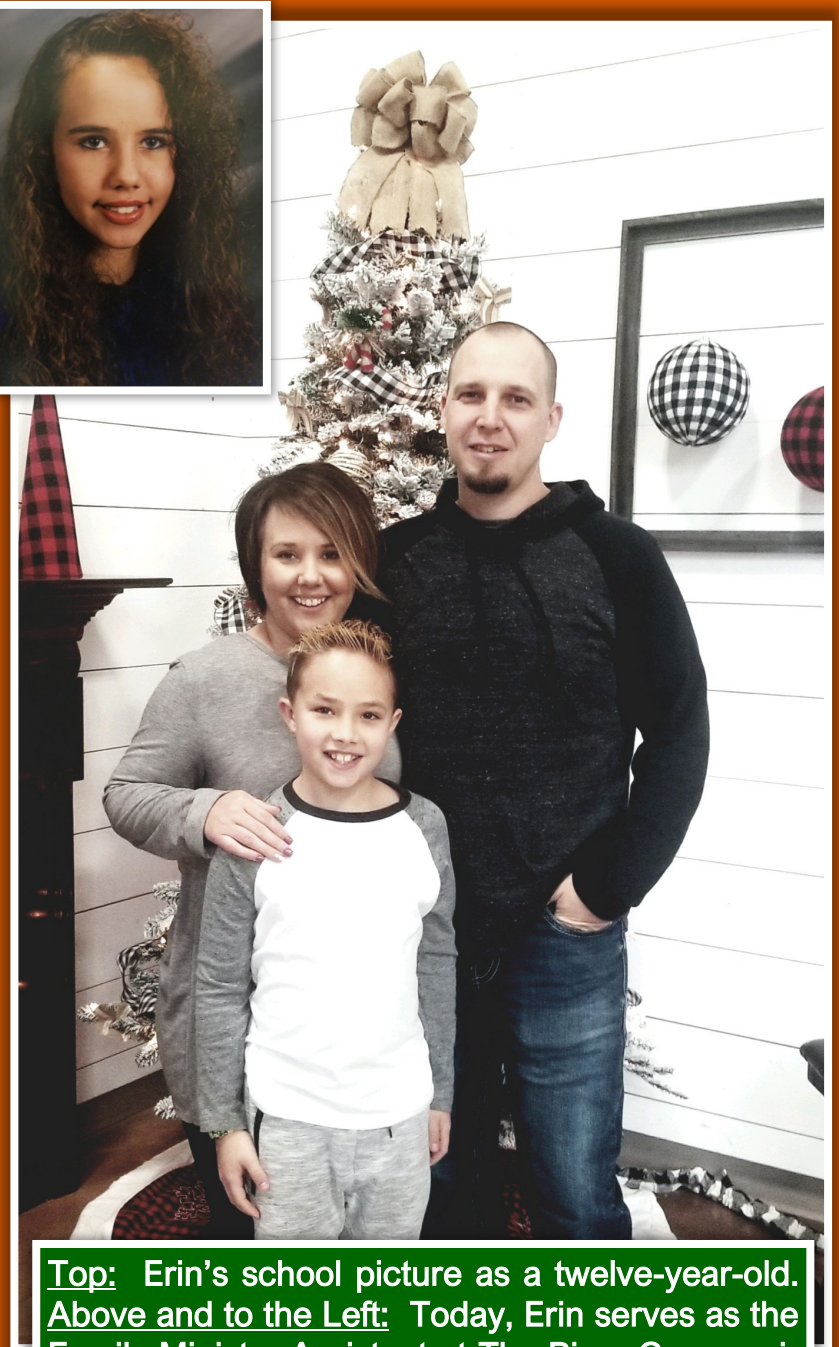
For Erin Conner, Lighthouse is a special place where she discovered a special love and memories.

“I loved Lighthouse Christian Camp as a kid. I remember counting down the days until it was camp time. I loved seeing my friends and being surrounded by unconditional love. We had cabin competitions, played box hockey and laughed until our bellies hurt.”

Erin continued, “This is where I gave my life to the Lord. I remember sitting on a swing with a counselor and feeling like my body was full of butterflies. This is a day that I will never forget. This camp instilled foundations in me, showed me the love of Jesus and changed my life forever! These are special memories that will be with me forever.”

Erin has been married for twenty years to her husband Dustin and has a nine year old son, Elijah.

The power of the cross not only changes the life of the camper, but oftentimes it is carried on and shared with those they come in close contact with such as family and friends. It breaks generational chains and changes course towards true life and love found in Christ.



Top: Erin's school picture as a twelve-year-old.  
Above and to the Left: Today, Erin serves as the Family Ministry Assistant at The River Community Church. She is the wife to Dustin and mom to Elijah.

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# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>This Month's Prayer Focus</b> Please be in prayer for the girl campers that will arrive this month. Pray for fun, safety and most importantly, lives changed!		1	2	3	4	5	
	STAFF TRAINING						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<i>D-Day</i>	GIRLS' SUMMER CAMP						
13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19	
	GIRLS' SUMMER CAMP						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
<i>Summer Begins</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	GIRLS' SUMMER CAMP						
27	28	29	30				
	GIRLS' SUMMER CAMP						





# ... And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross!



Jonathan's first day of camp 2007.

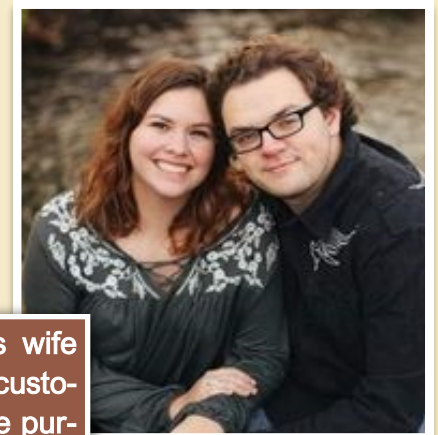
For 11 year old Jonathan Able the transformation at the cross wasn't immediate. Although he attended camp for the first time in July of 2006, he had made no commitment to Christ. That year Jonathan's counselor noted "He is a good kid, very competitive and easy to talk to". Still, throughout that summer, Jonathan made no decision for Christ.

Returning for camp in 2007 Jonathan was much the same... competitive but eager to please, somewhat quiet and a good listener. As of Thursday afternoon as with the previous year, Jonathan had not yet responded during any of the previous chapels.

For Thursday night chapel the plan was to build and erect a cross and to allow the boys to write down their hurts, anger, guilt and sin and surrender them to Christ by physically nailing their slips of paper to the newly built cross.

During the service the Holy Spirit began to tug on Jonathan's heart like never before. He knew this was his time.... and as he reflected on his own sin, wrote things down and nailed them to that cross. Jonathan surrendered.

The chapel service continued for what seemed like a long time. With the moving of the spirit there was much repentance, much weeping and much rejoicing. Just as with many before him, Jonathan's life was forever changed at the cross.



Today Jonathan is married to his wife Chelsea and works part-time as a custodian for the school system while he pursues his career as a writer.

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# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>This Month's Prayer Focus</i>                      Boy campers arrive and they need your prayers.                      Pray that their hearts and minds will be open                      and ready to receive the Gospel Message.</p>				<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>GIRLS' SUMMER CAMP</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><i>Independence Day</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>BOYS' SUMMER CAMP</b></p>						
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>BOYS' SUMMER CAMP</b></p>						
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>BOYS' SUMMER CAMP</b></p>						
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>



# Carrying the Cross Over-

Nequesia Gleaves first attended camp in 2002 and continued until 2010. About her experience she said “Coming from a home where my Mom had divorced my abusive Father, I knew attending camp would be a safe place where I would be surrounded by loving followers of Christ. Thanks to Ms. Gail Evans who assured my Mom that I would be OK. Lighthouse turned out to be a blessing for me! Camp was the place that I finally gave my life over to Christ and was baptized. After watching the counselors and seeing the impact they were having on our lives, I knew I was called to serve too. Camp gave me the opportunity to be a leader as both a junior counselor and a year later on staff with Bro. Michael Kilgore.”



Naquesia Gleaves  
1st day of Camp June 2002

Okinawa, where the  
Gleaves-Works family  
was stationed and 1%  
claim to be Christian.



“Throughout my college years I continued to remain obedient and spread the Gospel of Christ and serve. I later married my childhood sweetheart who serves in the United States Marine Corps. We’ve spent almost the last four years living overseas in Japan. We attended one of the best churches on the island “Greater Friendly Church of God in Christ”. Being in a country where less than one percent claims Christianity, I knew that it was not by accident that we were stationed in Japan. I knew God was calling us to serve and share the good news of Christ to unbelievers.”

For Nequesia, the message of the cross was found at camp and carried overseas where it was shared with others!



Naquesia, her husband Deweon, and their two beautiful children currently reside in Nashville, TN. She has earned her Bachelors Degree in social work and is currently waiting to enter the Marine Corps as an Officer.

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# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Purple Heart Day</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT</b>	14
15	16	17 <b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</b>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</b>	25	26	27 <b>BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT</b>	28
29	30	31 <b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</b>		<p><b><i>This Month's Prayer Focus</i></b>            The camp's after-school-club begins this month. Pray for the campers that attend, and all the campers that we serve as they return to school this month.</p>		



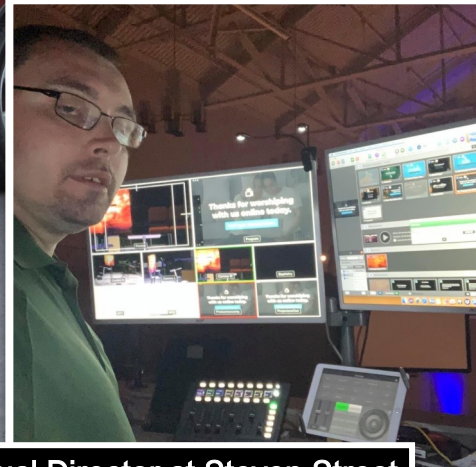
# Overcoming Trials by the Power of the Cross

By 9 years old, Kasey Tanner had already experienced much in his life. Born with an eyesight impairment, and subjected to abuse and bullying during his childhood, Kasey had to learn to fight and that is how he first came to camp - a fighter. It was that same fighting spirit that got him sent home early that first year.

During this time a dear camp volunteer Burt Handschin began to intervene, dig in and share how much Christ loved Kasey.



Kasey picture back row 2nd to the right during his last year as a camper.



Today Kasey is the Audio and Visual Director at Steven Street Church in Cookeville, TN and lead traffic guide each year at the camp's Christmas parties.

Burt would pick him up and bring him to the church's Awana Club, camp retreats and back to summer camps. It was through Burt and other servants that he finally let down his defenses and really began to see the love that Christ has for Him.

Battling self doubt, the power of the Cross began changing Kasey. Year after year the Lord used staff and volunteers to love, accept and encourage him. He developed leadership skills that would equip him to later serve on staff and pour himself into others.




Kasey states that it was his time at camp and the transforming power of Christ that gives him the strength and confidence to overcome his difficult past and disability. God uses Kasey to talk to kids coming up in difficult circumstances or with their own disabilities about how the cross can set them free.

Today, in addition to volunteering at camp, Kasey serves as the Audio and Visual Director at Stevens Street Baptist Church in Cookeville. Kasey also is undergoing procedures to improve his eyesight.

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# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>This Month's Prayer Focus</i>            Pray for safety and fun at this year's C.A.T.C.H. (Caring Adults Touching Children's Hearts) Fishing Event. Pray for boats and fishermen.</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	8	9	10	11 <i>Patriot's Day</i> C.A.T.C.H. FISHING EVENT
12 <i>Grandparent's Day</i>	13	14 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	15	16	17 <i>POW/MIA Day</i>	18 GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT
19	20	21 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	22 <i>Fall Begins</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	29	30		



# The Confident Life Found in the Cross

Kris Sutherly's encounter with the Cross led him from being a shy young man to serve in the Marines and to his current place in life as an ER physician. As he did with Kris, God uses many people to be a part of a person's ongoing testimony of the life changing power of the cross.

"I was 10 years old in 1989 when I was invited to Lighthouse Christian Camp. During that first week of camp I especially remember going out in the paddleboat with my counselor Lee and he asked me if I had accepted God into my life. Unlike many of my fellow campers I had grown up attending church. I learned from a young age that God is the creator of everything and the Father of Jesus who died for the atonement of our sins. What I didn't know

until Lee talked to me was that I had taken this for granted and never KNOWN that Jesus was standing by for me to accept Him and have a personal relationship with Him and that it was MY sins that Jesus bore on the cross. I accepted Christ that week."

"A quiet kid who lacked confidence and was picked on at school, I spent as much time as I could at camp where I felt loved and accepted and where Bro. Ben and the Chapman family made me feel like I was one of their own."

"A second life changing moment came when Brother Ben asked me to share at Chapel. Speaking to those campers and sharing Christ gave me such a lift of confidence that continues to who I am today."

"What I wanted to do as a teenager was often in direct conflict with what I was supposed to do as a counselor and my commitment to be an example of Christ. I was not perfect but Brother Ben didn't leave me to fend for myself. He continued to invite me back and he showed me what it means to forgive and to love and to always grow in Christ."

"As long as I live, I will never forget the great times I had at Lighthouse Christian Camp, the walk to Christ that the camp provided me and the lessons I have learned; to do what is right and to seek forgiveness when I fail. Thousands of children's lives are forever changed like mine has been over the last 40 years and I pray, God willing, that Lighthouse Christian Camp carries on another 40 years to continue His work."



Kris and his wife Rachel reside in Seattle, WA where he serves as an emergency medicine physician.

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# October 2021

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### This Month's Prayer Focus

Pastors and their wives will join us at our annual retreat this month. Pray that they will find rest, enjoyment and a renewed spirit this weekend with us!



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PASTORS AND WIVES' RETREAT

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT

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*Columbus Day*

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB  
FIELD TRIP

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GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT



# *The Cross that Conquers!*

In 1998, 10 year-old Beth Jones was invited to camp by a close friend. "For two economically challenged and emotionally damaged children, the chance to go to a free camp with plenty of food and a reprieve from our discordant homes was a dream come true" said Beth.

"Even once at camp, I was convinced that something would happen at home that would mean that I would have to leave early. Because in my life, chaos was normal."

At camp Beth enjoyed arts and crafts, canoeing and swimming and other camp activities. "One night at chapel, I found myself totally convinced that Jesus had something I needed. I went back during the invitation and accepted Christ into my heart."

"At the end of the week I tearfully left camp, dreading going home, but knowing things that I had not known before. I was a believer in Christ. I took Him at His word. As I grew up, God's presence was constant, and He began to give me a vision for my life."




"I knew He had purposes and plans for me that were new and different. He gave me the phrase "a changing generation" and showed me that my life would be a new life, changed forever in Him. My home would honor Him, and my children and my children's children would serve Him."

Today Beth and husband Derek have four beautiful children - Destiny, Derek, Lily Grace and Kenzie. She works at the River Community Church in Cookeville, TN as a Children's Ministry Coordinator.

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# November 2021

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Daylight Savings ends</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26	27
28	29	30		<p><b><i>This Month's Prayer Focus</i></b>            As we celebrate Thanksgiving, please remember our supporters whose financial gifts help make free camp ministry to at-risk and in-need children possible.</p>		



# What's YOUR Story?

The most important thing about the Cross is who hung on it - Christ. Jesus lived a sinless life, He died on the Cross for each of us and He conquered sin and death with His resurrection three days later.

Those who believe in Jesus live for Him today and will live with Christ in God's glory forever.

Does your story include an encounter with the Savior? If you have read the testimonies in this calendar and realize your need for a life transformed by a love that never fails - Jesus Christ, here are some simple steps to take:

## 1 - Admit You Are a Sinner

Romans 3:23 says "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."

## 2 - Sin Has Consequences

Romans 6:23 says "For the wages of sin is death. But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## 3 - JESUS is the Only Way

John 14:6 says "Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

## 4 - You Can't Save Yourself

Ephesians 2:8 says "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

## 5 - ASK and BELIEVE

Romans 10:9 says "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

## 6 - VICTORY in JESUS!

Romans 8:1 says "there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."




**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Are you a former camper and Lighthouse is a part of your testimony? Have you served at camp and witnessed lives changed? Did you read through the calendar and felt the need in your own life for a Savior or made the decision to rededicate your life to Him? Email us your story to [contact@lighthousechristiancamp.com](mailto:contact@lighthousechristiancamp.com).

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# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>This Month's Prayer Focus</b>            Pray for the children who will attend this year's Christmas Party. Pray that they - and their families - may realize the most important gift is Jesus Christ.</p>			1	2	3	4 <div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">GIRLS' CHRISTMAS PARTY</div>
5	6	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	8	9	10	11 <div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">BOYS' CHRISTMAS PARTY</div>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Winter Begins</i>	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	





# How can you help?

## GIVE

Invest in the life of a child! For just \$135 you can sponsor a child to come to a week of camp for free where they hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

In return for your sponsorship, you will receive a thank you letter from a camper, handwritten in his or her own words, as well as laying up more treasures in heaven.

Monthly supporters provide funding to sustain Lighthouse ministries, ongoing and follow-up programs. They also help support improvements and maintenance of camp facilities.

## PRAY

Please continue to pray for the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp.

Please pray for the children and widows who come, for the staff and volunteers who serve, and for those who give.

Pray for God's direction on how He wants you to be involved.

## SERVE

There are no special skills required to serve at Lighthouse. Our primary qualification is to have a love for God and a heart for children.

Summer camp staff work at the camp June and July. The trained staff lead volunteers in ministering to and caring for the children who come to camp.

Volunteer counselors are needed for week-long summer camps, weekend follow-up retreats and our After School Club during the school year.

Project volunteers help the camp with special projects. They include construction and building maintenance, landscaping and grounds maintenance, painting, cleaning, clerical, Christmas Party preparation and much more!



Lighthouse Christian Camp, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, totally dependent on donations of financial gifts and volunteer services. Whether you are a church, business, organization, or an individual, we hope that you will prayerfully consider how God would have you get involved. The widows and the children who come to Lighthouse Christian Camp, as well as those who live in our ranch homes desperately need your help.

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