



#### From My Heart...

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To God be the glory!! He has His master plan for us all!! We praise God for how He blessed, inspired, and greatly encouraged us all by sending Marilyn Joan Vinson to serve here at Lighthouse Christian Camp. Thank you, Lord, for allowing us the privilege of knowing this virtuous, talented great lady!! She loved the Lord and would be first to say "Give God all the glory!!"



Ermeda & Ben Chapman

God has once again done a magnificent work through the summer camps this year. Hundreds have come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and hundreds more have renewed and refreshed their love, faith and devotion to the Lord in the discipleship weeks of camp. God is good!!

We thank and praise God for all of you that have prayed, served and given financially to His ministries here to these precious children.

God bless you for your heart to bring the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children so desperate to know that someone cares.

In His love,





# Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen?

Finding staff and volunteers for summer camp is never easy. Finding great kitchen staff who love Jesus and rambunctious children is even harder! The long days of prep, cooking, serving and cleanup can be grueling.

This year the task of putting together a crew seemed even harder. Up until just one week before camp we still did not have a kitchen manager..... BUT GOD.... knew what He was doing.

Not only did He send us an experienced school cook and Godly woman in Cookeville resident Crystal Fisher, He also sent backup for her in College student Jonae Edwards. Jonae, who has a degree in Culinary Arts, came all the way from her home in the Bahamas to serve here at camp. For good measure God then sent Ms. Madison Reep, a high school student from Cookeville who has a desire to go to Culinary school and one day be a chef herself. Finally God sent volunteers who love the Lord and love to serve Him and the children.

God is so good. His timing is always perfect for those who trust in Him. Lord I believe..... Forgive my unbelief!

## Still Forgotten?

One of the first brochures we ever produced was headlined "Forgotten". On the cover was an artists rendition of a young girl, unloved and without hope.

This summer God blessed us with the opportunity to provide a free week of camp to **750** boys and girls from 15 counties throughout Middle TN. While here, they experienced many great

activities like swimming, horseback riding, kayaking and more. More importantly, they were given their very own Bible and they began learning key verses that point to their need for a Savior. Although we've never kept count of professions of faith (only the Lord knows) many responded during chapel invitations and asked Jesus to become their Lord and Savior.

Our ministry to these children doesn't end with camp. We quickly begin After-School Club programs, weekend retreats and other discipleship events beginning in August. Unfortunately for many, our follow-up discipleship efforts will fall short due to the circumstances in their lives that cause



This photo of one of our 2022 campers may be different than the original image at left but the thought is the same... Does anyone care?

instability with frequent residence and school changes, foster care and more. For some, even though they have responded to the gospel and asked Jesus into their hearts, they will once again feel forgotten.

What can be done? CHURCH... THEY NEED YOU! These children live in your communities and attend your schools. You see them every day in the stores and on the streets and they're hurting and wondering "will it ever get better"? Seeds have been planted and many baby Christians have been born but without your involvement that's as far as it may go.

These 750 children need you to call them, to go visit them, to invite them to your church where they can get plugged in and begin growing in their relationship with Christ. They need you to show their families the same love they've experienced at camp and to share the same gospel message.... that Jesus is the answer!

But "we don't know them" you say. WELL WE DO... and we'll provide you with the names, addresses and phone numbers. We'll even come to your church and go out with you and make an introduction! Speak to your pastor and to your church family and friends. Lead the charge and show these precious children that they are NOT forgotten.!

For more information on obtaining a list of campers and their families in your community call Michael Kilgore at (615) 597-1264 or e-mail mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com.



Girls Camp

God brought 406 girls to Lighthouse this summer including 213 who attended for the very first time. Praise His holy name!







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## **THANK YOU SPONSOR!!**

Dear Sponson I hanh you for letting me be able to come to Lighthouse this your and for the post 5 years. I got soved here old, and it was amazing. I was saved on a thursday evening Chaple with my counselor. Since I have been going I'v struggled with my relationship with find but coming here help me because my house last necessary a So I don't have the my reletionship with him god. I am really happy to be here and I really think I needed this break because I recently found out my dad has carrier agricin so its been attempte arrubling of home Light House is a side place top me enjoy meeting the people I to every year including my counselors. Thank you so much.

Love, Makrayla



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# Boys Camp

344 boys came to
Lighthouse in July.
A record 175 of those
were returning for
discipleship camp.
To God be the glory!

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"In Him was life and the life was the Light of men." John 1:4





### "Yes, Jesus Loves Me"

Most Christians have heard this familiar tune sung by children in churches everywhere. What a wonderful reminder that Jesus Christ, the creator of the world, loves each of us.

Our dear friends at Helping Hands Ministry from Judson Baptist Church in Nashville wanted to make sure that each child coming to camp this summer not only heard the message from camp staff and volunteers but that they also would see it as they were laying their heads down on their pillows each night.

And so this wonderful group undertook and completed the

enormous task of making pillow cases for each camper, over 800 total with the special message that "Jesus Loves Me" on each one.

We praise the Lord for this group of dedicated Christians who have been so faithful to the Lord and to His ministry.





Lillie Cate (left) and Caroline at their Lemonade stand.

# Quenching Thirsts To Send Children to Camp

Caroline and Lillie Cate Driver of Smithville recently completed a week of Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church where they attend with their parents Chad and Tara. As has been the churches custom, they donate all of the children's offerings during VBS to help support the ministries of Lighthouse.

At the end of the week, with this fresh on their minds the two girls

asked their mom about doing a lemonade stand and using the proceeds to help send children to camp at Lighthouse. After a lot of hard work and God's blessings on their efforts the girls raised a whopping \$475. PRAISE THE LORD!

Thank you Calvary Baptist Church, Chad and Tara and especially Caroline and Lillie Cate for your obedience to Christ and for your hearts for under-resourced children.



Mom Tara and the girls delivering their sponsorship check to camp.

# From Our Foster Homes





Things are much quieter around the Harrington household these days.... OK, just kidding!

Although Jason and Amy's youngest, Isaiah has graduated high school and has headed off to Moody Bible Institutes Aviation School the Harringtons still have plenty of little feet to listen to. The couple continue to foster and lovingly parent a sibling group of four who have been with them for over a year now.

If that's not been enough, Bro. Jason has once again spent the summer directing one of our camps and Ms. Amy has filled all the gaps at lifeguarding, counseling, serving and being an all-around camp mom.

God continues to use the Harringtons in a mighty way and we're thankful for their hearts to serve.









#### HAVE RECENT EVENTS CAUSED YOU TO CONSIDER FOSTER CARE?



The need is ever present and the Harrington's are a great example of what God can and will do with willing hearts. Transitioning from educator and transportation professional to stand-in mom and dad for a sibling group in crisis was no easy decision for Jason and Amy but God rewards our obedience. He can use you too... if **you** are willing!

Lighthouse currently has a foster home open with an opportunity for a house parent couple who desire to serve. You don't have to give up your career or even your job. Want to find out more?

Call Michael Kilgore today at (615) 597-1264 or e-mail mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com.

Be the reason siblings stay together!



## In His Presence

## Remembering Sing For Joy's Marilyn Joan Vinson



Ms. Marilyn Joan Vinson

Our beloved Mrs. Joan, Sing for Joy resident and faithful servant of the Lord, passed away on Thursday June 16th at the age of 76. Ms. Joan was born in Lincoln County, KY, and retired from Lockheed Martin Corporate Financial Services. She later moved to Ohio to be near her grandchildren, whom she adored.

It was just over a year and a half ago that Ms. Joan called Executive Director Michael Kilgore and proclaimed, "My grandchildren are older and I feel like I don't have a purpose in life anymore.". She went on to ask about the possibility of joining our ministry at Sing for Joy. Just a few months later, after more phone calls and visits, Ms. Joan sold her home in Ohio and became a resident of Sing for Joy Widows Home.

From the beginning Ms. Joan jumped in to help in many aspects of the camp, widows and children's homes ministries. She cooked and served

meals for campers, led a small group of young ladies in our After-School Club program, answered phones at the office and much, much more.

Although she loved her new kingdom purpose, it was not until Bro. Ben asked her to help pull together the materials needed to tell the history of God's miraculous work here that she found her passion. Ms. Joan loved looking at the pictures and hearing and reading the stories, articles, newsletters and more of how God called and brought Lighthouse Christian Camp Ministries into existence. She sorted through thousands of pictures and documents and placed them in frames to tell the stories.

She was a cheerleader to Bro. Ben and Ms. Ermeda to keep writing things down. She would say "You're not going to quit on me are you?". She was a great friend, confidant and mentor to not only the children but to all who knew her. Although Ms. Joan's children, grandchildren, family members and friends will miss her terribly, they're thankful that she finished her race with purpose and passion.

#### "Well done Good and Faithful Servant;"



Always smiling



Mentoring campers



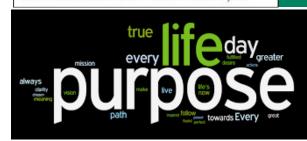
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Honor widows that are widows' indeed...."1 Timothy 5:3

# FROM OUR WIDOWS





**GOT PURPOSE?** Not everyone feels like they do. It can be especially difficult for Christian widows, who after the death of a spouse, try to find purpose and meaning in their new place in the world. Often feeling alone and invisible these widows desire to continue to serve their Lord just as they did along side of their husbands.

The widows at Sing for Joy find purpose in the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp. Our goal and mission is to provide widows with a stable, secure and enjoyable home with unlimited opportunity to give and receive loving care to and from staff, volunteers, children and other widows in residence.

If you know a widow in need or one who is simply looking for purpose, please share with them the opportunities at Sing for Joy Widows' Homes. For more information call (615) 597-1264



Ms. Patty, Ms. Jane and Ms. Valarii hanging out with the boys 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 per week.



# CALLING ALL FISHERMEN!



# 2022 C.A.T.C.H FISHING EVENT CARING ADULTS TOUCHING CHILDREN'S HEARTS

WHEN?
Saturday, September 10th
8AM - 1 PM



WHERE?
Ragland Bottom Campground

HOW YOU CAN HELP?
30 volunteers with a boat & fishing tackle to take two children & a counselor out for a morning of fishing & fun!

Lunch will be provided for all and each child will receive a fishing trophy, pictures of their boat crew and their very own rod and reel to take home.

Call 615-597-1264 for details.



### 12th Annual Pastor and Wives' Retreat

### Friday and Saturday October 7th & 8th



Pontoon boat rides

Great Fellowship





Wonderful times of worship



Horseback Riding



Reconnect

Enjoy delicious home-cooked meals and private accommodations on the 400 plus acre campus of Lighthouse Christian Camp. Sit back and relax during down time or choose to go horse back riding, hiking or take a pontoon boat ride on beautiful Center Hill lake.



This FREE RETREAT is a time for Pastors and their wives to rest, relax and be ministered to by others.

Join Pastor Gene Mims and his wife Ann along with Bro. Ben and Ermeda Chapman as they teach on church leadership, health and growth.

For more information, please call 615-597-1264 or email mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com



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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

### 2022 Fall Camp Schedule

#### August

August 23rd After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM

August 26th-27th Girls Weekend Retreat Fri @ 6:30 PM - Sat @ Noon

> August 30th After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM



Volunteers are needed for discipling children during After-School clubs, weekend retreats and other special events!

Please call the camp's office at (615) 597-1264 or visit our website for additional information. Thank you!

#### **September**

September 6th After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM

September 11th
C.A.T.C.H.
Camp Children Fishing Day

September 11th Boys/Girls Weekend Retreat Fri @ 6:30 PM - Sat @ Noon

> September 13th After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM

September 20th After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM

September 23rd-24th Girls Weekend Retreat Fri @ 6:30 PM - Sat @ Noon

> September 27th After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM



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GIFTS
Needed!

#### October

October 4th After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM

October 7th - 8th
12th Annual
Pastors' and Wives Retreat

October I I th After School Club 3 - 5:30 PM

October 14th - 15th Boys Weekend Retreat Fri @ 6:30 PM - Sat @ Noon

October 28th - 29th Girls Weekend Retreat Fri @ 6:30 PM - Sat @ Noon

#### November

November 11th - 12th Boys Weekend Retreat Fri @ 6:30 PM - Sat @ Noon

#### **December**

December 3rd Girls' Christmas Party

December 10th Boys' Christmas Party

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