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**A New Year
With an
Unchanging Call**

From My Heart...

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men!!" John 1:4.

All honor and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ for how, through the power and direction of the Holy Spirit, He sustains this ministry here at Lighthouse Christian Camp!!

He is the light and the life for all of His creation. The Lord Jesus is to be exalted and magnified, honored and glorified and obeyed!!

Yes, this is the unchanging call for this ministry to precious children in great need. How thankful we are to be privileged, honored and blessed to be a part of what God is doing here in the lives of these precious children!!

How thankful we are for the Widows that God is using here to be such a wonderful blessing to the children!!

Please pray with us that God will inspire widows to join His ministry here as the third Widows' home is nearing completion!!

This newsletter presents many opportunities to join God in His magnificent, supernatural work here at Lighthouse Christian Camp!!

His light shines in the darkness of this world!!

In Christ's love,



*Ermeda & Ben Chapman
Founders & President*

Fixing Their Eyes On Jesus at 2024 Pastors and Wives' Retreat



The 14th Annual Pastors and Wives' retreat was held October 4th and 5th and was once again a huge success with 17 couples attending. This years' theme of **"Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus"** was a wonderful reminder to all in attendance of who and why we serve. During the free event, Pastors and their wives enjoyed great food, times of relaxation, fellowship, worship and more.

The 2025 Pastors and Wives' Retreat will be held Friday and Saturday October 3rd and 4th. If you are a Pastor, or Pastors wife, or would like more information to pass on to your Pastor please contact Pastor David Revelle @ shepherdsfortress@gmail.com

An Unchanging Call in 2025



As we begin another year of God's calling on the ministry, staff, volunteers and supporters of Lighthouse Christian Camp we are reminded that **THE CALL HAS NOT CHANGED!** Bro. Ben has often said "Lighthouse Christian Camp is a miracle ministry born out of the heart of God for the needy, the widow and the orphan."

For more than 40 years God's call and our focus has not changed. We continue to seek out, invite and bring unchurched, under-resourced, disadvantaged and often needy children to free weeks of summer camp during June and July. During these camps the children hear the Gospel, many for the very first time. Over the years, thousands have called out to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins and have made professions of faith that they have become new creations in Christ.

During and following summer camps we disciple these same children. Through events like our weekly after-school-clubs, twice-monthly weekend retreats,

For many children Lighthouse is their "Safe Place"

CATCH fishing events and Christmas parties, we strive to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.

We continue the calling of the ministry to widows through the Sing For Joy Widows' Homes. With a third home now being built we have the opportunity to provide even more stable, safe and secure housing for Christian widows who desire to serve the Lord in their later years.

And finally, in 2025 we continue our calling to reflect God's heart and to minister to the fatherless through the Lighthouse Ranch Homes "Where love abides for children in need."

What a precious, priceless and wonderful calling!



Resident Widows Find Purpose at Sing for Joy.



Lighthouse Ranch "Where Love Abides"

2025 Ermeda C. Chapman Scholarship for Continuing Education Now taking Applications



We are so excited (especially Ms. Ermeda) to announce that applications are now being accepted for the **2025 Ermeda C. Chapman Scholarship for Continuing Education**. The \$3,000.00 scholarship was established in 2022 in honor of our co-founder and Vice President Ms. Ermeda Chapman who has worked (and continues to work) tirelessly in the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp. It is awarded annually to current and former campers of Lighthouse Christian Camp who need financial assistance to extend their education/skill set to be successful and independent. This may include but is not limited to: college, seminary school, trade school or vocational training.

Ms. Ermeda is one of the most giving people we know and she is always “extra-excited” to see campers / former campers have the opportunity to further their education and better themselves.

If you would like more information about guidelines or the application process, call Ms. Beverly Bennett at the camp office at (615) 597-1264 or email: contact@lighthousechristiancamp.com

If you would like to contribute and be a part of providing financial assistance for these students contact the camp office at (615) 597-1264, or go to our website at www.lighthousechristiancamp.com. For donating to the Scholarship fund online, simply scan the QR code to the right.



Working On A Better View



God has blessed Lighthouse Christian Camp with magnificent views of the nearby hills and valleys as well as Center Hill Lake. If you've ever walked out the back door of the Dining Hall you understand that blessing.

Like most things at camp, God does His part and then expects us to do our part. This includes clearing away fast growing scrub trees and brush that often begin to block the view between the Dining Hall and lake.

Recently a group representing TN Disaster Relief and Elizabeth Chapel Baptist Church visited camp to get some training/practice on chainsaw work and clearing and to help us remove some unwanted

scrub trees and underbrush. This hard working group worked through the drizzle and slippery slopes to help clear an area behind the Dining Hall which greatly improves the view.

If you or your church has a disaster relief or other group who need a challenging place for training or who just like to clear and want to help Lighthouse, we have the hills and the trees. Call Michael Kilgore at the office (615) 597-1264 or email: mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com today.



Gym Gets Much Needed Upgrade



One of the more difficult buildings to maintain here at camp is the multipurpose building or “Gym”. Built in 1989, the steel framed building structure has provided challenges over the years. The large building is a vital part of the ministries here and is used year-round for After School Clubs, weekend retreats and more. Unfortunately the elements are tough on this type of structure and we have struggled with maintaining failing windows, a leaky roof and the absence of

air- conditioning in the gymnasium area itself.

In 2019 we were blessed to have a donor give a designated gift to replace many of the 30-year old windows in the building as well as to help buy materials for a beautiful new porch which was built by our Wisconsin Family...Faith in Action.

Fellow Wisconsinites and longtime friends of many of the Faith in Action group are Reid and Deana Ribble who now reside here just a few miles from camp. Reid, who is a former U.S. Congressman, also spent many years in the commercial roofing business. Ms. Deana who is a consummate organizer has volunteered countless hours in the past and especially this year sorting through donations in preparation for the Christmas parties. One of her many talents and passions is pulling together and organizing small items and then making the beautiful gift bags and baskets the children get to choose from during the parties. After her many hours in the camp’s sorting room Ms. Deana became aware of some of the needs especially in the area of the leaking gym roof. She eventually mentioned it to Reid who later came out to lend his expertise. After inspecting the roof and attempting to make some repairs he quickly decided that much more would be needed to do the job right. The gym needed a new roof. When he communicated this to Ms. Deana she began, as Reid puts it “insistently encouraging him to get it done”.

Reid then reached out to and began meeting with former business acquaintances and friends who he thought might support the project. Bruce Fryer, at Nashville’s **Don Kennedy Roofing**, agreed to provide sheet metal and even the labor for the job. Steve Heaton, at **Atlas Roofing Corporation**, volunteered to provide the rigid insulation needed and finally, Scott Gipson, with **Fibertite Roofing Systems**, donated the roofing membrane needed to complete the work.

The job is complete and the building has a new 40 plus year roof. This enormous undertaking would not have been possible if not for God placing it on the hearts of first, the Ribbles and then on these Christ-minded companies. Thank you Father for this huge blessing!



2024 Christmas Party Memories

2024



Over 700 Children Attend 2024 Christmas Parties

All Glory to God... the 2024 Christmas parties were a great success! This year we were able to provide a wonderful day of celebration for over 700 children. As always, the focus of our celebration was Jesus! Once again, local Pastors shared with groups of children the story of Christ's birth and the reason for His coming. I John 4:14-15 says "that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." **We praise the Lord for children, who even at this year's parties, heard the message and responded by calling out to Him! Hallelujah!!**

While not as life changing as becoming a new creation in Christ, children also ate lunch, sang Christmas Carols, drank hot chocolate with marshmallows and shopped for Christmas gifts for their families and themselves.

Finishing the day with receiving their very own Lighthouse hoodie and bag of fruit & candy made many wonderful memories for the children.



Volunteer Praying With Camper After Shopping

Christmas Gifts... Exceedingly Abundantly Above All That We Asked or Imagined



Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that Jesus is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.

We praise the Lord for the thousands of gifts that were collected for this year's Christmas Parties. God's people answered the call like at no other time. Several local churches and businesses put up Angel Trees and collected and/or donated gifts making the gift selection for the children one of the best ever.

When the boys and girls parties were over we had an abundance of gifts to provide for area families who requested help and were even able to donate an entire trailer load of gifts to Elijah's Heart Ministries in Inner City Nashville. Praise His Holy Name!

God's People Answer the Call to Help with Christmas

Lighthouse was blessed to have hundreds of volunteers to help prepare for and put on this year's Christmas Parties. If you were one of those you might have looked around on the day of the party and thought "they have plenty of help." Unfortunately this was not.. and is rarely, the case. There is always a need for more personal shoppers, team members to be with the kids and store clerks (especially in clothing). Preparation for the parties takes months with individuals and groups volunteering to come and sort through gifts, make baskets and set up.



The logistics of getting children signed up, and transported to and from camp in itself is an enormous undertaking. Lighthouse staff and volunteers worked tirelessly behind the scenes making phone calls, driving or chaperoning vans and buses to transport children to and from the parties and more.

We are in constant awe of how God knits hearts together to achieve His work and we are so thankful to you, our supporters, who have worked tirelessly to make this year's parties a great success.



Wisconsin's Faith In Action



Our Wisconsin family/missions team arrived the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The group from FIA (Faith In Action) returned once again this year to work on construction projects as well as help us prepare for and hold the first Christmas party. This year, the hard working group was able to install the flooring in the new widows home, build one of the homes two carports and many other projects throughout the week before joining in on the festivities with the children on Saturday.

The Christmas Party team did an incredible job sorting gifts, making baskets and preparing the Gym for the party.

We thank God for these wonderful family members/supporters who have for so many years been led to travel to and serve at Lighthouse.



HELP WANTED!



Lighthouse Christian Camp is looking for volunteer County Coordinators in several of the areas we serve. This important position acts as the liaison between Lighthouse Christian Camp and the children/families in their respective communities. It is key to our success or failure in identifying, signing up and bringing under-resourced children from each area. The ideal candidate(s) will have a servant's heart and will believe in the mission of evangelizing and discipling children/families in their communities.

County Coordinators regularly communicate with campers/families about upcoming events as well as needs that the families themselves have. They help obtain and set up transportation for the campers and are at meeting points checking in children the day of events.

Sound like a lot of work? It is... but the rewards are eternal! While many of our coordinators serve alone, this would also be a perfect position for a married couple or a group of people (Sunday School Class / Small Group) who want to serve the Lord in their communities. Duties... (calling, signups, home visits,

arranging transportation, check-in,) can easily be divided as long as there is a lead coordinator to pull things together and insure that things are done.

Currently there are needs in **Cannon, Davidson, DeKalb, Jackson and Warren Counties**. If you live in or around these areas would you please pray and consider allowing God to use you in this highly important position? For more information contact Beverly Bennett at 615-597-1264 or e-mail her at contact@lighthousechristiancamp.com.



Anne Tanner Joins Lighthouse Staff

Anne Tanner has joined the staff at Lighthouse in the position of administrative, kitchen manager, cook, donation sorter, food purchaser, horse wrangler, mechanic (you get the idea). Like everyone at Lighthouse Anne will serve wherever needed.

She along with her husband Roy who were retired camp directors and full-time RVers first came to Lighthouse in the Fall of 2020 for a short service project. After spending some time at camp and seeing the heart of the ministry the couple began spending more and more of their year at Lighthouse.

While Anne serves on staff, Roy will continue to serve in a full-time volunteer capacity. We thank God for Roy and Anne and for their love of the ministries here.



Anne and Roy Tanner

Come and Serve or Bring Your Family/Group for Missions / Service Opportunities

Before you know it Winter will be over and we will once again be tasked with de-winterizing buildings, removing leaves from the grounds, making facility improvements and getting ready for camp. Spring is a perfect time to come out to Lighthouse to lend a hand with maintenance and special projects.

Whether you're a skilled tradesman or just have a willing heart there is always something to do here at camp.

Want to come longer than a day? Bring your camper! Lighthouse has seven full hookups that include electric, water, sewer and high speed internet. Don't have a camper? We may be able to put you up while you serve.

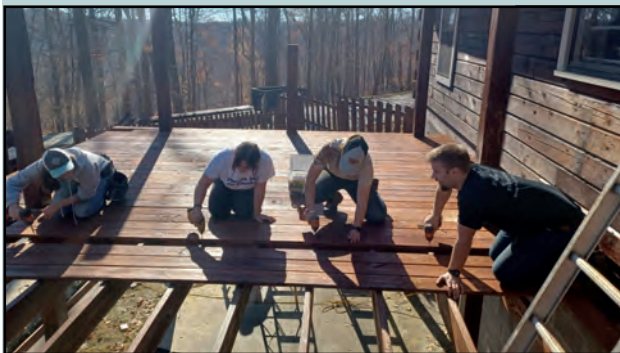
For more information on how you or your group can get involved Call (615) 597-1264 today or email: mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com.



Lighthouse has 7 full hookup RV sites



Leaf removal is always a big task.



Projects are ongoing now!



Youth groups cleaning fences



There's plenty of inside work as well.



Beautifying the Camp

Volunteer Spotlights



Dan and Cindy Billington

Local Volunteers

Dan and Cindy Billington

Dan and Cindy first came to Lighthouse in December of 2023 along with other members from their church to help with one of the Christmas parties.

Since that time they have been frequent volunteers traveling from their home in Smyrna to work for the day or sometimes bringing their camper trailer and staying for days on end.

Dan, who has a background in building and maintenance has been a great blessing in the construction of the new widows home as well as with many other projects.

Ms. Cindy as well, has been a tremendous asset helping with

the preparation and serving of meals as well as sorting donations, cleaning facilities and more.

Dan and Cindy are members of Parkway Baptist Church in Smyrna. They have been married for almost 50 years and have 2 children and 9 grandchildren. We are grateful God has placed Lighthouse on the heart of these two wonderful people.

SOWERS

Rob and Vicki Schildroth

Rob and Vicki Schildroth of Sioux Falls, SD became SOWERS (Servants on Wheels Ever Ready) in 2020.

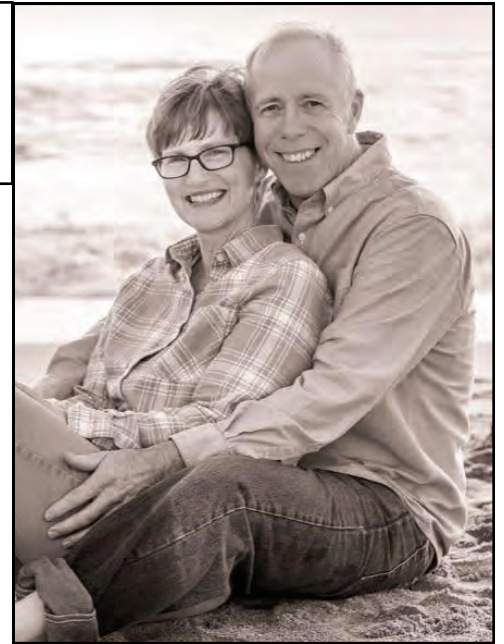
What's a Sower you ask? The SOWERS organization is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian couples RV work ministry with over 170 partners across the United States.

Over the years as one of those partners, Lighthouse has been blessed to have hundreds of couples come for three-week long assignments to help with maintenance and projects around camp. The Schildroth's are one such couple.

After retiring Rob and Vicki began praying for what God wanted them to do next and joined the SOWERS organization.

Beginning in 2021 Rob and Vicky came for their first project at Lighthouse and have since returned on several occasions. The couple has also served as SOA's (SOWERS on assignment) for a three month project in 2023. With a background in farming and industry there are very few things Rob can't do. Ms. Vicki is one of the kindest people you will ever meet and is always quick to volunteer no matter the task.

We thank God for Rob and Vicky and the blessing they are not only to Lighthouse Christian Camp, but to other SOWER partner ministries around the nation.



Rob and Vicki Schildroth

From Our Camp Program Director



Program Director Shayne Spurgeon

With the new year comes new opportunities for you, our supporters, to be a part of discipling Lighthouse children. Through our follow-up discipleship programs campers are mentored and encouraged in their walks and are offered support that can only come from fellow believers.

Our weekly DeKalb County After-School Club is held each Tuesday and functions like a large youth group that provides support and accountability for our DeKalb county students. Continuing to foster godly relationships and to point them towards our Savior.

This semester our students will be diving into the book of Acts and learning from the early church the importance of our mission and sharing the gospel with our friends, family, and community. They will learn about the struggles and triumphs of the early church and how they overcame, through the power of Jesus, to get us to where

we are today. In this study each student will also learn how to effectively share their faith with others around them.

Our weekend retreats are a great time for first time volunteers to come and get a taste of what the ministry at Lighthouse is all about!! Come spend a Friday Night to Saturday lunch worshipping with our students and learning new ways to follow and grow their relationship with Christ. Though short, retreats are a great opportunity for us to check up and follow through with discipleship for our campers in all the counties we serve. If you want to volunteer or feel the Lord is calling you to do so, please contact us, we would love to get you plugged in.

Now Recruiting Summer Staff



Know any amazing men and women of God??? WE NEED THEM!!! One summer can mean an eternity of difference for 100's of kids and God wants to work through us to make that happen. But we need men and women (young and old) to answer the call to serve on staff this summer.

Our Ideal candidate would be a person on fire for Jesus over the age of 16 willing to give 5 to 9 weeks of their life to make an

eternity of difference in the lives of campers that attend Lighthouse. If that sounds like someone you know...please have them fill out an application so we can speak and pray with them about joining our 2025 summer staff. The QR code in the graphic leads to our application.

Camp Gets New Archery Equipment



Lighthouse was recently blessed with the donation of new archery equipment for our camp and discipleship programs. The donation was part of the annual GIC (Global Impact Celebration) held at Judson Baptist Church in Brentwood in late September.

Program Director Shayne Spurgeon, who loves bow hunting and archery was excited to receive the wonder gift for the camp. By the first retreat after GIC he had archery activities planned and the girls had an amazing time as they learned the patience, concentration, focus, and discipline that archery requires.

Thank you Judson for blessing our children.





*Sing for Joy
Widows' Homes*

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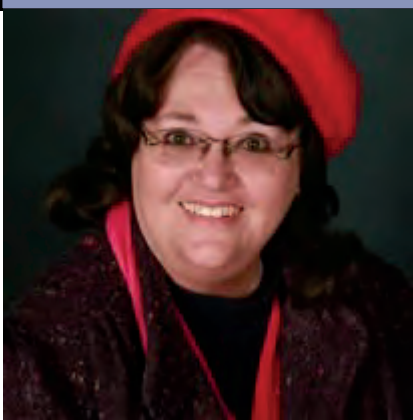
"Honor widows that are widows' indeed..." 1 Timothy 5:3

NEWS FROM SING FOR JOY



In His Presence

Remembering Sing For Joy's Carol Ann O'Clare



Our beloved Ms. Carol Ann, Sing for Joy resident and faithful servant of the Lord passed away on January 5, 2025 at the age of 78. Ms. Carol, who was the very first resident of Sing for Joy, originally came to live and serve at camp in September of 2007. Although she left in 2016 she later returned in 2023 and according to family members was overjoyed at being able to rejoin Lighthouse in it's service to under-resourced children.

She was a unique individual who loved Jesus and loved books and thought that everyone else should too. She also enjoyed crafts and teaching others, especially children about the Lord.

Most of all Carol Ann loved her grandchildren Rachel and David. She was a part of the Lighthouse family for many years and will be missed greatly.



Widows Ministry Directors Called Back to Pastorate



Doug and Janet Parham

Doug and Janet Parham who have been full-time volunteers directing the Widows Ministry since 2023 have been called to leave Sing for Joy for Bro. Doug to return to the Pastorate.

Doug who spent 30 years as a pastor felt strongly that God was calling he and Ms. Janet to North Carolina for him to serve as an interim pastor for churches in the region who were without one.

What a wonderful blessing Doug and Janet have been to the widows and to all of the Lighthouse family not only during their time as Widows Ministry Directors but also for many years previously in their roles as SOWERS (Servants on Wheels Ever Ready.) Join us as we pray for God to continue to use the Parham's in their new role.

Widows Focus: Ms. Patty Jackson



Ms. Patty Jackson
(Our Elegant Laundry Lady)

After losing her husband in 2019, Ms. Patty Jackson continued to work which involved her traveling all over the State of TN (BTW... Ms. Patty loves to drive!). After the Covid shutdowns were lifted and she returned to work she noticed that she began to tire more easily. She soon came to the conclusion that at age 85, it was probably time to retire.

Ms. Patty had a friend who was likeminded and in the same type of situation and the two began making plans of traveling and going on adventures together. Tragically her friend suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. Ms. Patty was devastated! She felt alone and wondered "God am I just going to sit in my recliner and watch TV for the rest of my life?"



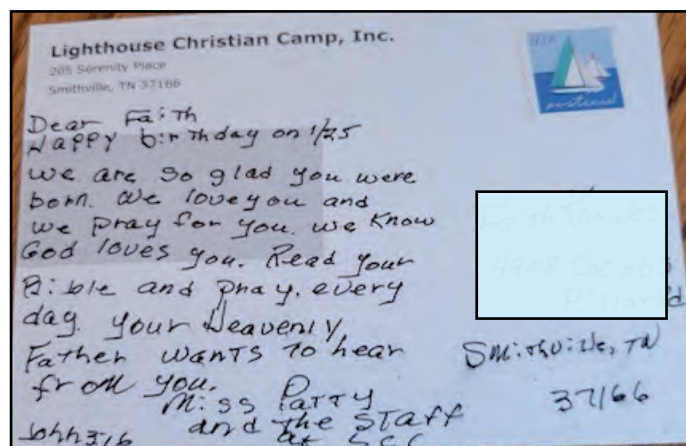
Ms. Patty's License
Plate Says It All

It was later while visiting her daughter, who was a supporter of Lighthouse and who had one of the camps newsletters sitting out that she made a surprising discovery. Although she had never even heard of Lighthouse herself, she saw a little blurb in the newsletter which read "Widows... we have many opportunities to serve." "That's what I need!" she exclaimed.

Ms. Patty immediately called the camp and set up an appointment to drive out (because Ms. Patty loves to drive) to camp. Upon arrival Ms. Patty says "I immediately felt that God had planted me at Lighthouse.". During her interview process she excitedly asked "what kinds of opportunities do you have for me to serve?" After hearing about the camp ministry to children Ms. Patty abruptly chuckled and said "I don't really like children... what else can I do?" "There's lots of cleaning", we replied. "I don't even do my own cleaning", she said. "What else?" "Well, there's laundry"... to which she replied "I CAN DO THAT". "I will be the most elegant laundry lady you have ever had!"

It goes without saying that Ms. Patty did join the ladies at Sing for Joy in late 2021. Upon her arrival, she busied herself with laundry and other tasks but soon desired more. She inquired of what else she could do and was tasked with placing address labels on generic birthday cards to all of the 1,100 plus camp children. "I can do that" Patty thought..."but it needs to be more personal" She began writing "Happy Birthday on such and such a date... We're so glad you were born!" Soon God spoke to her heart and told her to add more... and today each card has a personal note!

Through the birthday cards and her interactions with campers, Ms. Patty has become a champion and encourager of Lighthouse children. She loves to show them Christ's love! We love you Ms. Patty!



Sing for Joy Ladies Honored During Recent Church Luncheon



Bethlehem Baptist Church in Crossville recently blessed our Sing for Joy ladies with a luncheon held at the church. The ladies were accompanied by Camp Program Director, Shayne Spurgeon, who braved the morning with this rowdy group to go and share about all that God continues to do in the ministries of Lighthouse.

We are so thankful for Bethlehem Baptist and other churches who love on our widows so well.



Handmade Prayer Quilts for Sing for Joy Residents

Ms. Jana Kennedy and Ms. Ann Corn, who both attend Judson Baptist Church in Brentwood, wanted to present the ladies of Sing for Joy (both current and future) with something tangible to remind them that they are being prayed for as they live and serve in the ministries here at Lighthouse. The two women made eleven beautiful prayer quilts and delivered them to the camp during the

Christmas Holidays.

Our current Sing for Joy residents were able to choose a quilt for themselves from the selection and the remaining quilts will be stored for future residents.

We praise the Lord for the hard work, and especially for the hearts of these ladies as they honor our resident widows.



*Ms. Kathy Carroll With
Her New Prayer Quilt*



Now Taking Applications for New Widows Home

With the completion of the new widows home comes opportunities for new widows to join the ladies at Sing for Joy. We are currently taking applications for new residents in our widows ministry. Prospective widows should be at least 62 years of age, be self sufficient and able to care for themselves, and above all have a desire to continue to serve the Lord in their later years.

As a resident of Sing For Joy, widows are provided with their very own efficiency apartment complete with kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom. Each residence has a carport and a

private exterior entrance. Additionally each apartment has an interior door which connects with the homes "common area" where there is a laundry room, full kitchen with dining area and living room for residents who desire to get together for a meal, an evening of TV or games and fellowship.

Sing for Joy residents have unlimited opportunities to serve in the ministries of Lighthouse. These include: mentoring and leading small groups of children, cooking or serving meals, cleaning and other preparation before and after events, sorting donations and more.

Rent is just \$130 per month and all property maintenance and upkeep is taken care of by the staff and volunteers of Lighthouse Christian Camp.

If you or someone you know is interested and would like more information please call Michael Kilgore at the camp office at (615) 597-1264 or e-mail: mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com.



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.

One-Day Offering of \$65,505.84 for New Widows' Home!

Lighthouse was greatly blessed to be one of the recipients of Judson Baptist Church's One-Day Offering from their annual Global Impact Celebration (GIC). Each year, on Sunday morning during the celebration, the church takes up an offering for a specific mission partner/purpose. For this year's focus God led Judson to support both Sing for Joy Widows' Homes and another Widows ministry...

But God Ministries in Jonestown, MS in the construction of homes for widows. God moved His people to give tremendously as Lighthouse received \$65,505.84 as our part of the offering. Praise His Holy Name!



As one of their Regional Missions Partners, Judson blesses Lighthouse throughout the year with not only financial support but also with transportation for campers, volunteer counselors, work parties and more. We are so grateful for Pastor Jeff Mims, the Judson staff and the church family for loving Lighthouse so well!

Great is Thy Faithfulness!



Power is on in the New Home!

As construction of the third widows' home here at Lighthouse continues, God has time and time again proven Himself faithful in providing for His work. If you've kept up with the progress on social media and in Bro. Ben's monthly letters, you've rejoiced at how God has continued to provide monetarily but also with materials

donations and volunteer tradesmen from all over—Concrete pumpers to fill the walls, carpenters who have traveled thousands of miles, plumbers and electricians, sheetrock hangers and finishers, septic system installers and SOWERS (Servants on Wheels Ever Ready) and more.

Other donations have included water heaters, plumbing materials and fixtures and even the vinyl plank flooring for the entire home!

Praise His Holy name for continuing to provide and remind us that He loves us and will be faithful to His calling. **Great is His Faithfulness!**



HIS Hand of Protection.



Surrounding Forest Was Engulfed

Just after midnight following the first Christmas party on December 7th, sleep was interrupted by the phone ringing.... **there was a fire behind the new widows home!** Minutes later as we arrived we were shocked to see the entire forest surrounding the new home engulfed in flames. After calling for emergency services, staff and volunteers alike began battling the blaze to protect the home from being overtaken. When county firefighters (two brush trucks and a pumper along with EMS) arrived they immediately sprung into action to get things under control. Just minutes later crews from the Tennessee Division of Forestry arrived and began extinguishing flames and creating firebreaks around the fire.

By 4:30 AM firefighters felt they had the fire safely

contained and left to go get some much needed sleep. Unfortunately, the wind picked up again and by mid-morning the fire began to rekindle requiring staff and volunteers to leave their families at church and spring back into action to keep the fire contained.

After things calmed down and we inspected the area around the new widows home, we found that the flames crept all the way up to the foundation. They not only went around small pieces of scrap lumber without igniting them but also a can of diesel fuel right next to the building. There is no other explanation...

GOD'S HAND OF PROTECTION!

Glory to our Father in Heaven for His hand of protection over not only the new widows home but also over the firefighters and staff and volunteers.



Next Step... Appliances!



Soon it will be time for appliances for the new widows home. That's five refrigerators, five stoves, five dishwashers and a washer and dryer. Yikes!

We know that God will once again miraculously provide as He always does and we don't want you to miss out on being a part of what He's going to do.

If you or someone you know is in the appliance business and you would like to help with donating or even discounting these purchases please call Michael Kilgore at (615) 597-1264 or email: mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com.

If you feel led to donate specifically towards these purchases simply notate "New Widows Homes Appliances" with your gift.

From Our Foster Homes



The Merriman's

Corey, Aaliyah and the Merriman family continue to bless us. Although now residing in the lower home away from the main camp road, the children's laughter can frequently be heard as they play in the yard and ride their bikes.

All but baby Elsie Marie have been officially adopted and Corey and Aaliyah are making every effort to insure that she will soon be legally a part of the Merriman family. Please pray for the Merriman's as they navigate through this tedious process.

Welcome The Orcutt's

Although Josh and Faith Orcutt joined Lighthouse as house parents just a few months ago, their relationship with camp has been many years in the making.

Josh, who was raised by his grandmother, first came to Lighthouse as a 9-year old missions camper in the summer of 2001. As Josh remembers... I only made it until Wednesday before I was sent home for fighting. Although his relationship with camp got off to a rocky start, God had plans for Josh. Years later he would run into Bro. Ben and proudly proclaim "I finally made it out of the projects!"



Faith, who was also later brought up by her grandparents, had a difficult childhood early on and can remember detesting DCS and the foster care system for taking away her sister.



Josh's 1st day of camp 2001

Years later as God brought Josh and Faith together, the couple knew they would one day want to help children as they had been helped. Married for ten years now, the Orcutt's attend Outreach Baptist Church in Smithville. They started their own successful HVAC Company "Triune Air" and continue to seek God's will in their lives. They have four children of their own and now that they have completed Foster Parent Training, are looking forward to welcoming more into their family here at Lighthouse. Join us in welcoming the Orcutt's and in praying for them and for the children that God will bring into their home.



SCAN TO GIVE

A SPECIAL GIFT THROUGH LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CAMP



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 through our residents at 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.

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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.

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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.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SING FOR JOY WIDOWS HOME

Help provide for the completion & furnishing of a third Widows Home at Lighthouse.

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Volunteer And Make A Difference This Year!

January

10-11 **Girls' Weekend Retreat**
17-18 **Boys' Weekend Retreat**

February

7-8 **Ministry Leaders Retreat**
21-22 **Boys'/Girls' Weekend Retreat**

March

7-8 **Girls' Weekend Retreat**
21-22 **Boys' Weekend Retreat**

April

25-26 **Boys'/Girls' Weekend Retreat**

May

ALL **Help Needed Preparing
for Summer Camp!**
27-30 **2025 Summer Staff Training**

June

2-27 **4-Weeks of Boys' Summer
Camp (Monday-Friday)**

July

1-25 **4 Weeks of Girls' Summer Camp
(Monday-Friday)**

August

22-23 **Boys' Weekend Retreat**

September

5-6 **Boys'/Girls' Weekend Retreat**
6 **Annual C.A.T.C.H. Fishing Event**
19-20 **Girls' Weekend Retreat**

October

3-4 **Annual Pastors' & Wives' Retreat**
10-11 **Boys' Weekend Retreat**
24-25 **Girls' Weekend Retreat**

November

ALL **Preparation for Christmas Parties**

December

6 **Annual Girls' Christmas Party**
13 **Annual Boys' Christmas Party**

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