

## Being The Hands and Feet of Jesus in 2023

On the first day of camp every child is given a workbook. Within these are fill-in-the-blanks, memory verses and more that help them learn God's word. As a reward for each activity the children earn points. With those points they have the opportunity to reach levels which go higher and higher to honor their hard work and dedication.

For a young girl, when she completes enough work to earn 100 points she reaches the level of "Queen". With continued hard work and earning another 50 points she will become a "Princess". Adding more points to the next level will take her to "Duchess" and then "Maiden" and then on to the very top... "SERVANT".

Yes, we realize this is backwards from the world we live in but it is exactly what Jesus taught and modeled. In Matthew 20:28, He told His disciples "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many".

I Peter 4:10 tells us that "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Jesus has called and gifted each of us to serve. You may not realize it now, but God has a special purpose for you and you don't have to worry about being skilled enough, knowledgeable enough or strong enough to do it.... He will equip you if you just put your "YES" on the table.



Whether you serve in your local church, in your own community or in one of the many opportunities here at Lighthouse, we pray that in 2023 you will experience the great blessing of being the hands and feet of Jesus. In each month of this calendar we've outlined opportunities for you and/or your family to serve. If while reading about these God speaks to you, call us at (615) 597-1264 and we'll tell you how to get started.

## Lighthouse Christian Camp Ministries Include:

#### **LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CAMP**



Since 1982, Lighthouse Christian Camp has focused on reaching out and ministering to under-resourced, disadvantaged and often needy children.

Through week-long summer camps and year-round disciple-ship programs thousands of children, who never otherwise would have the opportunity

have come, free of charge, to experience the beauty of God's

creation in a new and meaningful way.

They get to do all the things children should get to do: ride horses, swim, hike, go on hayrides, pontoon boat rides, and more. Prayer, sharing, quiet time, and acknowledging our

Creator and Savior are part of every activity.

Campers eat three delicious meals a day—and they eat until they're full! They run, play, and make new friends. They rest, they laugh and smile, but most importantly, through the camp's volunteers and staff, these boys and girls see a living picture of Christ as they are loved, accepted, and valued for who they are. Many lives have been eternally changed as they have come to know Him as their personal Lord and Savior and as they grow in their faith in Him.

### **LIGHTHOUSE BOYS & GIRLS' RANCH**



With a motto of, "where LOVE abides for children in need,"
Lighthouse Boys and Girls' Ranch homes provide loving care for foster children that are referred by The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. The spacious Ranch homes are able to accommodate large

sibling groups who would often otherwise have to be split up between multiple foster homes. House parents that love the Lord Jesus Christ provide consistent love, discipline and direction that children need and deserve.

### "SING FOR JOY" WIDOWS' HOMES



Based upon the scriptural mandate of caring for widows, the goal and mission of Sing for Joy is to offer widows safe, independent retirement living with unlimited opportunities to serve in ministry.

Each widow in the residence occupies her own private, spacious, one-bedroom suite with a full kitchen, full bath, and deck or patio. For times of fellowship, the home is equipped with a common

area with its own eat-in kitchen, living room, ½ bath, and laundry area.

All widows have unlimited opportunities to be involved with the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp. What a joy for these ladies to be just like a grandmother to a child.

### **LIGHTHOUSE PASTOR' RETREAT HOME**

The Pastors' Retreat Home ministry provides a place for pastors and their wives and families to use as a wonderful getaway to recuperate from the challenges of ministry. With its 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.

In addition to providing a getaway, each October, Lighthouse Christian Camp holds a special "Pastors' and Wives' Retreat" conference. The heart and vision for this retreat is to give pastors and their wives the opportunity to rest and relax in an environment where they are encouraged, loved and appreciated. With delicious meals, great activities, inciteful breakout sessions and awesome times of worship the retreat is a wonderful way for couples to relax and rejuvenate.





## "THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR"

Our 34th annual Christmas parties will take place on December 3rd (Girls) and December 10th (Boys).

These events are a great way to meet the children and to be able to see the joy they experience getting to shop for themselves and their family members.

Children will observe Christmas traditions like drinking hot cocoa, singing Christmas carols and hearing the true Christmas story of the birth of our Lord, some for the first time.

Volunteers are needed for gift wrapping, store clerks, traffic control and more.

To register to VOLUNTEER... go to www.lighthousechristiancamp.com/volunteer-1.

Or contact the camp office at

**(615) 597-1264** for details on how you can serve.

# DECEMBER 2022

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							BOYS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
				PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY			
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				FIRST DAY OF WINTER			CHRISTMAS EVE
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
5	CHRISTMAS DAY						NEW YEAR'S EVE







## LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO SERVE ON THE WEEKEND?

With few exceptions, every other weekend we hold overnight retreats for our campers year-round. These events last from Friday evening at 6:30 PM through Noon on Saturday.

Come and serve as a volunteer mentor.

No training necessary just a love for Jesus and a desire to make a difference.

Just 18 hours invested in His kingdom on a Friday night and Saturday morning can change a child's life forever.

Contact the camp office at **(615) 597-1264** for details.



# JANUARY 2023

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22	23	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	25	26		28 END RETREAT —Sat. at Noon RS NEEDED
29	30	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM				





## Fostering Servanthood at Lighthouse Ranch Homes

In July of 2022 it was reported that there were over 8,500 children in Foster care in the state of Tennessee. It was also reported that last year almost 500 children aged out of foster care without being adopted. Of those who age out, only 3% will go on to graduate college. Even more staggering, statistics show that 60% of boys who age out end up in jail within 5 years and 75% of girls who age out have an unexpected pregnancy.

Foster children need to be taught and shown the love of Jesus. They need Christian families who will stand beside them and teach them by example, how to lead a successful life in Christ.

Lighthouse is looking for foster parents to live in our on-campus homes and to provide the loving environment needed for sibling groups in crisis. Is God calling you to serve children in desperate need?

For more information on how you can be a foster parent at Lighthouse or in your own home, call our offices at **(615) 597-1264** today.

## FEBRUARY 2023

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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į			DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM				MINISTRY RETREAT
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	26	27	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM				





## ON MISSION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

In Mark 16:15 Jesus tells us to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". Many of us at Lighthouse have gone on mission trips to other states and even to other countries to tell people about the hope we have in Jesus.

We're reminded however, that we must not forget those in our very own neighborhoods.

## Now more than ever the people in our country need to hear the Gospel message!

For more than 40 years Lighthouse Christian Camp has been reaching out and ministering to children and families throughout Middle TN. We currently serve 15 area counties (listed to the right). For many of you... these are YOUR neighborhoods.

Help us reach the people where you live and work. Opportunities include van drivers, chaperones, mentors, area coordinators and more. Call us today at (615) 597-1264 for more details.

# MARCH 2023

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			3:00-5:30 PM			Fri. at 6:30 PM- VOLUNTEER	
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR)	13	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18
	19	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	22	23	BOYS' WEEKE Fri. at 6:30 PM- VOLUNTEER	—Sat. at Noon
	26	27	28	29	30	31	





# SERVING ON SUMMER STAFF

What does it mean to serve on staff for the summer at Lighthouse?

Missionary and acclaimed author Elizabeth Elliot (1926-2015) once said "I have one desire now – to live a life of reckless abandon for the Lord, putting all my energy and strength into it."

As far fetched as it may sound... that's it. It means four weeks of opening up and pouring yourself out to precious children desperate to know that someone cares. Making life-long friends with those you serve with and watching God work in not only the campers lives but also in those of the staff and volunteers. If you're ready to live a life of reckless abandon for the Lord this summer... call us today!

## APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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16	17	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	19	20	21	22
23	24	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	26	27	Fri. at 6:30 PM	29 END RETREAT I—Sat. at Noon RS NEEDED









Come Camp with Us While You Volunteer

## MAKE PLANS TO SERVE THIS SUMMER

Whether it be cooking and serving meals at the dining hall, performing maintenance around camp, mowing, weed eating or working on a special project... the summer is a wonderful time to serve at Lighthouse.

Soon the children will be here and we want the facilities to be in tip top shape. There is always lots to do as we prepare.

Come and spend the day, a week or even more serving the Lord in His ministries to the needy, the orphans and the widows.

Call (615) 597-1264 for more information.



# **IMAY** 2023

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# THERE'S NO GREATER MISSION THAN TO SHARE JESUS AT GIRLS SUMMER CAMP

Imagine being a little girl at camp for the very first time.... timid and unsure of what to expect. Then, they see **you** and hear you say "Welcome.... I'm so glad you're here!".

We can think of no greater mission or ministry than to spend a week being used by God to help point a young lady to Christ and to watch her life turn completely around. God WILL use you if you allow Him.

Call us at **(615) 597-1264** for more details!

# JUNE 2023

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### SERVING AND SHAPING THE NEXT GENERATION AT BOYS CAMPS

There are many young and impressionable minds in our communities that are trying to make sense out of life.

Who will shape, mold and lead the young men who will marry our daughters and grand daughters. The young men who will lead our country and world when we're gone? If the answer is **anything short of Jesus Christ, we will have failed**.

Boys need Godly men to teach them by example what it means to be an honorable, moral, trustworthy man of God.

By serving for one week as a mentor this summer you'll have the chance for God to use you to accomplish His will in the lives of our future fathers and leaders.

For more information call (615) 597-1264.

# July 2023

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### SERVING WITH AND THROUGH SING FOR JOY WIDOWS' HOMES

As summer comes to a close it's a wonderful time to consider getting involved with God's ministry to Widows.

In James 1:27 we're reminded that "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world".

According to one study, within one year of their husbands death 50 percent of widows no longer attend the church they attended with their husbands. What does this say to us? We, the church, need to focus more on widows.

At Sing for Joy Widows' Homes these precious ladies find purpose and community. Here they can live independently while enjoying endless opportunities to serve the children. staff and other widows involved in the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp. Call (615) 597-1264 for more information.

## AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27	28	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	30	31		In Loving Memory





### SERVING TO BE FISHERS OF MEN.... AND WOMEN AT C.A.T.C.H

With our annual C.A.T.C.H (Caring Adults Touching Children's Hearts) fishing event, September is a fabulous time to serve.

Bring your boat and spouse and take a couple of our campers out for a morning of fishing on Center Hill Lake. Share your skills and watch the excitement as these children catch possibly their very first fish ever.

In just a few hours return to the beach for lunch and an awards ceremony where each child receives a trophy and their very own fishing rod. For more information call (615) 597-1264.



## SEPTEMBER 2023

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	10	11	DeKalb County After-school Club	13	14	15  NATIONAL POW/MIA	16
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## Serving Our Pastors

Those who serve us are often the ones frequently forgotten. Pastors and their wives and families are often themselves left unserved and neglected.

October is a great month to remind your Pastor and their family how much you care by serving them.

Invite them over for dinner. Encourage them to get away for a few days and maybe even offer to cover the cost.

One of the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp is to Pastors and their families. We offer a **Retreat Home** to provide a place for them to get away and be refreshed in their service to the Lord.

We also hold an annual Pastors and Wives Retreat each October which provides a setting where Pastors and their wives can gather together with others in the Pastorate to relax and encourage one another. If you'd like information on how you can sign up your pastors family call us at (615) 597-1264

# OCTOBER 2023

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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31  Reformation Day				





## SERVING TOGETHER

November is a great time to serve at Lighthouse as a family or church group! With Fall, comes falling leaves... and



boy does God bless us with an abundance of them! Gather your Sunday School, friends and loved ones and come out for an afternoon of leaf removal to help us maintain the grass and landscaping.

We're also getting things ready for our upcoming Christmas parties in December and there is lots of preparation required. Lord willing, we will have tons of donations to sort through and organize. There's gift baskets to make, decorations to hang and much more.

For more details on how you and your group can help call (615) 597-1264

# NOVEMBER 2023

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## TO SERVE THIS YEAR

Here we are... the final month of 2023. Did you make time to serve God this year? It's not too late! Volunteer in your church, take a meal to a neighbor or help a family in need in your community.

If you're interested in helping at Lighthouse, we have two great opportunities to serve during our Christmas parties for under-resourced children.

On consecutive Saturdays, (December 2nd and 9th) hundreds of children will attend and will have the joy of experiencing the true meaning of Christmas through Lighthouse. They'll get to "shop" for gifts for themselves and family members. They'll sing Christmas carols, drink hot chocolate, listen to "the real" story of Christmas and much more.

Over 150 volunteers are needed for each of these events. Call **(615) 597-1264** for more information.

# DECEMBER 2023

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	3	4	5	6	PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8	BOYS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23
	CHRISTMAS EVE NEW YEAR'S EVE 31	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29	30

# How can you help?

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.

## Would you consider becoming a:

#### **MONTHLY SUPPORTER**

- Provide needed funds to sustain these ministries, ongoing follow up programs.
- Provide for expansion and improvement of facilities.
- Payments can be automatically deducted from your account each month.

#### **CAMP SPONSOR**

- Make it possible for children to come to camp for free.
- Just \$180 sponsors a child to come to camp for a whole week!
- In return for your sponsorship, you will receive a thank you letter from a camper, handwritten in his or her own words.

### **PROJECT VOLUNTEER**

God continues to send dedicated volunteers from all over the country to work on building and maintenance projects around the camp. Are you willing to be used in one of the following areas?

- Construction or building maintenance.
- Landscaping and grounds maintenance.
- Painting
- Cleaning
- Office/Clerical
- Preparing for and working special events.



### **VOLUNTEER MENTOR / COUNSELOR**

- Week-long mentors needed for summer camps.
- Weekend mentors needed throughout fall and winter for follow-up programs.
- Once-a-week mentors for After School Club throughout the school year.

#### **PRAYER**

Please continue to pray for the ministries of Lighthouse Christian Camp. 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 for how He wants you to get involved.

WELCOME TO GOD'S COUNTRY

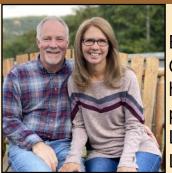
Month By Month, Your Support Makes An Eternity Of Difference!

## The Lighthouse Christian Camp Family



Ben & Ermeda Chapman Founders

At Gods calling over 41 years ago, Bro. Ben and Mrs. Ermeda Chapman founded Lighthouse Christian Camp. What started out as a summer camp for needy and disadvantaged children has some 40 plus years later evolved into multiple ministries to underresourced children, widows and orphans. **To God Be The Glory!** 



Michael & Kelly Kilgore Executive Director

Michael Kilgore serves as Executive Director of Lighthouse Christian Camp Ministries. He and his wife Kelly reside on the camp property and love serving the Lord together in the ministries of Lighthouse.



**Beverly Bennett** 



Jason and Amy Harrington



Jane Jepson



**Patty Jackson** 



Rodger and Vicki Myhre



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