

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CAMP

2025 Calendar & Ministry Guide



BUILDING ON JESUS!

Building On Jesus



As we designed and created this 2025 calendar we prayed, as we always do... "God, what do you want to say?". In 2023 His answer was *"remind them that they are **Created to Serve**"*, and last year He spoke strongly to *"**Lead Them to Jesus.**"* This year God has clearly said *"I want my people to work at **Building on Jesus.**"*

1 Corinthians 3:11 says "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Praise the Lord!!

Most of the children who attend Lighthouse Christian Camp do not have a stable home life. Many are living with a single parent or are being raised by a relative caregiver. Their "foundation" is laid on circumstances and on the things of the world and all that it has to offer. The relationships in their lives are unstable and shaky and can't always be depended on.

While attending camp these children hear, many for the very first time, that there is a loving God who wants a relationship with them. A God who loves them so much that He took on their sins and died for them so that they could be together forever. Each year many of these children make professions of faith in Jesus Christ or recommit their lives at camp and then return home where all progress ceases. We must find a way to correct this!

In a time when it seems like much of our world is depending on everything else... we too need to build on, improve upon, stand on our relationship with Jesus! Whatever your circumstance,...**BUILD ON IT!**

Are you a new Christian or have you been serving our Father for many years? Regardless of where you are at in **your** relationship... build on Jesus! Lay out a plan for how you will build your relationship with our Savior bigger and better in 2025. Pursue purity and Godliness, share the Gospel with others, shift your priorities, read His Word, Pray to your Father.

Matthew 7:24-25 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "

Let's Keep Building on Jesus!

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 discipleship 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 in crisis.

The spacious Ranch homes are able to accommodate large sibling groups who would often

otherwise have had to be split up between multiple foster homes. House parents who 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 residence occupies her own private and 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, half 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 grandmothers to these children!

LIGHTHOUSE PASTORS' RETREAT HOME

The Pastors' Retreat Home ministry provides a place for pastors, 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 homes' 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, insightful breakout sessions, and awesome times of worship, the retreat is a wonderful way for couples to relax and rejuvenate.



HE CAME FROM HEAVEN?

HE DIED ON A CROSS!

HE AROSE!

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Isaac





It's Not Too Late To Serve

With just days until our first Christmas party you still have time to sign up to volunteer for one or both of these events.

The boys' party will be held first on Saturday, December 7th. The girls' party will then follow on the next Saturday, December 14th.


Volunteers are needed to gift wrap, stand in as store clerks, assist in parking, help campers shop and to spend the day mentoring the campers themselves.

For more information on this wonderful opportunity go to our website at: www.lighthousechristiancamp.com

To sign up now simply scan the QR code.



DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 BOYS' CHRISTMAS PARTY PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 GIRLS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

Sing for Joy Widows' Home #3

Under Construction and Coming Soon!





Still Building...

The new Sing for Joy Widows' Home is progressing and in each step God continues to show His faithfulness.

He is using mighty men and women of God to provide funding, labor, materials and more for this miraculous work of His. Soon we will be able to provide housing and purpose for four additional widows. Praise the Lord!

As we begin 2025, we pray for God's provisions and continued progress. We need volunteers and materials for flooring, cabinets, lighting & plumbing fixtures, common area furnishings, landscaping and more.

If you'd like to join in on what God is doing here by donating time, materials or monetarily contact Michael Kilgore at: mkilgore@lighthousechristiancamp.com or call the camp office at **615-597-1264**.

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	18
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	21 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	29	30	31 	



FEBRUARY 2025








After-School Club

Because of their close proximity to Lighthouse, DeKalb County campers have the opportunity for weekly discipleship as part of our After-School Club (ASC) program. Each Tuesday that schools are in session, Lighthouse buses and vans travel to DeKalb County schools and pick up campers who have signed up for ASC.

While at camp, they receive a hot meal, participate in small discipleship groups, attend chapel and enjoy a camp activity before returning to school at 5:30 to be picked up by their guardians.

If you'd like to join us in this wonderful mission contact Shayne Spurgeon at the camp office at **(615) 597-1264**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY		
2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	5	6	7 STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERS RETREAT	8
9	10	11 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13	14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY	18 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	19	20	21 BOYS' & GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
23	24	25 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	26	27	28	









Join Us In Serving

Come and join us as we begin our new year in service to our Lord. There are opportunities to serve for all ages. Bring the family for a day of raking leaves, or take on a landscaping project. Help with repainting cabins or performing needed mechanic work. Assist other volunteers with cleaning cabins or other buildings or with sorting through donations.

For more details on how you and/or your group can get involved please call **(615) 597-1264**.



MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1		
2	3	4 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	5 ASH WEDNESDAY	6	7 GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	8
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS (CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR)	10	11 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	19	20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21 BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY



Sing for Joy Widows' Homes

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

**“I made the Widow’s
heart Sing for Joy!”**
Job 29:13b



APRIL 2025



Sing for Joy Widows' Homes

Since 2006, Sing for Joy Widows' Homes have provided safe, secure living, coupled with unlimited opportunities to serve in ministry.

As we watch these dear ladies interact with, minister to and serve the children, staff, volunteers and other widows at Lighthouse Christian Camp, there's no doubt that serving the Lord causes their hearts to "Sing for Joy!"

When not serving, residents can enjoy a peaceful evening watching the beautiful sunsets from their spacious apartments or they can join with others in the homes' common area for a meal and night of games or TV.

For more information about God's ministry to widows please call our office at (615) 597-1264.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	9	10	11	12 PASSOVER BEGINS (SUNSET)
13	14	15 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	16	17	18 BOYS' & GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	19
PALM SUNDAY		TAX DAY			GOOD FRIDAY	
20  EASTER SUNDAY PASSOVER ENDS (SUNSET)	21	22 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	30			





Do you want a life changing summer? Sign up to serve during June and/or July and experience it for yourself. Volunteer opportunities are numerous and include mentors, cooking and serving, activity help (horses, kayaks, boating), maintenance and more.

For more information call **615-597-1264**

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				V-E DAY (1945)		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MOTHER'S DAY				PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY		ARMED FORCES DAY
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY	MEMORIAL DAY	2025 SUMMER STAFF TRAINING				
				ASCENSION DAY		



JUNE 2025



Boys Summer Camp

Oh how we pray for the boys who come to camp! They will play a critical role in the spiritual development of their own children and families in the future.

According to data collected by Promise Keepers and Baptist Press, if a father does not go to church, even if his wife does, only 1 child in 50 will become a regular worshiper. If a father does go regularly, regardless of what the mother does, between two-thirds and three-quarters of their children will attend church as adults.

We must build our families on Jesus and Men of God. Come and volunteer to mentor these young men this summer. Call (615) 597-1264 to get involved.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Boys' Discipleship Camp					D-DAY (1944)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
PENTECOST	Boys' Discipleship Camp					FLAG DAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Boys' Missions Camp					FATHER'S DAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Boys' Missions Camp					FATHER'S DAY
29	30					



July 2025



Girls Summer Camp

Hundreds of girls will arrive for camp this month. Many will be struggling with their identity and self worth. At camp they'll hear something they rarely do... that **they are valuable and loved**.

They'll learn that they were created to be daughters of the Most High King and that Jesus died for them so they can spend eternity with Him. Many lives will be transformed by this newfound heart-knowledge as they cry out to Jesus in repentance. Praise Jesus!

The relationships these girls build during this week of new beginnings will be important for their future especially those with counselors and volunteers who they can look up to. Will you come for a week and be a part of all that God will be doing this summer?

For more information call **(615) 597-1264**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Girls' Discipleship Camp					5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <small>INDEPENDENCE DAY</small>	12
Girls' Discipleship Camp						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Girls' Missions Camp						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Girls' Missions Camp						
27 <small>NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY</small>	28	29	30	31		





Weekend Retreats

Lighthouse Christian Camp is a year-round ministry with a mission to evangelize and disciple unchurched and under-resourced children and their families. Following a child's week at summer camp they begin receiving regular invitations to return to Lighthouse for special events to build on their faith.

One of these events is our bi-weekly "Weekend retreat." With few exceptions we host these 18 hour mini-camps each month so that campers can come and renew relationships with not only camp staff/volunteers but also with fellow campers and most importantly Jesus.

If you are interested in helping or if you would like to explore holding a weekend retreat at your church contact us at **(615) 597-1264**.

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					V-J DAY (1945)	
17	18	19 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	20	21	22	23
NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY					BOYS' MANCAMP WEEKEND Fri. at 6:00 PM—Sun. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
24	25	26 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	27	28	29	30
31						



SEPTEMBER 2025



Building Relationships

It's time for our annual C.A.T.C.H. (*Caring Adults Training Children's Hearts*) fishing event. Each year we invite 60 campers (30 girls & 30 boys) to come for an amazing weekend of fellowship and learning to fish from a boat on the lake.

To accomplish this we need 30 fishermen and their boats to take two children and a counselor out on Center Hill Lake for a few hours of fishing and encouragement.

The day is completed with a hotdog lunch and awards program where every child receives a trophy and their very own fishing rod.

If you or someone you know loves Jesus and fishing and would like to be a part of this event, call us at **(615) 597-1264**.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6 C.A.T.C.H. Fishing Event
7	8	9 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12	13 BOYS' & GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at 1:00 PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
14 GRANDPARENTS DAY	15	16 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	17	18	19 GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	20
21	22	23 DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM	24	25	26 NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY	27
28	29 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN	30				

15th Annual Pastors' and Wives' Retreat





Ministry to Pastors and Their Families

One of the wonderful ministries that God has called us to at Lighthouse is ministering to Pastors, their wives and their families.

Lighthouse has a home overlooking Center Hill Lake that is set aside for pastors families. Here, they can get away from the difficulties of ministry and get alone with God and each other to rest and regroup. The home is available year round for up to a week at a time.

Additionally the first weekend of October each year we hold a **Pastors' and Wives' Retreat**. This event is also free and offers Pastors and their wives opportunities to fellowship, love and encourage others and to be reminded that they are not alone!

If you'd like more information about the Pastors' and wives retreat or about using the Pastor's retreat home for a getaway call **(615) 597-1264**.

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	
				15th ANNUAL PASTORS' AND WIVES' RETREAT		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	CHILD HEALTH DAY	DeKalb County After-school Club 3:00-5:30 PM			BOYS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	COLUMBUS DAY					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					GIRLS' WEEKEND RETREAT Fri. at 6:30 PM—Sat. at Noon VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					REFORMATION DAY	





Showing The Love of Jesus Through our Ranch Homes

For 17 years now Lighthouse Ranch Children's Homes have provided loving Christian care for sibling groups in crisis.

Ranch houseparents know that a call can come at any time with a request for emergency placement of a single child or for a large sibling group. In each case, in the heart of the child there is fear, desperation, sometimes anger and a heart **crying out for love**.

As the children arrive at camp they are received with that love... a love that most of these children have never known existed... the love of Jesus.

At times, children are at the Ranch for only a day or so while authorities try to find family members who can help. At other times placements can be for months or even years. Regardless of the length of their stay these children learn from day one that there is a love that passes all understanding. **Praise the Lord!!**

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR)		ELECTION DAY				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		VETERANS DAY				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30				THANKSGIVING		



DECEMBER 2025






The Joy of Christmas

Our 37th annual Christmas parties will be held on consecutive Saturdays, December 6th and December 13th.

Camp children young and old (7-17), will once again come to Lighthouse knowing that they are going to be loved on, encouraged and that they are going to hear about Jesus! **All glory to Him!**

They'll be excited to shop with camp issued play money for themselves and family members, choosing from thousands of donated gifts. They'll drink hot cocoa, sing Christmas carols and hear the story of the foundation of our salvation... the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. **What a gift He has given all of us!**

Volunteers are needed for gift wrapping, store clerks, traffic control, and more. To register to volunteer for this event, go to our website or call **(615) 597-1264** for details on how you can serve.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 BOYS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8	9	10	11	12	13 GIRLS' CHRISTMAS PARTY
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			

Our Lighthouse Christian Camp Family



Ben & Ermeda Chapman
President & Vice President



Michael & Kelly Kilgore
Executive Director



Beverly Bennett
Program Administrator



Shayne & Amber Spurgeon & Family
Camp Program Director



Rodger & Vicki Myhre
Maintenance Director



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Accounting



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Maintenance



Corey & Aaliyah Merriman & Family
Ranch Home Parents



Josh and Faith Orcutt & Family
Ranch Home Parents



Roy & Anne Tanner
Administration

Our Sing For Joy Ladies



Jane Jepson



Valarii Nunn



Patty Jackson



Kathy Carroll



Carol Ann O'Clare



Mary Nevel

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, and 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!



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