


Newsletter

A Message from our Board Chair

"Friend Who Can" by Thomas Mac

I can't take your broken heart
And mend all of the shattered parts
I can't help ya find the strength to
stand
But I got a friend who can

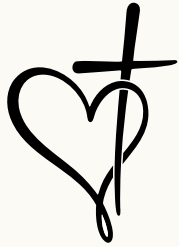
I can't calm the raging seas
And walk the waves of Galilee
I can't reach out with a saving hand
But I got a friend who can

He is love, He is hope
He is all that you're feeling inside
When the night breaks you down, He
is healing
I can't offer you a perfect plan
But I got a friend who can

This song espouses my belief that we must trust that God can heal our broken hearts. He has a plan for us and for this church, if we will just put our trust in Him and not focus our thoughts on ourselves, this church will flourish. Recently I have seen doors beginning to open with opportunities for us to serve God and grow His kingdom. I love you all and want nothing but the best for you, individually and as the church!

Have faith, trust Him, pray
continuously!
Bill McClellan

Meet Our Preachers



**PASTOR
ELMER
BECK**



Elmer L. Beck was born on 12 June 1936, in Little Rock, Arkansas, with his twin brother Ernest. Growing up, he had plenty of mothers, having three older sisters who had no problem bossing him around. Elmer attended Central High School, graduating in June 1955, then joined the Arkansas Air National Guard, and later attended Henderson State Teachers College for two years.

Pastor Hale's preaching drew Elmer into the ministry during his tenure at Henderson United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, in the late 1940s. This led Elmer to attend Perkins School of Theology, graduating in 1973. Elmer ministered to five circuit churches in Arkansas, each containing anywhere from 2 to 6 churches.

In 1968, Elmer Beck left Arkansas and moved to Texas, becoming a member of the Texas Conference with his first appointment being in Lexington, Texas. His last appointment with the Texas Conference was in Van Vleck before moving to the Rio Grande Conference in 1973. He married Mera Sue Lester in 1978 in Corpus Christi and moved to Freer, Texas. Elmer served eight churches full-time during his time in the Rio Grande Conference and retired from the ministry in 2014, with his last church being Harlandale Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas.



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**PASTOR
JERRY
SMALLEY**

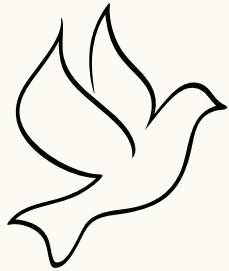


I have lived in Port Lavaca most of my life. My father was an Assembly of God pastor. My mother was a preacher's kid as well as being a preacher's wife. I married Tammy, my wonderful wife, 40 years ago. We have 2 boys and a girl, along with 9 grandchildren.

I have gone to church for most of my life. I was saved at a very young age. I have worked in the Port Lavaca area industries in the construction and maintenance field as a craftsman. Tammy and I, along with my daughter started attending Dean and Pat Holford's church, Christ in the Community Church presently Lighthouse Church.

I started preaching after I was there a few years, and was Ordained a Minister on January 27th 2012. Tammy and I helped in all areas of the church. The last 3 years of the church I was the full time minister while Dean Holford was the pastor, but because of health reasons wasn't able to preach much. After Tammy's stroke I have been her caregiver full time.

Meet Our Speakers



**DANIEL
LOCKEY**



Greetings! My name is Daniel Lockey. As a teenager, I was on my own by age 16. As you can imagine, I had quite a bit of fun and got into quite a bit of trouble. But when I was 18, on Easter Sunday of 1999, God revealed Himself to me in a powerful way. Frankly, it scared me, and I purposefully tried to forget about what had happened. However, through certain people in specific places of my life, He drew me closer to Him. Then one day, I confessed my love for Him. When I did, I realized how He had loved me all along.

From then (2001), I've been involved in ministry. Beginning with youth ministry, and then as a house parent for close to a decade. While working with youth at a summer camp, I met Kelly, my wife of 20 years now. And while we were house parents, we welcomed Reagan, our daughter. As house parents, we realized the stress and burnout of those in ministry. In 2016, we decided to start Elijah's Tree, a rest and retreat ministry specifically for those in different types of ministries. It is a small ministry where I have been the president of the board of directors since inception. In 2021, God laid it on my heart to add a counseling aspect to Elijah's Tree and I started school. In Aug of this year, I'll be finishing a master's in counseling psychology.

In addition to this, I stay busy focusing on family life insurance and managing a small ranch. We have sheep, geese, guinea, emu, cats, and a few good pups. To me, it's a place of peace. No matter what I do, I look forward to God's guidance in my life, and hope I bring Him all the glory.



Meet Our Speakers

**KAITLIN DZIUK
(PRONOUNCED
"JUKE")**

— *jesus
loves
you* —

Kaitlin Dziuk's life was significantly changed after receiving divine healing from the Lord on December 14, 2021 after being diagnosed with multiple so-called "chronic and incurable diseases", described by doctors as being "rock bottom" and told, "there is nothing more we can do for you but try to keep you comfortable." BUT GOD. Kaitlin learned the truth from the word of God that not only had Jesus paid for her healing on the cross, but according to 1 Peter 2:24—she was already healed by the stripes of Jesus. She encountered Jesus and was miraculously healed and set free.

In seeking deeper relationship with Jesus and wanting to know the truth found only in the Word of God, Kaitlin attended Charis Bible College through Andrew Wommack Ministries and graduated in May of 2024. Kaitlin has continued to seek God and go as deep as she can in relationship with Him and has a heart to share the truth of the Gospel and God's unfailing love with others.

Kaitlin and her husband, Kevin, spend most of their time at their farm in the Port Alto area (White Dog Acres) in which they continue to steward and build upon what's been placed in their hand as they run with the vision God has given them.

Mission Minutes

Lighthouse members voted to disaffiliate from the Global Methodist denomination. Previous requirements of Global required us sending 4% of the weekly offerings. The Board voted to use that 4% to go to our monthly special offerings. These values are the 4% plus additional offerings. **First Quarter collections are as following:**

January – Food Pantry – \$360.00

February – Scholarship Fund – \$1023.80

March – The Oasis Shelter – \$384.59

April – Ministerial Alliance – \$331.80



Finance Updates

The Finances for LMC are open to anyone that would like to review them. Below is a summary of our first quarter



	JAN 2026	FEB 2026	MAR 2026	APR 2026	TOTAL
Total Revenue	7,646.99	9,075.00	8,894.74	6,470.00	\$32,086.73
Total Expenditures	3,497.67	3,287.73	3,886.71	3,492.19	\$14,164.30
Net Operating Revenue	4,149.32	5,787.27	5,008.03	2,977.81	\$17,922.43



Trustees Corner

The Trustees have a number of projects that they are working on. If you would like to help, please contact David Pfeil. Below is a few of the items that are currently in the works:

- Build wooden porch for church back door, to accommodate access to new restrooms. (Revamp ramp into church).
- Obtain bids for walkway cover from church back door to end of Sunday school room.
- Determine and obtain bids for foundation for cover.
- Request electrical service to church main meter review for clearance of proposed walkway cover
- Final consideration for decision to level Sunday school building or accept present condition.
- Sunday school building septic and water connection be completed, pending on leveling requirements if any.
- Final location of new restrooms determined.

Music Moments

Revive Us Again

We praise Thee, O God, For
the Son of Thy love, For
Jesus who died

And is now gone above.
Hallelujah, Thine the glory)
Halleluiah, amen!

Hallelujah, Thine the glory!
Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God, For
Thy Spirit of light, Who has
shown us our Savior And
scattered our night.

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain.

Who has borne all our sins And
has cleansed ev'ry stain,
Revive us again—

Fill each heart with Thy love; May
each soul be rekindled With fire
from above.

William Paton Mackay (1839–1885)



"The One Year Book of Hymns"

Compiled and Edited by
Robert K. Brown and Mark R Norton

Devotions Written By
*William J Petersen and
Randy Petersen*

At first, the words of this hymn may not seem to fit together. Is it a prayer for personal revival or is it a hymn of praise? The first three stanzas are outbursts of praise to the triune God, so that the natural response is "Hallelujah, Thine the glory." Only the last stanza ties in with the title, "Revive Us Again."

But the author, William P Mackay, a Scottish physician-turned-minister, knew what he was doing. The hymn was first published in 1875 under the inscription, "O Lord, revive Thy work." Psalm 85:6 asks, "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" In commenting on this psalm, Charles Haddon Spurgeon wrote, "A genuine revival without joy in the Lord is as impossible as spring without flowers or daydawn without light." When surrounded by discouragement and fear, it is good to sing praise to the One "who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain."

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward
us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will
you prolong your anger to all
generations? Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and
grant us your salvation. Psalm 85:4–7,
NRSV

Happenings at LMC



SUNRISE SERVICE

This year we had a change of venue for our sunrise service. David and Barbara Pfeil opened up their home for the service this year. The weather was not favorable. It was cold, windy and cloudy. We gathered in their living room which had a wall of windows that look onto the bay. As we hoped to see the sun, we worshipped in song with a personal devotion from David Pfeil. The sun may never have showed itself, but the house was filled with the glow of the Spirit.

After worshipping together, the group moved to the garage to enjoy more fellowship with a buffet featuring a variety of delicious dishes. It was a wonderful start to our Resurrection Sunday service.



2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT

Briseis Cordova was our \$500.00 scholarship recipient this year.

This is the 2nd year LMC was able to provide financial help to a Calhoun senior.

Serve with us today!

DO YOU HAVE A CALLING YOU NEED TO FILL?

1 Peter 4:10 – “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

God is on the move and Lighthouse wants to keep up. A few ideas that we would like to see come forth is more Bible studies, Men’s gathering and community outreach. If you have a study suggestion or feel a calling to lead, please reach out to any board member or Diane Mooney, Education Chair to discuss possibilities. If you are wanting to help serve in church committees please reach out to Donna Rhine, nominating committee.

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