

Lighthouse Ministry

"To Know Jesus Christ,
and to make Him Known"

January Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We finished off the year 2023 in the Academy with a Christmas party. This is generally one of my favorite days of the school year. It is always fun to see students in a different light—dressed in different clothing styles, playing games, with no concern about academics for one day out of the year. Many of our games and activities vary depending on the year, but a Lighthouse tradition is to play a game called "Four on a Couch". This is a game of strategy, memory, and secret identities, where students sit in a circle, exchange names, and battle using code names to get their own team to have complete control of four cherished seats known as, "The Couch". If you are unable to recall your teammates by their code names, you very easily will make mistakes that could cost your team a victory. This sounds easy enough, but it is amazing how difficult it can be in the moment of pressure when you are in the "seat of power".

The last aim of this game is a spiritual message, but as I contemplate it, there is a pretty cool analogy to our spiritual walk. You and I are on this journey called life, and we spend every day making decisions, trusting people, or choosing to avoid situations, all with the aim of achieving that end goal of eternity in Heaven. However, so many people seem to struggle with what the strategy looks like on this end of eternity to reach that final destination. The more I learn the heart of God, the easier it can be to recognize my allies, and the pitfalls to avoid, and they may not be what you expect. This is not based on the name they answer to, such as the game described above, as there are many who *claim* Christ as Christians, but fail to *know* Him. However, those who have truly tak-



en the identity of Jesus, in word and deed, prove themselves to be comrades as we pursue this Great Commission. The challenge lies in the fact that many try to play this part, but misunderstand Jesus. Jesus was a man of compassion, love, and truth. He never endorsed sin, but did not berate the sinner. He was not trying to build church membership, or to generate a large tithe check. His motives were to be real, exposing hypocrisy, and doing the will of Father God.

Jesus had those He called disciples, but even those who by name were on His team denied, doubted, and betrayed Him. He had crowds that shouted His name in expectation, but when things were different than they thought, they also turned on Him. And yet, upon all of these people, He had compassion... He showed love, grace, and patience. Most of them came around, but some did not. As I study Scripture, I see God using people to further His Kingdom that I would not have expected... people like the Samaritan woman, Rahab the prostitute, Saul the church persecutor, and Peter the fisherman. At the same time, Jesus failed to use the rich young ruler who had kept every commandment since his youth, or many of the church leaders of the day. I pray that 2024 becomes the year that we clearly see people through a new set of lenses. I pray that we can work together as the church to challenge and encourage, producing fruit that lasts 'til eternity! -Pastor Jacob Masemore

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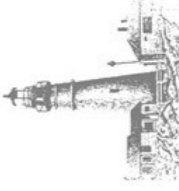
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January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Return To School Chapel 8:30am Pastor Masemore Dare to be a Disciple 7pm	3 Bible Study 7:00pm	4 Basketball Practice 3pm @ WC	5	6
7 Prayer 9:30 AM Worship 10:00AM SS: Fellowship Meal	8 Basketball Game 4:30 @ Valley Forge	9 Chapel 8:30am Dr. Stuenkel Dare to be a Disciple 7pm	10 Bible Study 7:00pm	11	12 E-Day Tests / BK Rpts Movie Night 7pm	13
14 Prayer 9:30 AM Worship 10:00AM SS:	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)	16 End of 2nd Quarter Chapel 8:30am Tests/Book Reports Due Dare to be a Disciple 7pm	17 Bible Study 7:00pm	18	19	20
21 Prayer 9:30 AM Worship 10:00AM SS: Board Meeting	22 Pizza Orders Due	23 Chapel 8:30am Pastor Zenner Dare to be a Disciple 7pm	24 Scripture Paragraph Pizza Day Bible Study 7:00pm	25 Liberty Tournament 11-5	26 Liberty Tournament 11-5	27
28 Prayer 9:30 AM Worship 10:00AM SS:	29 Scripture Due Basketball Game 6pm Bobcats @ Fairview	30 Chapel 8:30am Dare to be a Disciple 7pm	31 Bible Study 7:00pm			
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News & Events

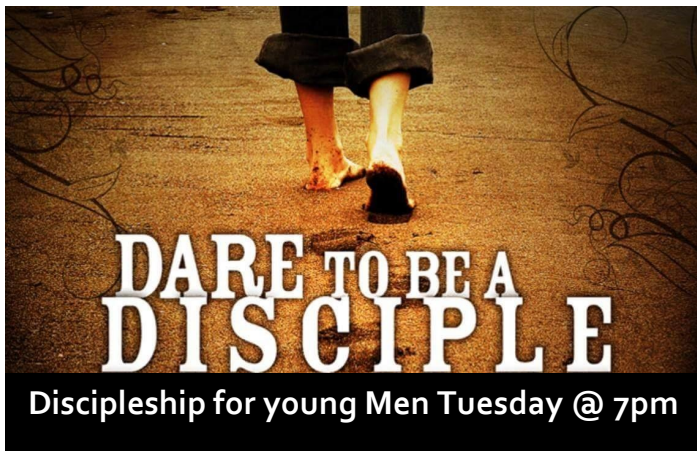
As a church family, let's strive to memorize a verse every week. THIS CHALLENGE IS TO ADULTS AS WELL! Students who can say the weekly verse to their Sunday school teacher or one of our pastors to work towards a week of Summer camp Adults are also encouraged to recite them!

Due Jan 7— Ephesians 5:8

Due Jan 14—Ephesians 5:11

Due Jan 21— Ephesians 5:15

Due Jan 28—Ephesians 5:17



Tuition is due the 15th of each month. Invoices have been issued for tuition and e-mailed. Preferred payment is still check or cash. Ask us about our PayPal options for your convenience.

****Due to new PayPal restrictions, these payments all come with a 3% service charge****

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7pm

January 15th is Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday. The academy will be closed.

We will be ordering pizza during lunch for those who wish to join on January 24th. Orders must be placed and paid for on the 22nd. Pizza will be \$2.50/slice.



Convention Fundraising continues this month with an assortment of candy bar options.



School Announcements

Social Studies Reports Are Due February 23rd. This year, we are changing things up a bit. Reports are on states, and an event that took place in that state. This event can be a battle, treaty, discovery, invention, or some other notable date within that state.

These are research papers, and should be age appropriate, typed, and ready to be presented in front of the class.

Students need to pick a state and an event within that state and get started in plenty of time to be prepared.

Don't forget about our good student incentives!

- All tests in on time with at least one 100% and no fails.
 - Earn an E-Day
 - Gold Star Scripture
- Get all your goals done in school
= No Homework



BASKETBALL

- January 8th, 4:30 Valley Forge
- January 25-26, 11-5 - Liberty Tournament
- January 29th, 6pm Bobcats @ Fairview
- Tuesday February 6th @ 4:00pm - Calvary-Quarryville
- Friday, February 16th - Fairview Tournament
- Monday February 26th @4:00- Liberty

Practice- January 4th @ VVC, February 5th @ VVC. All Practices 3:00-5:30

Psalm 102:18-24

¹⁸ This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

¹⁹ For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

²⁰ To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

²¹ To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

²² When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

²³ He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

²⁴ I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

Prayer & Praise Center

Scripture tells us that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective— James 5:16. We have a prayer chain available to aid in brothers and sisters lifting your needs in prayer. To put a request on the prayer chain, call Mary Reinert,(610-641-0401) and she will get the word around.

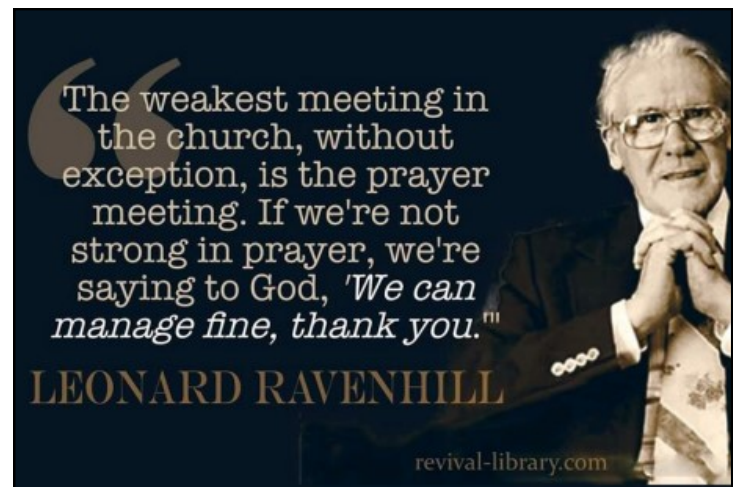
Here are a few recent prayer needs and praises:

Prayer Needs

- Debbie Zentner– Diabetes
- Bible Study/Prayer Meeting groups
- Broken Families
- Our Government
- Kerry Mull-Health
- Russian/Ukraine war
- 1 New School/ office Employee
- Financial/Economic concerns
- Charlotte Primrose-Health
- Edith Zentner– Health/fall
- Lydia Hartman– Brain Tumor recovery
- New school year success

Praise God for His answered prayer

- Opportunities to witness in our communities
- Praise God for His peace that passes all understanding during these times.
- Full enrollment in the academy
- New teaching staff joining our team
- Charlotte has moved back to Kutztown



Birthdays & Anniversaries for January

Renae Neiss	9 BD.	129 E. Keller St. Topton, Pa 19562
Albright, Shawn	7 BD	132 Five Points Rd, Mertztown, Pa 19539
Caleb Masemore*	9 BD	251 Forgedale Rd, Fleetwood, Pa 19522
John C. Meyer	18 BD	PO Box 182, Lyon Station, Pa 19536
Russel Delp Jr.	20 BD	PO Box 313, Blandon, Pa. 19510
Leatrice Moatz	27 BD.	118 S. Haas St., Topton, Pa. 19562
John & Judy Shaw	27 Anv	226 E. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown,, Pa 19512

If you know of anyone missing from this list or wrong addresses, please let us know so we can correct our records.