



The Lighthouse

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Uncertain Days

Pastor Andy Husmann, Visitation Pastor

I'm thankful to be asked to submit a few thoughts for this edition of "The Lighthouse." However, first I want to thank everyone who planned and participated in celebrating my 88th "drive-by" birthday party last Sunday, May 24th. I am humbled and extremely grateful.

We are living in uncertain days. But there is one truth that is certain and that is that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13:8. In changing times, we have an unchanging God. And one day "every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:10-11. Why not do it now?

In the mid-1970s, when I was pastoring the Mona Shores Baptist (now Shores Community) Church, I was teaching a large adult Sunday School class. One Sunday, we were studying values and the value of having values. I gave everyone in the class a 3 x 5 card and asked them to respond to a hypothetical situation. I said, "Suppose you learned that you contracted a rare but fatal illness and had only 24 hours to live. How would you spend them?"

Without exception, every person in that class responded that, first they would get their personal affairs in order, and then they would spend the rest of the time with their loved ones. I then reminded the class that none of us knows that we have only 24 hours left to live. So why not get our personal affairs in order now and then spend quality time with our loved ones? Values in theory only, are really of no value after all.

The older I get, the more my values lean towards heaven and eternity. And the more I appreciate what Paul said in Athens on Mars Hill, "In Him we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28. Not much else in this world makes sense anymore.

Church Events

- June 7— Outdoor Praise & Worship in SCC Parking Lot 7 PM
- June 21—Father's Day Cookout

In Christ's love and mine,
Pastor Andy

SCC Ministries— Joy In the Days Ahead

Veronica Commire, Discipleship Director

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalm 16:11

It is exciting to look ahead to the many wonderful things that the Lord has for Shores Community Church in the fall. In this article, I would like to highlight these events and dates

for you. We delight in the Lord’s presence and look forward to being with each one of you physically, too. Praise the Lord that He binds our hearts and minds together as we stay connected through Christ Jesus.

Please keep in mind these dates are subject to change



Better days are ahead!

WiFi– Walking in Faith intentionally– Men’s Events (Mondays from 7:30-9:30 PM)

All of the following events are to be held in the Lebanon building at Maranatha:

- September 21, 2020
- November 16, 2020
- January 18, 2021
- March 22, 2021

Real Women– Living Authentically in Christ Events (Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM)

- Fall Kick-Off Event– October 7, 2020 in Lebanon at Maranatha
- A Christmas Tea— December 9, 2020 in The Sweet Shoppe at Maranatha
- A Winter Gathering— February 24, 2021 in Lebanon at Maranatha
- A Spring Fling— May 5, 2021 in Lebanon at Maranatha

Small Group Kick-Off Party— Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Shores Community Church

Right now Media Livestream Marriage Date Night for Couples— Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 7:00-10:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall, Cost: \$15 per couple

Women's Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp— September 18-19, 2020 (early Friday evening until after dinner on Saturday). More details to come this summer.

Ladies Bible Study— Mondays beginning September 28, 2020 from 6:30-8:00 PM at SCC in the Fellowship Hall

Isn't this exciting?! In your presence there is pure joy, Lord Jesus! We have a lot to look forward to, SCC...there is definitely joy in the days ahead!

Want of His Presence

Lesla Jaeger, Children's Director

With the unsurety of what will happen tomorrow with COVID and the quarantining, the elders have made the decision that this year the church will not be hosting its annual VBS. I am very sad knowing that we won't be able to meet as a big group to learn about Jesus collectively, but we are working on ideas for either small get togethers or an at-home VBS in your own neighborhood! Hopefully, we will be able to meet as a big congregation again soon, although I am not sure what children's church will look like when we get back together.

A.W. Tozer wrote in his book, *The Pursuit of God*,

“ The world is perishing for lack of the knowledge of God and the Church is famishing for want of His Presence. The instant cure of most of our religious ills would be to enter the Presence in spiritual experience, to become suddenly aware that we are in God and that God is in us. This would lift us out of our pitiful narrowness and cause our hearts to be enlarged.”

Where are you today? Are you perishing or are you wanting more of His Presence? I know for myself, it can be easy to want the worldly things, to have anxieties, depression, boredom, to make self the center of attention. But that is not what God wants for me. My prayer for myself and the church is that we will want His Presence, that we would experience His Presence daily, and the moment we become aware of God being there in our lives, constantly present— we cannot run from God — we will enter into a deeper want for His Presence and our cups will overflow.

In Genesis, after Adam and Eve ate of the fruit they were not supposed to, they made themselves the center, because they wanted to be like God. Then, when they realized what they did, they were ashamed and hid. This is a funny concept because no one can hide from God' He is omnipresent and omniscient; yet, I think we still do that today. We feel shame and then we feel like running, not confessing and repenting, and then we hide and lie to ourselves and God sometimes. None of this comes from the Lord, the Holy Spirit convicts and brings us back closer to God. So, what do we need to come out and confess to God? Is there anything that you are lying about, to yourself and/or to God? He knows it all and yet he still loves you. In Romans it says, “and yet while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” What a powerful statement! Lets get honest with God and lets want more of His Presence during this time of quarantine.

Witnessing To Nones and Dones (Part 3)

Bob Lenz, Deacon of Missions

The Dones are a large group of people who have become disillusioned with the church for one reason or another. A leading reason for leaving was the struggle over church structures in which the pastor makes the decisions. Dones feel stifled with these structures in using their spiritual gifts in the church. Their suggestions for doing things differently were rejected. Others left because they disrespected the leadership over issues such as dishonesty, demanding or being manipulative. Bureaucracy discourages spiritual gifts. However, it should be noted that the Dones do continue to maintain their faith in God and Christian identity but reject the organized church. Most have been highly active in leadership in the churches they left.

How then do we regain their confidence in the local church? One of the main ways is for them to experience meaningful engagement in a community of believers. They may find this in a group of Christians outside of the church. However, if we can show them a warm, authentic relationship where they feel free to use their talents and gifts, sense a safe and supportive group of believers, and do not experience bureaucratic leadership, we may be able to win them back to our fellowships.

Avoid being political. We must never depart from Biblical principles on morality, ethical matters, sex, or justice. But we must remember that Jesus isn't a Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or Populist. That is part of the dogmatism and "religious right" thinking that drives the Dones away. We must keep modern day politics out of the pulpit. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide the Dones in their political choices without trying to corner them into your political belief.

In Summary, Josh Packard, a Lutheran sociologist, who authored a book entitled "Church Refugee." notes four strategies in attracting the Dones:

- 1) Invite participation, but with limits
- 2) Be truly relational, but don't compromise your beliefs
- 3) Undermine bureaucracy, but don't abandon structure
- 4) Impact your community, and be impacted by your community

Congratulations Grads!

Kevin Butler, Youth Director

Hello Shores Community Church Family! We have another fun, drive by, open house evening planned for our 3 special graduates (Luke Moorhead, and Alina and Allen Hall) on Thursday, June 4th from 7-8 PM. We encourage you to drive by their homes, bring signs, balloons, honk your horns, and bring cards if you would like.

This will be a wonderful way to celebrate these graduates!! They only live a few minutes apart from each other, so this will be an easy, fun way to drive by both homes

within that hour! They will have the graduates outside and ready for you and a basket for possible cards, too. The parents will not be providing food as this is a drive by, open house car parade. You can honk and honor these graduates in a no contact, safe way!

Their addresses are:

Luke Moorhead
2504 Hathaway Ct.
Norton Shores, MI
49441

Alina and Allen Hall
2028 Leif Ave.
Norton Shores, MI
49441

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To:

1— Jeremiah Palmer
2— Brittany Carrico
2— Tyesha Swanson
5— Amy Moorhead
6— David Cortez
6— Michelle Fletcher
7— Missionary Shirley Masongezi
9— Thomas Commire
9— Gracelynn Reinert
13— Liz Kieft
15— John Grabner
15— Ben Moorhead
18— Kenna Cooper
20— Missionary Jeff Hazard
22— John Colella
22— Josiah Swanson
24— Scott Cantrall

24— Tobey Halston
24— Greg Hazard
24— Brandon Mills
25— Jennifer Black
25— Micah Mills
28— Dave Rodriguez
30— Luke Firehammer



Happy Anniversary To:

1— Phil & Marilyn Dykman
6— Ryan & Natalie Cooper
7— Dale & LeeNae Domsten
7— Jeff & Suzie Lee
12— Bruce & Katie Burr
13— Harvey & Janell Smith
16— Dan & Ashley Russell
20— Denny & Paula Dufford
22— Brandon & Angie Mills
23— Missionaries Gil & Norene Zinke

24— Brian & Holly Brown
27— Dave & Veronica Commire
27— John & Sally Howell



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