



THE LIGHTHOUSE

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Children's Church Is In Need!

Lesla Jaeger, Children's Director

Father's Day was our first Sunday back at church and it was so good to see you all who came! Now that we are up and running again, the children's area is hoping to get up and running again; But to do that, we are going to need A LOT of help. If we aim to start up in September, we are going to need at least 8 more people to step up and volunteer as small group leaders, 4+ people to step up for children's worship, and of course, we can always use some 007s.

A Small Group Leader for 3rd-4th grade will be in charge of leading games, devotions, crafts, prayer, snack, and getting to know the kids on a personal level. Small group leaders will never be alone with kids, so if you aren't comfortable with leading a game or activity, then you will have another small group leader with you who could lead the group. As a small group leader you must be willing to commit to being on time and serving once a month.

I will also need at least one more teacher who is willing to learn how to use the children's computer to play the lesson video and any other videos used for lesson times. During the lesson, I ask you try to be engaging and try to create a fun, safe, spirit-filled space for the kids to learn about Jesus and develop a personal relationship with God. As a teacher, you must be willing to commit to being on time and serving once a month.

A 007 is our emergency help group. Being apart of this group, if someone doesn't show up with or without letting me know, I will call, text, or find you on a Sunday morning to go into whichever classroom is lacking volunteers. This position doesn't have a set schedule and no regular commitment, it's just if you are here, I may come and find you to serve.

A Children's Worship leader is someone who is willing to learn how to use the computer and learn worship motions and engage the students in worship and offering time. This would be a commitment of at least once a month and I would ask you to be on time and willing to be goofy and have fun with kids.

The last area of need is our check-in center. I would love to have at least two people per Sunday, which means I need at least 8 people to volunteer for this position. Check ins are from 10:15-10:35 on Sunday mornings, so at the very most, you would miss the first song in the service when volunteering. I would ask for a commitment of at least once a month and you would be welcoming to all families who are checking their kids into Children's Church.

Overall, I need about 20+ more people to help on Sundays mornings. Without the necessary volunteers, we may need to close at least one of the classrooms. My hope and prayer is that you prayerfully consider where you could be used and if you feel the Lord leading you to serve in Children's Church, then you do what He has called you to do.



SHORES EDGE
Every Day God Encounters

Kevin Butler, Youth Director

I am so happy to share with you the youth of our church were finally able to meet in person for the first time since the middle of March, and we had a *blast!* We are meeting every two weeks over the summer for a total of four meetings. The Gorenflo, Commire, and DeZeeuw families are all hosting our kids over the summer. Our summer series takes a look at what it means to 'enjoy God.' We are thrilled to be outside, playing games, making food over a bonfire, worshipping, learning, praying, and meeting Jesus.

This fall, our youth are going to get serious about serving our community. You will see more about this coming up. ***If you have ideas on how or where our Shores EDGE youth can serve our community, please let me know!*** We have four open dates this fall and we will fill them. If you know of organizations or community projects we can partner with, please let me know!

Upcoming Youth Events

July 12—Youth Night at Commire Home

July 26—Youth Night at DeZeeuw Home

Praying For Our Missionaries (Part 1)

Bob Lenz, Missions Committee Member

You may have heard of a person having a burden to pray specifically for a missionary at a specific day and time, and relating that information to the missionary, only to hear back from the person that he/she was going through a severe trial at that very time, and God answered that prayer. This has happened multiple times in the lives of missionaries. That is why intercession in prayer is so critical.

We want to take some time these next few months to make suggestions in praying for specific areas of a missionary's life. I wrote suggestions on this topic in 2016, and have since come up with other thoughts that will be helpful for us as a church in remembering our missionary family. By the way, it will be helpful if you write to one of the church's missionaries telling them that you are praying specifically for him/her and/or their family.

Perhaps a good place to start is in the area of the missionary's personal life and his/her own walk and relationship

with God on a daily basis. If Satan can thwart this part of the missionary's life, he will make inroads in defeating the life, family, and work of the person. 2 Peter 3:18 reminds us to "grow in the face and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Therefore, of primary importance is to pray that our missionaries will daily feed on the Word of God. Ask God to help him/her also to have a deep prayer life, and that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit for daily living. They need to daily renew their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that they may confess any known sin in their lives, and not harbor any bitterness toward anyone.

One important area of the missionary's personal life is temptation. There is so much in social media, and web sites that can destroy a person's ministry. I know of couples who have left the ministry because of pornography or sexual lust. It's as easy as turning on your computer. Pray that God will guard missionaries from this treacherous danger. It is also wise to remember that what we pray for missionaries, we should pray the same for ourselves.

SCC Ministries— Singing For Joy

Veronica Commire, Discipleship Director

“Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.” Psalm 90:14

This was the verse I highlighted in my 2nd Facebook Livestream Bible Study on March 30th. It is one of my favorite verses in The Bible. I mentioned that this verse is written on a cute plaque that I received over 10 years ago from a dear friend at Maranatha for my birthday. It now sits on the counter next to our kitchen sink and has held a special spot in our home for over a decade...even in our sweltering, bug-filled kitchen in Uganda, Africa. I love the thought of God satisfying me with His unfailing love and I picture myself singing for joy and being glad every day of my life because of His deep love for me. It is this thought that lifts me up, encourages me, and allows me to feel the Lord's love each morning as I read the verse on my little plaque.

I would like to highlight another Small Group at SCC in this article that displays this unfailing love to one another so deeply. Larry and Sharon Gordon lead a 20 Somethings Small Group of 12-15 members. Several staff members at our church are in this close group and often mention how much they love Sharon and Larry and how thankful they are for their leadership, discipleship, love, and friendship. Sharon often sends them gifts with notes of encouragement and verses to brighten their days and encourage them throughout their week. They studied “Detours” by Tony Evans this past year and Sharon mentioned how impactful that Bible Study was for everyone. They are currently studying “Unstuck” by Francis Chan and other authors. They meet twice a month on Thursdays with a Bible Study and a fun fellowship time. Some of their activities have included playing “Giant Jenga”, painting pottery, going out to dinner, and always celebrating birthdays within the group with a small gift and cake...sounds like so much fun!

We are excited about the Small Group Kick-Off Celebration at SCC on

Wednesday, August 12th from 6:30-8:30 PM. We will be enjoying dinner together, wonderful worship, fun fellowship with our families, a bounce house, and pony rides, too. Please mark your calendars for a great time of fellowship with your Small Group and with many friends at Shores Community Church. If you would like to join a Small Group or have any questions, please contact me (Veronica Commire) at 231-327-6545. We have several, new Small Groups starting this Fall and many existing Small Groups who would love to have you join their group, too. It's a wonderful way to connect on a deeper level and to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ!

It's good to be back in church and to see many of your beautiful faces! It is a joy to be behind The Connecting Point once again and to greet you as you arrive and depart from our church lobby. For those of you who do not feel comfortable attending church just yet, we completely understand and please know that we love you and are praying for you. What a blessing to be part of a church family that displays God's unfailing love to one another! Thank you, Lord, for loving us so deeply that we can sing for joy and be glad all our days! Hallelujah!



Above: Group Leaders Sharon & Larry

Right: The girls painting pottery during a fellowship night



Below: Group members out to dinner



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To:

1—Kevin Herbert
1—Max Wolfard
6—Joan Naber
9—Missionary Gil Zinke
11—Missionary Aide Rose Fernandez
13—Ryan Flowers
14—Sharon Gordon
14—Jesse Jaeger
15—Gloria Corpe
17—Don Naber
18—Jack Swainston
18—Mary Walpole
20—Benjamin Charles
21—Daisy Commire
21—Sarah Moorhead

24—Mike Hurney
24—Mackenzie Kern
25—Barb Turnbow
26—Mary Greeno
27—Veronica Commire
31—Missionary Megan Hazard

Happy Anniversary To:

2—Missionaries Jim & Toni Keck
5—Doug & Amy Moorhead
6—Tom & Lois Hogg
12—Dave & Diane Rodriguez
13—Gary & Karen Manning
13—Steve & Lisa Vaughan
15—Todd & Laura Riker
18—Pastor Nate & Daphne Parsekian
23—Don & Joan Naber
27—Garrett & Thea Near
31—Mel & RoseMary Simpkins

Church Events

- July 12—Prayer Team Meeting, 4 PM
- July 26—Quarterly/Annual Business Meeting, 9:30 AM

