

A Gleam Across the Waves

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Readers,

It's hard to believe we are heading quickly toward fall already! This summer has flown by for sure; however, we will not miss the hot weather it brought us! Everyone is looking forward to cooler days! We are very thankful that the summer hasn't brought us any extreme storms or hurricanes. Please continue to pray to this end since the season for them isn't over yet.

We just finished up a week-long revival with our dear friend, Evangelist Jim Cook. Our students and staff alike always enjoy these times of spiritual refreshment. Everyone was also blessed that Mrs. Cook was able to join her husband during this time! She is such a sweet and wise woman of God, and all the ladies here love visiting with her as she shares tidbits of wisdom with each one.

During our revival week, we had several students make commitments to follow the Lord in baptism. As God's Word teaches us, baptism is the next step of obedience after salvation, demonstrating to the world that we are followers of Christ. It is always wonderful to see new believers take this next step in their walk with Him.

I am always amazed by God's goodness to us, His children. Many of you have begun to partner with us to help these students reach their full potential for Christ, and they are eternally grateful. Know this, that you will reap eternal rewards for helping these young ladies through your prayer and financial support. With the economy such as it is, so many parents are struggling to keep their daughter here. With your help and the help of new partners, we can continue to bring hope to these who have lost their way. As they now have found the new path the Lord has for them, our prayer and plea is that we will be able to continue to guide them, as well as their parents, in this new direction. This is what our ministry is all about! Thank you again for all your encouragement, prayer, and financial support as we "press on" to see the hearts and minds of our next generation find hope in Jesus Christ so they can, in turn, lead others in our nation in the right direction.

Together in His service,
Pastor and Mrs. Cookston





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Jacqueline,
LCA student

INSIDE PERSPECTIVE

God Works through Adversity

Without hesitation, I can say that God has done His greatest works in my life through seasons of adversity. Sometimes, however, in moments of introspection we wonder, Why all the suffering?

I truly believe that God does far more through suffering than we see at first glance, and perhaps we will never know all the reasons and all the good that He brings through it. But, through His Word, He makes some of His purposes clear to us. In this two-part post, I'd like to highlight seven reasons for adversity:

1. The Glory of God

All of life is to be lived for this purpose. Even in adversity, God desires to be glorified. In fact, it is in these times that we can often best reflect His glory by responding in faith and trust.

“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified” (1 Peter 4:13-14).

2. The Growth of His Servant

None of us want to attend the school of suffering, but sometimes we’re enrolled without our consent. In this school we learn that we are very weak and desperately need God. At the same time, however, we learn that God’s grace is sufficient and that His strength is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Suffering deepens our lives. And in so doing, it deepens our capacity for ministry. As E.M. Bounds observed, “Preaching is not the performance of an hour. It is the outflow of a life.” I can vouch for that statement. Without a doubt, the greatest lessons of my life have come from the deepest pains.

3. The Fulfillment of God’s Will

Christ Himself could only fulfill the Father’s will through suffering. But even in agony, He prayed, “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done” (Luke 22:42).

When we walk in circumstantial sunshine, we are quick to embrace the Father’s will. But in dark valleys, we tend to hesitate. In fact, if we’re completely honest, we would admit that there are times we really don’t want God’s will—we are afraid of it. If we could only see the great goodness that God brings about through suffering!

Charles Spurgeon commented, “I am afraid that all the grace that I have got of my comfortable and easy times and happy hours, might almost lie on a penny. But the good that I have received from my sorrows, and pains, and griefs, is altogether incalculable.... Affliction is the best bit of furniture in my house. It is the best book in a minister’s library.”

In suffering, God’s purposes in our lives flourish like at no other times. He is glorified, we grow, and His will for us advances. And in the midst of it all, He promises His presence and comfort to sustain us through the storm.

In the next issue, we’ll see four more reasons God allows adversity...and how He works in and through us during these seasons.

Being raised in a Godly family doesn’t mean you will be freed from problems. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour when I was eight years old; however, that did not prevent me from having difficulty when I reached my teen years as many children often do.

Though I was saved, I never surrendered my life to the Lord. At age fourteen, I felt like my life had shattered into pieces right before my eyes. I was given the tragic news that one of my very best friends had passed away. I couldn’t believe it! I was so confused as to why God would take her home at such a young age.

I became angry and bitter towards God creating a huge hole in my heart. I lost all respect for myself and completely abandoned my relationship with the Lord. I sought love in all the wrong places and was headed in a downward slope.

Three months ago I was sent to Lighthouse Christian Academy, and it has completely changed my life. I have let go of the bitterness inside my heart and surrendered anew my life to the Lord.

I realized that my Saviour is the only One who can fill that void in my heart. All I had to do was to let Him.

God has given me such peace and joy in my heart, and I am presently seeking His will for my life. His way is the best way and the only way to true happiness.



Mrs. Dore & Latifah on the 4th of July Friday night



Another table full of girls and staff on the 4th of July Friday night



Kylah & Kelli on Animal Friday night



We Love Bro Jimmy Nicholls! Lighthouse girls 8/18/2011



Camp out Friday night in the dining hall



Indoor summer camp was so real!



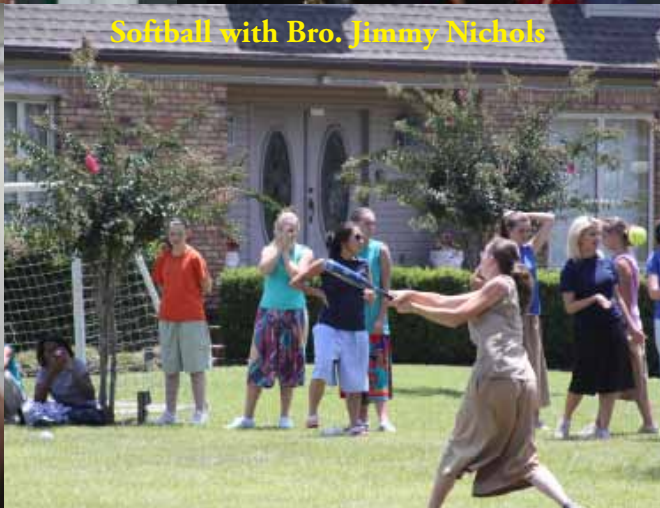
Christmas in July was a big hit with the girls



Ladies from Crown College sang & Bro. Charlie Skank preached



Alexandra dresses up for Dr. Seuss Friday night



Softball with Bro. Jimmy Nicholls



Lighthouse Book of World Records Friday night.



Dr. Seuss Friday night



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Mystery, dress up and dinner on Lamajerk Island Friday Night with the girls

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If you would like to help the girls with new mattresses, please designate your gift to ***Tempur-Pedic Mattresses Fund***. If we are not approved, the donations will be returned to the giver.

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