

# A Gleam Across the Waves

“MENDING BROKEN LIVES”

## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...



Dear Readers,

Just to keep you up to date on my personal healing and the progress of my previously broken right leg, I am doing great. I have been walking for the past two weeks without crutches. The doc said to take it easy [no jumping or running for the next six weeks]. What does he think I have been doing for the past twelve weeks, and he wants six more! Oh well, he’s the doctor!

While recovering and training myself to walk again, I’ve been thinking. As I

have faced these physical challenges, I challenge the girls, as well as staff, to a spiritual mountain climb to the summit. In light of this, we have started a series of “Eight Upward Steps in the Life of a Christian Leading to a Successful Spiritual life.”

- The first step up the mountain: **Humility** [Emptied of self and filled with Jesus Christ]
- The second step up the mountain: **Repentance** [of our own sin]
- The third step up the mountain: **Meekness** [patience, gentleness, or kindness]
- The fourth step up the mountain: **Spiritual Appetite** [a strong desire or craving for a daily fresh supply of God’s grace and spiritual blessings]
- The fifth step up the mountain: **Mercifulness** [Mercy embraces both forgiveness toward the guilty and compassion for the suffering and needy. Our natural

human tendencies are usually the opposite—to punish, to get even or to withhold kindness]

- The sixth step up the mountain: **Heart Purity** [Learning this is essential since spending eternity with God is our goal. Heb.12:14 [without holiness it is impossible to see God.]
- The seventh step up the mountain: **Peacemaking** [calming the storms of life]
- The eighth and final step up the mountain: **Suffering** for Christ [Suffering is one of the things that Scripture tells us will come to us as believers.]

Pray for us to get God’s best as we go on this journey through Matt. 5:1-12.

-Pastor Cookston

## Pray For...

- A full time secretary and piano player
- A spiritual awakening among the student body
- Cookstons, Sr. to have safety during their summer travels
- The grieving families of those recently passed away: Grandma Ruth Solis, Rodney Strickling, and Lucille Dore
- The girls recently added to the student body to adjust to and benefit from the program

## Praise God For...

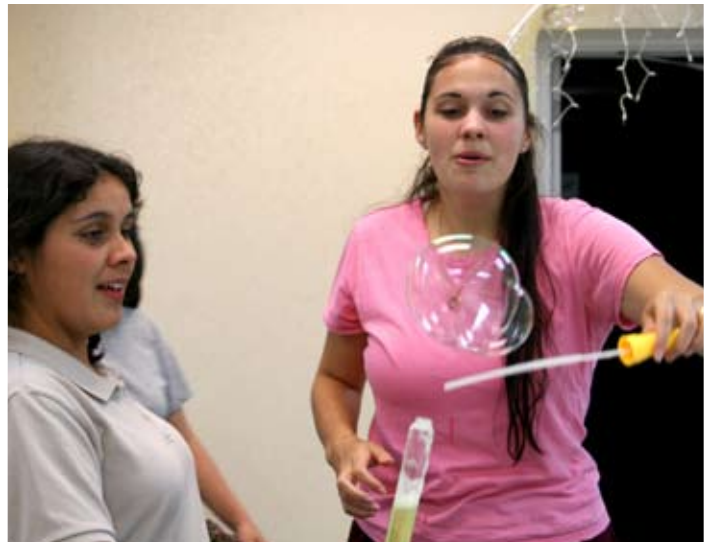
- Bro. Cookston’s steady recovery from his leg injury
- Summer help from former student Stephanie Theobald
- New lampposts added to the front drive way
- The successful 2007 Graduation and those who graduated
- Bro. Richard Coyle clearly presenting the Gospel at graduation

# Memorable Moments

## CINCO DE MAYO NIGHT



## KITES AND BUBBLES NIGHT



# Camp Week

**C**amp week was a lively week filled with competition and memory making fun. Girls were placed on teams, or “camps”. They used their creativity to come up with a camp name, cheer, logo, and adapted verses for themselves. Each camp earned points for themselves through the different games, personal cleanliness in the dorms, personal conduct, and Scripture memory. Activities included: Camp-food eating contest, creative scrap craft making, “fishing” (face down in a bowl of flour), creating human camp scenes, steal the bacon, tug-of-war, roasting hotdogs and s’mores over a fire, water balloon throwing, watermelon eating race, and cheering contest. Activities were done throughout the week as well as on Friday night. The most rewarding aspect of the week was the amount of Scripture the girls memorized. Camp Willee-Nillee won!



# Memorial Day



“As we have been assured, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, can separate us from God’s love. May He bless the souls of the departed. May He comfort our own. And may He always guide our country. God bless America.”

-President George W. Bush



# Inside Perspective

## From Staff...

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord:” Psalm 127:3a.

As a mother of two young children, I continually delight in watching their “firsts”. Seeing their first steps, hearing their first words, and celebrating their first birthdays were wonderful experiences. I realize that as their mother, I helped them accomplish these things. Without me alongside them cheering and encouraging them, I wonder how long it would have been before they took that first step.

Spiritually speaking we need to be right there alongside our children, encouraging them to continue walking with the Lord. They need encouragement to take those first steps of faith when they are just beginning to realize what it means to “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart” (Proverbs 3:5a). We must encourage them with the same fervency and excitement that we had when they were just babies taking their first steps.

My personal relationship with the Lord should inspire in my children a desire to walk in the ways of the Lord and follow in Him in obedience. What a wonderful privilege and responsibility we have to be the examples to our children. It’s vital that we step in and accept the role that the Lord has given to us as parents. Be the encourager....be the teacher...live the Biblical example that will bring about the changes you desire to see in your daughter.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

-Mrs. Feistel



**Let There Be Light!** The outlying areas of the school have been in need of proper lighting for quite some time. The gentlemen staff worked hard and successfully installed several new lampposts to alleviate this need.



**Harlem-Globe-Trotter-To-Be** Staff involvement in sports with the girls is always a fun time for all. Miss Kandace is always willing to let loose and have a good time with her young charges.



**Birthday Girl** The girls always do a great job honoring the staff on their birthdays. Mrs. Dore displays her birthday pecan pie while reposing in her regal chair prepared by the students.

## From Student...

My name is Faony. I am seventeen and a senior in high school. As a child I grew up in a strong Christian home with loving, caring parents. As I grew older, I began going astray, hanging out with the wrong friends, and doing the wrong things. I got saved when I was eleven at a revival with my grandfather, but I never really understood it. I just knew if I died, I was going to Hell, and I didn’t want Hell. After salvation, I expected to be good because I had always heard about becoming a changed person after salvation. My desires were still the same, I was still doing wrong, but I was strongly convicted about it as I grew older. My bad behavior began to wear out my mother; she had no idea what to do with me. She sent me to three different programs. Two of them were no different than my style of living before, therefore had no impact. Then she realized what the solution was...God. She sent me to the Lighthouse of Northwest Florida. The first couple of months were rough. I had many hard times, that dragged on for over a year. I finally decided to rededicate my life to God and to surrender my all to Him. Everything hasn’t been easy, but with God’s help I get through it all. God has been changing things in my life at every turn. Now, I have a great future lying ahead of me of being a pediatrician and a cosmetologist. I thank God for Lighthouse, because if it weren’t for Lighthouse I don’t know where I’d be right now. Like I Corinthians 15:10 says, “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain: but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

-Faony

# Congratulations!!!

**T**his year's graduating class consisted of ten students. High school graduation is a huge achievement and a commendable accomplishment. Very few people in today's society are true to the concept of completing a task that has been begun. It is much easier to just get by. Graduation marks the completion of a long and tedious task. It requires determination, perseverance, and hard work. To the ten students who completed their task we offer our hearty congratulations!



## Senior Class Verse

Isaiah 6:8b "...Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."



**G**raduation opened my eyes and showed me that there is life after being at Lighthouse. It showed me that I can use what I have been taught here and apply it to my life, or I can waste everything that God has given and blessed me with. Even though my schooling is going to be finished, it actually is just beginning. I have not arrived because I am graduating. I have come to the realization that this could be the start of a fruitful life. I have the choice to either use it or waste it.

-Liz Y.

# Class of 2007



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**T**he theme for this year's graduating class was "The Value of One." The emphasis being that one girl has the potential to impact an innumerable amount of other people for either good or bad. This idea was depicted through a water droplet. One water droplet upon impact causes a ripple effect in the surrounding water, and so it is with people. The Seniors presented seven people with a glass droplet necklace as a reminder that their influence extends far beyond their immediate self. The "Value of One" is illustrated best by Jesus Christ Himself by His voluntary death on the cross for the sins of each individual.



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