

# *A Gleam Across the Waves*

## *From the Pastor's Desk...*



Dear Readers,

We have great and exciting things happening here at Lighthouse. Over the past two weeks we have seen four professions of faith from students who have been in our prayers specifically for several months. God is amazing! Our prayers have been answered. It is always great to see the growth of these young ladies after they let God have control of their heart. The "grace" that God lets loose around here is phenomenal. These events of salvation increase our faith as we see God being faithful to answer the prayers of staff and students alike. Our constant prayer is to see God increase our enrollment to help more hurting families.

Coming up in the very near future is a week of revival services with Evangelist Richard Coyle and his wonderful family. This is a time of learning and growing spiritually and great fellowship for the whole ministry. In April we will have Evangelist Mike Reason here as well for a three-day revival time. He has years of experience with girls at

Lighthouse Children's Home in Tallahassee, Florida; therefore, Bro. Mike is oh so familiar with the tactics of this species of human beings called teenagers. Our students very much enjoy hearing him speak.

The girls are going through a rough time with cold symptoms (coughing, runny noses, basically feeling bad and sounding terrible.) Please lift up some extra prayers for them and the staff.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of our ministry as we strive to share the glorious Gospel of our great God, Lord and Savior.

Together in His service,  
Pastor and Mrs. Cookston

*Russell Cookston*

***But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***

***Hebrews 11:6***



*Troy Dorrell*  
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## INSIDE PERSPECTIVE



*Yanelia,*  
*Student at LCA*

### **Healing a Wounded Spirit** **Closing the Distance Between You and Your Teenager**

One of the keys to maintaining a positive and influential relationship with your teenager (or any other person for that matter) is to be aware of and address a wounded spirit. The Bible tells us that a wounded spirit is hard to bear, that strife can separate friends, and that offenses bring with them a hardness of heart. If an offense in our home occurs, just imagine all the damage that can be done.

In many homes parents and their teenagers may not experience a close relationship in part because of an offense that created an injured spirit, which in turn creates distance. Most of us understand that dynamic in our marital relationships; hurt results in distance and loss of closeness. The problem with teens is that they often do not articulate their hurt. They often just keep it inside and little by little allow their hearts to be moved far away from our own, until one day rebellion, resentment, or indifference has taken hold.

The answer to this dilemma is simple but not always easy. When you know your child has a wounded spirit because of something you have done; discuss it, address it, and if necessary apologize for your part in their hurt. Too often pride and fear keep parents from being real and asking for forgiveness for poor choices or attitudes. Your esteem in their eyes will only increase if when you admit it when you are wrong.

If the offense comes because they simply did not get their way and you know your decisions and reactions are appropriate; then hold your ground with kindness and explanation. Give them extra attention and keep the ropes of relationship tight. Do something together to bridge the gap and things will turn out okay. Frequent talks and a little probing will help you know if an offense has occurred and your child has a wounded spirit. If you discover one, deal with it quickly and you will keep the heart of your teen.

My name is Yanelia. I am 16 years old, and I want to tell you how God has been working in my life.

I was reluctant to change when I first came to Lighthouse. I was stubborn and comfortable with who I was.

Gradually God began working in my heart and I was saved on May 3, 2010. I was very happy and excited to be born-again. I thought things would be easy from then on, but they weren't. God has been and is still leading me through trials from which He wants me to learn.

I sought a lot of counsel through hard times, and I've leaned on God's Word more and more. As I read God's Word, I see my need of Him and my sinful condition. I desire to walk with Him and to conquer the obstacles in my life.

I really like the song "Trust His Heart" because it talks about when you don't understand and don't see His plan, you can still trust Him.

Although I'm going through a difficult time in my life, I purpose to seek God and do His will for my life, always remembering His many blessings.



Relay for Life banquet meeting



We're fearfully and wonderfully made!



We are too!



Stephanie Leavins sings for the staff and girls.



Balloon Battle



Bro. David Porter Revival

# Fun Friday Nights and other special events



Keep those Hoola Hoops going!



A Taste of Italy



Ready for some volleyball?



Has anyone seen my newspaper?



Did someone put on the brakes up there?

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## ***GOOD NEWS TO ALL PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS***

Lighthouse has a new website with helps that we believe will be useful to you and your family.

- LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE INSTITUTE - We have teamed up with Hyles-Anderson Institute to provide Bible training and certificates for the Lighthouse Ministries families. This is provided for a small donation for each course.
- AUDIO/VIDEO – We have CD's recorded by the Lighthouse girls and other music, both free and for donations. We will be adding sermons soon for your spiritual enrichment.
- FULL COLOR NEWSLETTERS- Both past and present
- HELPS- 8 categories for EFFECTIVE PARENTING and 5 categories for CHRISTIAN LIVING and MUSIC.
- TOUR- A pictorial tour of Lighthouse Ministries and Lighthouse Christian Academy
- TESTIMONIES- from students and parents

Help yourself to the information that is now available on our new website.

Also, if you have a suggestion that will help your family grow in the Lord, please e-mail us.  
If possible, we will post a "help" on that subject.

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- Golf cart batteries
- Copier paper
- Donations for Scholarship Fund
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- Letter size laminating pouches
- Replacement windows – Call for details
- Commercial grade carpet – Call for details

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