

[Our Core Values](#)  
[at the Lighthouse of Hope](#)

1. We believe that all people matter to God, and must be loved and accepted.
2. We believe that the church must be culturally relevant without compromising the Word of God.
3. We believe that the pursuit of full devotion to Christ and His cause should be the goal of every believer.
4. We believe that teamwork is God's design for effective ministry.
5. We believe in the priority of prayer. When we work, we work. But when we pray, God works.
6. We believe that God is worthy of our best efforts. Excellence honours God and inspires people.
7. We believe that life-change happens best in small groups. Big faith is grown in small groups.
8. We believe that the church is a community of servants, where every member is a minister.
9. We believe that the church thrives when gifted, emerging leaders are identified and trained to lead with diligence.
10. We believe that starting new churches is the most effective way to reach the world for Christ.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

**Ministry Opportunities:** If you'd like to get involved and make a difference in 2009, there are many different ministry options available to you. **Brian & Cathy Kozier are our Ministry Placement Coordinators.** They would love to help you get plugged into a ministry that's just right for you. Get in touch with them at 475-7286 or [cathykozier@hotmail.com](mailto:cathykozier@hotmail.com).

Some of the ministries you may want to consider are as follows:

- **Hospitality Ministry:** serving refreshments after church (and cleaning up afterwards)
- **Children's Ministry:** helping with our children's program on Sabbath afternoons
- **Greeting Ministry:** creating a welcoming environment for people who come to worship
- **Discover Bible School:** helping interested people get to know their Bibles better by delivering and/or grading Discover Bible Study Guides
- **Deacon / Deaconess:** assisting with baptisms, communion services, visitation, property maintenance, cleaning, etc...
- **Drama Ministry:** planning and presenting drama for worship services
- **Music Ministry:** singing or playing an instrument for worship
- **Prayer Ministry:** praying with and/or interceding for people
- **Social Events Ministry:** planning and organizing fun activities which provide opportunities for people to make new friends and get better acquainted
- **Small Group Ministry:** lead a small group, or assist a group leader
- **Marriage Ministry:** plan and organized events to help married couples
- **Parenting Ministry:** plan and organized events to help parents
- **Start your own ministry!** Are you passionate about a ministry we don't yet have up and running?

Ask Brian or Cathy how to start a new ministry!

THE LIGHTHOUSE  
NEWS FOR YOUR JOURNEY



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March, 2009



Praise Team:  
Allen, Natascha,  
Paula, Candace,  
Soni, & Faith

January 24, 2009

*Pastor's Corner*

Pastor Jeff Potts

Ever wonder what would happen if we  
Treated our Bible like we treat our cell  
phone?

What if we carried it around in our purse or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive text messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."* - Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

This month I would like to thank some of you, whom I haven't thanked yet: Harry Yamniuk who has been putting the newsletter online for us. You can check it out at: <http://lighthouseofhope.ca/contactus.php> I would also like to thank Pastor Jeff for giving me the opportunity to do the newsletter for the church. I have been enjoying doing it immensely. And lastly a thank-you to those of you who contribute regular articles to the newsletter each month: Stephanie Yamniuk, Allison Weibe, Nastascha Harderer, Jamie Montgomery, and Jeny Galina. I would also like to welcome Paula McMiller to our newsletter, who is now leading the social committee for our church and Lori-Ann MacDonald who will now be doing Ministry Outreach.

As we usher in the proverbial spring this month, I would like us to take a moment and reflect on it. Spring is a time of growth and rebirth. The cycle comes full circle as the cold ground that has lain dormant for oh so long springs forth new life. Everything living goes through this cycle of life, death, and rebirth. Even relationships go through this process. And through forgiveness, like Christ teaches us to do, they can be reborn as well, more beautiful than before.

For some, this cycle is also symbolic; like a life changing decision such as baptism. Paul writes in Romans 6:4 *"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."* We live, we die, and are reborn anew in Christ. Jesus went through this process and someday we will go through this process literally as we finally give up the race and are made new for our journey to be with our Father in Heaven.

- Bradley Taylor-Pirogov, Editor

**BABY DEDICATIONS**



On Sabbath, February 7, Andrew & June Park had their son Kian dedicated to the Lord.



And on Sabbath, February 14, Vincent & Elisabeth Mose had their son Joseph dedicated to the Lord.



**MISSION STATEMENT**

To be an authentic biblical community that transforms people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



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1226 Waller Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3T 1P6  
Tel: (204) 771-9061  
Worship on Saturdays: 4:00 pm

## ~ ENCOUNTER GOD RETREAT ~

On the weekend of January 9-11, twelve members of our Lighthouse family gathered at St. Benedict's for a spiritual retreat. The centre is located in a peaceful country setting just outside Winnipeg. We enjoyed good meals and comfortable rooms, as we focused on the task at hand—receiving God's healing and being set free from Satan's strongholds in our lives. Terri-Anne Ankrah and Pastor Jeff shared the teaching responsibilities.



A time for Healing

The Sabbath was spent in worship, Bible study and praying with our ministry partners. We had a few hours of free time on Sabbath afternoon. The weather was relatively mild, and some of us enjoyed getting outdoors to explore the walking trails around the centre. Others napped. Saturday night we relaxed, played games, and enjoyed a bonfire. We all got to know each other better over the weekend. It was a real bonding experience.



Who's teaching who?

Sunday morning, we wrapped up the weekend with a special "Blessing Ceremony." Many of the participants commented that it was a powerful, life-changing experience. God truly blessed us. He is so good!  
- Pastor Jeff



### Birthday Wishes:

- March 5 - Cathy Kozier
- March 21 - Irene Brandt
- March 22 - Val Wagner
- March 27 - Lori-Ann MacDonald
- March 29 - Lani-Jade Cho

On the weekend of January 9 to 11, 2009 a few of our church members attended the Encounter God Retreat, at St. Benedicts Retreat Centre.

Encounter God is a powerful seminar in which we learned about the very real spiritual warfare in the Christian walk. We worshiped, laughed, and cried together as we bonded throughout the weekend. We learned what the bible says about sin, sin's effects, confession, and healing.

We saw God work: as we worked in pairs confessing our sins, the struggles in our lives, and in the asking of God to free us from the effects of them. We banished the enemy to leave to the place of no return. Perhaps the best part of it was in the healing that came from the Holy Spirit as we learned the result of confession.

Saturday night, we relaxed with a bonfire, which we laughed and sang around; enjoying a few pool and scramble games while munching on a few treats. The food was delicious and the grounds were peaceful. We were surrounded with hiking trails, tall trees, a river and statues. Many enjoyed a walk on Sabbath afternoon, seeing wildlife and hearing the voice of God.

This retreat happens once a year...so plan to attend next year and encounter God in this powerful way too!!!!

- Terri-Anne Ankrah



Our Future Praise & Worship Team

## Small Group

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, the S.M.A.R.T praise team had the privilege of conducting the praise and worship service at The Lighthouse along with the Lighthouse praise team, the Breath of Life. S.M.A.R.T is an acronym for Searching for Meaningful Answers Required Today. The group is composed of students from the University of Manitoba and began to meet as a Bible study group in the winter of 2007. In the fall of the same year, some members decided to form a singing group. Since then, we have sung at The Lighthouse on a number of occasions as well as at other events throughout Winnipeg. It has been a blessing to sing at The Lighthouse and we always look forward to coming back to worship. Thank you for the inspiration and encouragement you give to us.

- Chifuka Chundu



### Lighthouse Leadership Team:

Chairperson: Jeff Potts  
Secretary: Paula McMiller  
Treasurer: Allison Weibe

Small Groups Coordinator: Stephanie Yamniuk  
Communications Director: Carlos Weibe  
Worship Leader: Allen Mavundukure

## ~ Bible Studies ~

Wednesdays 7:00 pm @ the Lighthouse.

Led by Pastor Jeff

Fridays 5:30 pm @ the U of M: SMART group.

Led by Chifuka

Fridays 6:45 pm @ 1117 Colby.

Led by Stephanie

Fridays 7:00 pm @ 1404-360 Cumberland.

Led by Pastor Jeff

Anyone interested in joining a small group, can contact Stephanie at 275-1133.



## Treasurer's Report

Reported by Allison Weibe

### Financial Report for January, 2009

**Tithes: \$5,000**

**Lighthouse Budget: \$2,910**

**Lighthouse Expenses: \$1,925**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lighthouse 401: Discovering My Mission** Thursday, March 26, 7:00-9:00 pm at the Lighthouse.

This class will equip you to share your faith with others. Be sure to let Pastor Jeff know you plan to attend PH: 771-9061, or email: potts@mts.net.

### The It Is Written Team

will be here in Winnipeg on Sabbath, May 30. There will be a **city-wide worship** service on Sabbath morning, and a concert in the afternoon. (The venue is yet to be announced.)

Pastor Jeff will be away at Canadian University College in Lacombe, AB, March 15-17. A number of pastors from across Canada are being trained to mentor CUC ministerial students. If the Lighthouse is assigned a student, we'll have an assistant pastor for 6 weeks this spring.

Our second Praise & Worship night will be held on Good Friday. Plan on attending this great experience!

Pastor Jeff will be taking holiday time Feb 23 to March 7 to work on his doctoral dissertation. Keep him in your prayers.



The Transcona SDA Church (Pastor Jeff's other church) will be hosting an **All Power Seminar** the weekend of April 24-26 at the Transcona Canad Inn. Guest speaker Leo Schreven has entertained audiences around the world. He'll take you on an incredible journey of learning the life-mastery skills that will empower you to achieve your full potential. This weekend is dedicated to helping people in every area of life - physically, mentally, relationally, spiritually, and financially. Regular admission to this seminar is \$249. However, because of corporate sponsorships, this seminar is available to you absolutely free of charge! Be sure to mark the weekend in your calendar! You won't want to miss this!

## KIDS KORNER

### ~ Lighthouse Kids ~

Last month, each lesson began with a mission story from the Philippines. We have a poster board where our children glued the featured child to it. We have also been learning a little of the Philippine language. Next the kids learn the memory verse of the day. Then the Bible story is shared. And finally they spend time creating a related craft.

Anyone interested in teaching Sabbath School or just being a helper, can contact Natascha.

Anyone wishing to submit something to the Newsletter can send it to: [Newsletter@LighthouseOfHope.ca](mailto:Newsletter@LighthouseOfHope.ca)

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