



First off I would like to thank my newest reporter, Jeny Galina, for compiling a list of birthdays and anniversaries for the newsletter. If we have missed anyone, please let Jeny or me know. January's birthdays are noted on the calendar, so please wish our friends a Happy Birthday when you see them!

I hope everyone has had a joyous celebration of Christ's birth. Remember: Christmas is not about family gatherings and food and presents. Christmas is about the only present that truly matters: the presence of Jesus Christ on the Earth. God's grace, mercy and love, and His forgiveness of our sins are His gifts. God so loved the world that He sent us His one and only begotten Son so that we may have eternal life and forgiveness through His sacrifice on the cross in all we do wrong.

As we begin the New Year together, take to heart: the example we make at Christmas time should be exemplified all year long. It is our duty as Christians to uphold Christ's ideals to others, all of the time. God bless you all and I hope the year ahead is a happy and prosperous one for you.
- Bradley Taylor-Pirogov, Editor

Small Group

~ Bible Studies ~



Feature of the month:

Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Lighthouse, led by Pastor Jeff.

Each week features a different topic. We'll be studying important subjects such as the origin of sin, life after death, steps to Christ, angels, the Bible Sabbath, and much more. You'll learn an easy-to-use Bible marking plan that will help you transform your Bible into a virtual encyclopedia of biblical information that you can share with others.

Other small groups:

Weds 6:15 pm @ Lighthouse. Praise group. Led by Allen

Fridays 5:30 pm @ 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

Pastor's Corner

As we begin this New Year together, let's resolve to stay focused on Jesus. In **Hebrews 12:1, 2** we're told, "We must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete." (CEV) The Christian life is a marathon that requires determination and focus. My friend, keep Christ at the very centre of your life. May your relationship with Jesus flourish in 2009.

Looking back at 2008, we give God thanks for His many blessings. This past year we welcomed 19 people into our Lighthouse family by baptism or profession of faith! I praise God for each one of these precious individuals. God is changing lives through our church! We're absolutely committed to helping people get ready for the return of Jesus. At The Lighthouse we're totally committed to Christ, radically committed to each other, and utterly committed to helping people come to faith.

If 2008 has some regrets for you, I urge you to take to heart what Paul said in **Philippians 3:13, 14**: "I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." (NLT) Although we need to learn from our past mistakes and failures, I thank God that we can forget the heartaches of the past.

If you're thinking of making a New Year's resolution, you might want to consider one or more of the following...

- In 2009 I will spend more time with Jesus in Bible study and prayer.
- In 2009 I will place a high priority on my relationships with other Christ followers by faithfully attending a small group.
- In 2009 I will set aside some time each week to nurture a friendship with someone who is not yet a believer.
- In 2009 I will serve others by being involved in a Lighthouse ministry.

My God bless you richly in 2009!
- Pastor Jeff



Praise Team during Revelation of Hope
November 29, 2008

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1226 Waller Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3T 1P6

Tel: (204) 771-9061

Worship on Saturdays: 4:00 pm



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Welcome New Members:

Gerry & Betty Hay (by Profession of Faith) **Una Kim, Christina Cho,**
Peter Thibodeau, Val Wagner, (by Baptism) (December 6, 2008)



Una, an alumnus of our very own church school: Red River Valley Jr. Academy, she went on to attend Parkview Adventist Academy in Alberta, and is now a part-time student in university, while working full-time at her job. She is so enthusiastic about church, that she got both her mother and her sister, Christina to attend worship.



Christina is from South Korea. She came to Canada about 14 years ago and enjoys every moment being a mother to her wonderful daughter, Lani-Jade, who will be entering Grade 1 next year. Christina works at a dental lab as a dental tech (specifically as a ceramist) for over 7 years and has made about 24,000 crowns! Even though, as a single parent, balancing work and home is a bit challenging, she still manages to always have a beautiful smile for everyone around her.

- Jeny Galina



Peter heralds from New Brunswick and works in the deep wilderness operating a diamond drill. He is a loving, devoted father to his two young daughters and is a kind and gentle man, accepting of all.



Val's hobbies include reading and listening to music. - Jeny Galina

He seems to have a strong wisdom about him and a kind spirit. Val also plays the piano beautifully and what a welcome gift to hear his music.

- Lisa Taylor-Pirogov



Commitments to Christ



Gerry is a native of Bissett, Manitoba. His hobbies include reading, watching golf, and curling. His main hobby, however, is the love of his life, Betty. When asked how they met he recalls, "I went to buy a book at a Christian bookstore and she was the one serving people there. We got married and she's been serving me ever since!" Betty hails from Bridgestock, Ontario. Betty enjoys baking, cooking, and has made her house a home for the 39 years of married bliss she has shared with Gerry, whom she describes as "gentle and caring". Her favourite Bible verse is 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin." Betty also has a special interest in helping those who do not have transportation and regularly gives rides to those who need it. - Jeny Galina

Treasurer's Report

Reported by
Allison Weibe

Financial Report for December, 2008

Tithes = \$2,173.71
 Lighthouse Budget Offerings = \$769.19
 Expenses = \$568.68

The Lighthouse is a community of believers who are totally committed to Christ, radically committed to each other, and utterly committed to helping people come to faith. (Acts 2:42-47)

Recommitment:

Lisa Taylor-Pirogov

"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!" After going through a bit of an emotional and spiritual crises, Lisa decided that she wanted to reaffirm her faith and renew her commitment to Christ.



Though she was raised in the Christian church and baptized by immersion two years ago with her husband, she really felt drawn by the Holy Spirit to go under those waters again; "This one was between me and my Heavenly Father, no one else can make me whole." It was a positive experience and she is very glad she went through it.

Birthday Wishes:

Agnes - Jan 1
 Betty - Jan 22
 Jessie & Julian - Jan 23
 Lisa - Jan 31

If we have forgotten anyone, please let us know.

MINISTRY OUTREACH

Part of our mission at the Lighthouse is to be a Biblically authentic

community of people transforming others into followers of Jesus Christ. In November, twenty of our members and friends had the great experience of going to serve breakfast at Siloam Mission. In December, we worked together to put together a hamper of food for a family of six. The boys are ages 1, 2, and 3, and their older sister is 7. We collected much needed food and toys and delivered them before Christmas arrived. Thank you to the generosity of our church members who truly believe that giving is receiving. Also in December, a night of caroling and collecting cans was planned. We donated the food collected to Winnipeg Harvest to help those who need their pantries and their hearts filled. In February we plan to go back to Siloam Mission. Look for the sign up sheet in the New Year. - Stephanie Yamniuk

KIDS KORNER

Lighthouse Kids

After Revelation of Hope concluded, December's theme revolved around Worship. The theme for January is "God calls us to serve others." We will explore various ways to serve others, regardless of the differences we may have. This is what God calls us to do!

Upcoming Bible stories include "The Tower of Babel" and "Abram's Call and Journey." We look forward to seeing your family! - Natascha Harderer



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Encounter God Retreat Our second annual retreat will take place January 9-11 at St. Benedicts Retreat Centre, 225 Masters Ave. The 20 individuals who participated last year found Encounter God to be a powerful, spiritual, life-changing weekend. If you desire to be set free from strongholds such as bitterness, resentment, or sinful habits, this retreat is definitely for you. The cost for the entire weekend is only \$130. This includes your participant manual, accommodation (Friday & Saturday nights), and meals. To register, speak with Pastor Jeff at 771-9061.

Help the homeless by donating personal hygiene items for distribution in back packs on January 10. For more info, call Ron Eldridge at 254-7389



The following classes will be offered at the Lighthouse in the New Year:

Thursday, January 29, 7:00-9:00 pm:
 Lighthouse 201: Discovering Spiritual Maturity
 Thursday, February 26, 7:00-9:00 pm:
 Lighthouse 301: Discovering My Ministry
 Thursday, March 26, 7:00-9:00 pm:
 Lighthouse 401: Discovering My Life Mission

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 Koziar 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 cathykoziar@hotmail.com.

Anyone wishing to submit something to the Newsletter can send it to: Newsletter@LighthouseOfHope.ca

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