



Missionary Highlight for February

Lighthouse Ministry – Ben King

The ministry's mission: "The Lighthouse is committed to serving God by responding to the needs of children, youth, and families to ensure all life is given hope for tomorrow."

We learned that The Lighthouse is a much larger ministry than we ever anticipated! With a \$31,000,000 budget and some 250 employees, the Lighthouse ministry is multifaceted. Merging with Missouri Baptist Children's Home a number of years ago. The ministry found itself serving ever-increasing and multi-faceted needs of children released from foster care when they turned 18. In addition, more services have been provided to meet the needs of families. Missouri tax credits and the Shafee program helps fund a good share of the operating budget.

While the Lighthouse now has its own complex, only 5% of the work of the ministry takes place on their campus. 95% of the work is community-based and goes directly to working with families.

The four major aspects of the work is as follows:

Residential Maternity Home at the new site has served 24 moms in the past year.

Transitional independent living arrangements for teens provided for those released from foster care between the ages of 18-21 who are in need of housing and jobs. Some 317 people were helped this past year to locate housing.

Outreach classes in the form of life skills, financial counseling, school readiness, and child-care for working moms. There is a boutique for those dedicated to taking the services offered for help, and there are additional counseling services provided as well. Just under 300 people have been helped with these classes.

Home-based pregnancy services are offered to help with moms who have decided to keep their babies or put them up for adoption.

Helping keep kids in foster care homes through education and further counseling services to foster families.

Prayer Requests:

- Financial needs through donations are always needed. Currently, diaper wipes are needed as well a larger diapers and new or slightly used children's clothing.
- Churches partnering with the ministry for usage of facilities for life-skill classes and helping young adults in transition.
- Staffing needs as there is always turnover and need in this type of work
- Fruit of the labor as God's word and the gospel are shared with people in times of great personal need.

March Events:

March 7th:
Men's Prayer
Breakfast 8 am

March 19th:
Ladies Council
10 am

March 22nd:
Missions Sunday

March 26th:
Helping Hands
of Faith 6:30-
8:00 pm

March 30th:
Seder Meal in
Fellowship Hall

Every Tuesday:
Ladies Bible
Study 10 am

**Every
Wednesday:**
AWANA 6:30-
8:00 pm

February Financial Corner:

General Giving:
\$20,086

Designated Giving:
\$15,000

Total: \$35,086

Monthly Giving Budg-
et: \$25,616

Total Expenses:
\$18,022

Net Operating Income:
\$17,064 (with
designated giving)

Greetings Maywood Family,

March is a very exciting time for the Church with awesome events and building updates. Read on to find out the latest and greatest!



The “Funny Valentine Taco Lunch” lunch on February 15 had delicious food and deserts. There was also lots of fun with Valentine’s themed games and a photo booth! Thank you so much to everyone who made this happen and special thanks to Kathy and the Ladies Council for hosting this dinner.

Easter Events

Here is a quick update on Easter events.

Good Friday Service on April 3 at 5:30pm.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday morning on April 4. Sign up sheets to provide candy are located at the welcome center. Also, if you want to volunteer to help with the event please see any of the Elders or Meghan.

Easter Breakfast on April 5 during Sunday school. The Deacons and Elders will host this breakfast.

Cantata

“His Robes for Mine” is the title of the Easter Cantata. Practice will start on Saturday, March 7 at 3:30pm and every Saturday till Easter. If you would like to be a part of the Cantata please come to practice or talk with Pastor Alan. Be a part of the Cantata and have some fun!

Building Updates

Gym Floor – The flooring company notified Maywood the floor material has been ordered and is scheduled to arrive by the end of March. A tentative installation date is April 6! The new floor will require the doors which open into the gym to be shortened so they will not scratch the floor. Also, new door closers/openers will be installed so the doors can be kept open without touching the floor to prevent scratches.

LED lighting has been installed in the gym. The new lights will lower our electricity costs and provide brighter lighting.

The replacement breezeway doors will be hung as soon as the installer’s schedule allows.

Social Media Intern

Ja’nae Mckelvy has accepted the Social Media Internship position. Ja’nae will look to unify and integrate all our different social media channels such as Facebook, YouTube, The Maywood website and the outdoor sign board. She will also develop a framework around all of these communication channels so the Church will be able to administer the system. Please welcome Ja’nae and thank her for extending and improving the Church’s outreach through social media.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this special Missionary event.

Jews for Jesus will be preparing a Seder dinner on Monday night, March 30th in the Church kitchen. The Jewish dinner, or ceremonial feast, is called the Passover Seder. The word "Seder" (meaning "order" in Hebrew) refers to the 15-step, structured meal held on the first one or two nights of Passover to retell the story of the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt. Please sign up for the dinner and be blessed by this special event.

Reminder

If you would like to be a part of the welcoming team or the Crisis response team, please talk to any of the Elders.

Please pray for our Nation and the events in the middle east. Pray for the Community, the Church’s outreach and Easter service and that many will be drawn to our Church to hear the salvation message.

In Christ’s Love,

The Elders