

The Lighthouse

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior from our mission field in the city. There are so many wonderful stories to tell and of course sad ones as well. It was a very busy 2015 and there were many accomplishments in the Name of Christ. For 2016, as usual, it will be one day at a time as God unfolds the dynamics of His plans. Our great hope is to see the conversion of lost souls to a new life in Christ. The world will go on in its hustle and bustle and brush aside the real need for a relationship with God; rating that relationship low on the pole of actual needs. What a shock it will be for many when they enter eternity! In our little corner of the world we stress that a relationship with God almighty is more important than all that can be amassed in life.

We thank all of you for your faithful support as the Lord has moved your heart through the year. I personally sign every receipt that goes out with much gratitude and prayer for the day's need being met. Our plans for 2016 will be to keep moving forward with the Gospel and we certainly will expect challenges and we will be prepared. *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*(Proverbs 3:5-6) That is our simple business plan for 2016.

We praise God for entering our 104th year of operation. This is truly an amazing place because God is amazing in all of His works! *I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.* (Psalm 34:1)

By His grace,



Chaplain, Director

The Light Shineth in the Darkness

Lord willing, the Gospel Mission always tries to decorate the block with the joy of Christmas lighting. This year we made two of our own lighting fixtures with special purpose; the Merry Christmas and the large cross with lighted red bows. We thank Brother Derrick, our staff welder, for his creation. Christ is the light that shines in a dark and dreary world of sin.



For 104 years, the mission has endeavored to be the light of Christ rescuing people from eternal loss.

Pray that our light and resources would be able to shine until the Lord comes.

Wright State University Basketball Team Visits our Youth



It was a bit of a surprise one evening when the WSU basketball team came to assist at the mission. We had shared earlier in the day with a volunteer that we would be short volunteers that evening for our youth and food service. What a surprise when the team came to work! Everyone really enjoyed their company and fun-times with the youth. The Lord always provides and in so many ways of which we could never plan.

Lives in the Balance

You have probably heard of the cocaine epidemic in Ohio. There were 2500 people killed in 2015 through their addiction. We lost some of our congregation. There is nothing but Christ that can put an end to this epidemic. They are dead before you can arrest them or get them to the hospital. Lives are in the balance as we preach the life changing message every day. We pray that many lives will be “rescued” before their life comes down to seconds left. The mission’s daily ministry is always one of urgency! *Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation* (II Corinthians 6:2).

We need a great moving of the Spirit of God everyday
...there may not be a tomorrow.

A Youthful Christmas



We had a wonderful response for our Christmas youth activities and we always pray that their time with the mission will have an eternal impact. Thanks to the many volunteers who assisted with the youth and Prime Time Rental who provided all of the fun things. Praise the Lord for our friends in fellowship with Christ.

East Dayton Christian School Visit

We are always encouraged to share our mission field with young people of the area. It is not every day you can go to the mission field and be home in time for dinner. We enjoy the fellowship of many area students and we hope they too can have a heart for missionary work. Shown here are some of the students that assisted us in preparing things for Christmas.

(Trains compliments of the Miami Valley Division of the National Model Railroad Association)



Christmas by the Truckload

We certainly want to give thanks to the many people who came forth with the gifts for our Christmas distributions. So many real needs were met this year. Following are a few of the many notes we received copied as we received them.

I just wanted to say thank you so much for your help my kids had a great Christmas because of all your help thanks again for giving us a great Christmas you all are wonderful and true blessings.

Bless you i want thank you enough everything was perfect the LORD has been so good to my family thank you bless you.

I just wanted to say thank you for helping me with Christmas.. my kids loved there stuff ... Very happy...your a life savor..I am def going to come and check out the church soon..now that Christmas is over I just need to figure out things for me and things around here but I will be there soon again thank you so so much...



We would like to thank Fairhaven Church for their tremendous boost this Christmas with an entire truck load of Christmas gifts; it was packed end to end...53 feet of truck. It really added a wonderful and full touch to our Christmas packages. Some may know that Fairhaven Church was first meeting in the Gospel Mission building when it was the Burns Avenue Missionary Alliance Church fifty years ago. Thanks to the congregation that responded so well.

Camp Jabez Summer Camp

Camp Jabez is a beautiful place and a wonderful gift of God to reach the youth of our community. It is a place of God's creation that can be enjoyed



in its peacefulness. The camp centers on Christ, learning how to work with others, appreciation for His blessings and building confidence as a child of God. Please consider sending youth to Camp Jabez for a tremendous week of good times in the Lord.

Sue Clarkston has been camp director for many years and she sees to it that everyone has a great time, matures in many areas of life and establishes new friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Check the web site for schedules and camp details. www.CampJabez.org

And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good (Genesis 1:31).

Camp Jabez New Facilities

The new Camp Jabez Education and Recreation building will be ready for its first use when camp opens in June. It has 12,000 sq. ft of excitement instore and will definitely provide a place to gather if the



Lord sends along a little rain. Thanks to so many people who made this all come together under the Lord's direction. We hope to greatly expand our nature education with a place for artifacts and good audio-visual facilities. Shown here are some of the Clarkston clan testing out the inside horizontal climbing wall. Thank you Lord for all you have provided at Camp Jabez. May it always be used to glorify you.

CJ Summer Staff Recruitment

Camp is fast approaching and we are looking for excellent and energetic summer staff. Most of our summer staff are college students with plenty of enthusiasm and get-up-and-go for the whole summer. Experience is very helpful but not required... we have a week of training. Please send an email if you have any questions.

Christmas Workout

For the mission staff, Christmas is an exhaustive time. This year we worked well into Christmas Eve and Christmas Day providing for many needs. The only real satisfaction that can be found is that it is done to the glory of Christ and we pray that the people will see why we celebrate Christmas. All of the gifts will fade quickly and only the wonderful gift of Christ will go on providing forever. Thank you so much for supporting this work.



We captured a picture of someone who "dropped in." Doesn't he look familiar?

Nehemiah University Technology

A number of our technology students are doing well learning various aspects of computer technology. Shown here is a December class graduation. Thank you for all of your support which makes the improvement in these lives possible.



Combined Federal Campaign

We want to thank all of the government employees who donated to the Gospel Mission last fall through the CFC. Contributors should receive a thank you notice (if requested) in March to confirm where your funds will be routed to; please let us know if you do not receive verification.



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