



# The Lighthouse Beacon

*Sharing the Light of Christ*

February  
2019



## *Pastor's Peace*

What a joy to kick off our first monthly newsletter! Thanks go to Valerie Williams, our editor. My hope is that all laity leaders will discipline themselves to inform our entire congregation in a very mobile group.

Much has happened in the New Year! We celebrated a great Christmas season with services and continued our ministry outreach to the hurricane victims both in and outside St. George Island! Our Prison Ministry flourishes. Visitation to families and victims of both fire and flood was a new missional initiative.

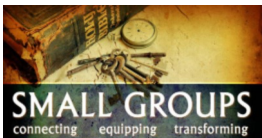
In an effort to reach out to our neighbors in Eastpoint, a recent purchase of land designated for "Hope Park" will serve children and families in need. We hope many area churches will join us in this step-of-faith project.

We appreciate the many volunteers and Veterans assisting the Eastpoint UMC Youth Center (The Nest UMC Youth Center Facebook site) by helping to construct the playground. The after school program opened with 50 children .

A new church directory for members, affiliates, associates and guests is in the making. If you did not fill out a new

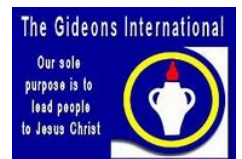
## *Ministry News*

Pastor Brightly will be away from the Island on a trip combining a missional outreach to Latin America with some planned vacation time from February 11th to March 5th. Filling the pulpit in his absence will be Bob Tindale on February 17th and February 24th, and Sandy Ratliff on March 3rd. In the case of a family emergency during the Pastor's absence, contact Lay Leaders, Mason Bean (850-653-6734 ) or Joyce Estes ( 850-899-0866 ).



The first Small Group in our church started meeting on January 9th to study the book of Philippians in a series of 12 lessons. Plans are currently in place to organize an additional home group next month. Every effort will be made to accommodate everyone who is interested in a deeper study of the scriptures through Bible reading, discussion , and prayer. If you need more information or wish to participate in a small group, contact Pastor Brian or Joyce Estes.

**Gideon Sunday on February 10th.** We will welcome Kesley Colbert to speak to our church family on behalf of the Gideons International, an association of Christian men and women dedicated to spreading the Gospel message of salvation through the distribution of Bibles in over 200 countries world wide.



## Mission Updates

The mission team is committed to making Hope Park a reality. We have contracted to buy 2 acres of property in the Lime Rock fire area. As Brian said, "it is going into the land of Canaan". The Sheriff has committed to have a presence there so that it will be a safe haven for those in that community. We have a mission team that will come and help to clean up the area. We will share the love of Christ and ask other churches to also come and share as well on weekends. We plan to have an area with a pavilion, tables and hopefully a basket ball court for the youth to enjoy. To know more and be a part of this wonderful mission, come to the next mission meeting.

## Music Notes



**Special Music** will be provided in February by: Janis Ramos, pianist, accompanist, vocalist—Feb. 17  
Steve and Glenna Smith, retired musicians, piano, organ—Feb. 24  
Martha Gherardi, violinist, pianist—March 3

The Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. Please see Irina if you are interested in joining.

## Women's Fellowship

**February 3rd** - "Souper Bowl" Soup and Bake Sale after worship in Fellowship Hall. Bring donated soups and baked goods (labeled and priced) to the church kitchen prior to the worship service.

On **Wednesday, February 13th**, we'll have our regular UMW potluck lunch meeting at noon in the fellowship hall of the church, hosted by Barb Profit. Carol Wheeler will give the devotional.

**Monday, February 25th**, we'll celebrate February birthdays at the Beach Pit on SGI, at 11:45.

Our year round continuing project is **Backpack Buddies**. Please place individual servings of nonperishable food items in the box in the church narthex. Thanks!

**Make a difference** in a child's life and volunteer for our 3rd Grade Partnership at Franklin County Schools. Once a month, volunteers visit the four classes where they read, help with a craft, and serve treats. For more information email Jane Hawkins at [mjch@gmail.com](mailto:mjch@gmail.com)) or check for the sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall.



### Looking ahead in March:

March 8-10, Conference Women's Retreat, Fruitland Park, with the theme "Got Joy?"

## Activities and Opportunities

### Souper Bowl and Bake Sale—February 3rd.

After the worship service, the UMW will hold its annual "Souper Bowl" Soup and Bake Sale. Pints are \$6 and quarts are \$10. Home baked goodies will also be available. Support our various mission and ministries throughout the year by taking home a quick, tasty and hearty lunch.



**Men's Prayer Breakfast meets on Wednesday** mornings at 8:15 in the Beach Pit. As a Christian ecumenical organization on the Island, the group meets for fellowship and prayer for our friends, neighbors, and area concerns.

### Church Family Dinner—Feb 24th

Mark your calendars now for the next church-wide Fellowship brunch. Bring your friends, family, and a dish to share.



### *Dates to Remember*

**February 3** -- UMW Souper Bowl Soul Sale Fundraiser (following the service)

**February 4** -- Admin Council Meeting at 10:00 am

**February 24** -- Monthly Fellowship Brunch

**March 2** -- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at 8:00 am

### *Weekly Schedule*

Sunday: Worship Service 10:15 am, Fellowship 11:30am

Monday: Low-Impact exercise 9:00 am, Yoga 4:30 pm

Tuesday: Prayer Team Meets 9:30 am

Wednesday: Men's Breakfast 8:15 am, Low-impact exercise 9:00

Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Thursday: Thrift Store 9:00-1:00, Yoga 4:30 pm, AA Mtg 7:30 pm

Friday: Chair yoga 9:00 am

Church Office Open: Monday—Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

### *Lighthouse Care*

#### *Hospitality - Sue Genter*

Our thanks and appreciation go to the many who have hosted our coffee and refreshment time after Sunday Worship.

On the February calendar just inside the kitchen, there are some dates still available for you to volunteer to be a Sunday fellowship time hostess. Thank you for your gift of hospitality.

#### *Birthdays*

Stanley Colvin 2/6

Cindy Donald 2/7

Carlton Ethridge 2/9

Renee Stephens 2/11

Valerie Williams 2/13

Angie Newton 2/20

#### *Anniversaries*

2/1 Cindy & James

Donald

2/14 Lusi & Larry Hale

2/14 Candi & Greg

Howington

2/16 Dorothea & Ray Botz

#### *Prayer Concerns*

If you would like to be on our newsletter prayer list, please contact Bill Mills, Sandy Ratliff, or call the church office.



#### *God's Good News*

We welcome our newest member to Lighthouse church, Athera "AJ" Jacobs, who joined our church family on January 6th.

#### *Getting to Know You*

Athera "AJ" Jacobs, joining as an Associate member, comes to us from Dadeville, Alabama, where she was very active in many church activities. Her daughter lives on the Island and her son resides in Alabama near Dadeville, so she will be sharing her time between the two locations. Please give her a hearty welcome when you see her.

### *Church Contacts*

Brian Brightly— Pastor 941-214-0335

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Fred Genter - Trustee 207-565-3301

Pam Tullous - Council Chairman (214)392-6222

Marie Allen - SPRC Chairman (850) 653-6729

### *Financial Report*

January Budget : \$14,750

January General Fund giving: \$11,080

January General Fund Expenditures: \$10,078



# February 2019

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<p><i>For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>John 3:16</i></p>					1	2
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*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

*John 13:34*







