

The Life and Times

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Newsletter

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Lots Available for Lease

There are currently no lots available to lease for a RV or Park Model.

The following lots are available for a modular home to be put on them:

- 5359 Beulah Land
- 5885 Shiloh Path

Call the Park Office at 863-858-7504 for information.

News from the Park Administrator

Happy New Year! As we move into a new year, I want to remind you that we plan to continue improving the Park. This is a great time to consider what we might be able to do to make the Park better. Later this month, the Board and I will be considering what projects we might be able to work on this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please be sure to mention them to me—an email is best (that way, I don't have to rely on my memory).

As mentioned in an email earlier, progress on the purchase of the property at 5580 Deeson (just outside the gate) has moved past a difficult hurdle. The sales agreement specified that a closing would not happen until all residents had vacated the property. The owner has spent several months working on filing the necessary paperwork and working with the court system to have that happen. She won a ruling that requires the residents to vacate within 18 days. Once the property has been vacated, we can proceed with the purchase. Please continue to pray for this process.

This past month the audio-video center in Hood Hall was totally completed with the installation of carpet on the floor. Both the video and audio systems have been tested and work correctly. There have been a couple of events that used the new set up, and it worked well. The only thing that has not been tested is Zoom. However, all systems that are used with Zoom are functional, so Zoom should work fine for the upcoming Board meeting.

The storage shed behind Hood Hall has been completed as well. It has been insulated, wall boards installed, and an air conditioner put in service. This gives us more storage capacity and will help us segregate different types of storage much more efficiently.

It is important to remember that, although we are a community of like-minded people, we each have our own private property. If something is not yours, please check with the owner before using or taking the property.

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You will notice signs along Shiloh Path at the end of the sidewalk from the library that state "No Parking Between Signs." Although there is a stop sign at the end of the sidewalk, we have seen several people who have not stopped. We believe not having vehicles parked in the designated area provides better visibility of any traffic on Shiloh, for people exiting the sidewalk.

This coming year, two major issues regarding our water system will be facing us.

First, the EPA is requiring all systems, i.e. water lines, to be inventoried—including unused lines. We are required to map the lines and identify the type of material: copper, lead, galvanized, or PVC. This will be a difficult and possibly a costly endeavor.

The second issue that will soon be required, is the testing for PFAs, also called "forever chemicals". These are a category of chemicals that can cause serious health problems. If any level of PFAs over .001 ppb (parts per billion) is found in our water, we will have to install mitigating equipment which will be costly. This may not affect us this year as there are still some questions about the timing of the regulation since labs are currently ill-equipped to do the testing and mitigating systems may be in short supply.

I pray you all have a blessed year! May you know God's presence as you face each day.

Jan

Office News

January has come bringing a new year. The Park is filling up so quickly. We are glad to see all our friends and look forward to meeting new ones. The calendar tells us January will be very busy.

The office has been busy getting ready for this winter so there are some things that we need to share.

First, don't forget to check in with Lori or one of us when you are back in the Park. She has your pictorial directories and calendars ready for you. Also, Enjoyment Books are available for \$30. There are

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plenty of places to get bargains with the coupons.

The Annual Fees are due January 15th. The amount this year is \$2,180.00. If you did not receive your invoice let us know. We can provide another, even by email.

As activities get scheduled, we know you want to get your information out and one way is to post it.

Feel free to use any bulletin board or even dumpsters to post them, but do not tape any notices to the glass doors at Hood Hall. The tape becomes an issue for those who clean.

The following properties have changed hands this month:

1. 5876 Moriah Place was purchased by Ed and Linda Lamoreaux. The former owner was Jean Anderson.
2. 5882 Deeson Road has been sold. The new owners are Gene and Pamela Ryan. Former owners were Gene and Connie Poole.
3. Ned and Deb Ellington have leased 5325 Ebenezer Place effective January 1, 2024. This was formerly leased by Joe and Kim Childs.

Be sure to welcome these new members to the Park and the various activities.

As we try to keep up with all our activities, remember to check the Park Calendar on the Park's website. If you need to add an event, call, or stop by the office.

We wish you a very happy new year and pray that this year will be filled with blessings. Let's be sure we love one another as Christ has instructed us.

The Office Staff



News from the Board of Directors

We have moved from our Christmas celebrations, right into the New Year. And so, we welcome 2024 here at our Light and Life Park. It will be a great year as more and more arrive to meet up with old friends and make new friends. And, in our observation there are a lot of new faces.

Make it a New Year goal to meet someone new.

Weather news: (we love talking about the weather)

We have received some good rains in the last month and the Jordan is flowing, "some". Of course, that makes the grass grow for mowing and trimming. It is greening up just in time for the dry season.

The staff and "volunteers" have been busy: power washing, cleaning, raking, digging up broken water lines, trimming, and even 1 cement pour already. Don't worry, there will be plenty more to do when the whole "army" arrives, including hopefully work on the property next door. The Park is looking very good! We are grateful for the many volunteers that help make our community a better place to live.

January will be the beginning of our season, so our first in-person **BOD meeting** will be **Jan 8**. Committee reports can be submitted before that date. The finance committee has met and will be submitting the 2024 budget for approval. We will also begin discussion on capital projects.

The first **member meeting** will be on **January 15**. All are encouraged to attend even if you are not a voting member (yet?). It is the best way to see and hear all the goings on around the Park and where you might get involved in any of the activities and/or projects.

We expect a very busy and exciting season. Have a Happy and Joyful New Year

God Bless

Larry Putnam

Check out the park website!

Copies of the newsletter, the Park calendar, places for sale, and much more can be found there.

www.lightandlifepark.org



You are cordially invited to celebrate 50 years of marriage for eight of our Light and Life couples on Friday, February 9th from 2-4 pm at Hood Hall.

Those being honored include:

EJ & Brenda Miller, Stan & Gloria Welton, Randy & Faith Reesman, Fred & Barb Hartson, David & Gayle Hooks, Dennis & Jill Wood, Bruce & Debbie Fitch, and Vernon & Kathy Kauffman.

There will be a program beginning at 2 pm, followed by visiting and light refreshments from 2:30-4 pm.

Carolyn Lindley carolyn_lindley@yahoo.com
50th Anniversary Chair

Where to Donate your Goods

The donations given at the Park to help others are appreciated. **Please take your donations to the following places:**

Food donations for Briarwood may be left on the designated table in Hood Hall.

We accept "linens" for Senior Orphans. Please refer to Senior Orphans article in this newsletter.

Jean Whipple takes several items to Talbot House weekly. See that article in this newsletter for details.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Stamps for Missions

All donated stamps are sent to Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers where they are sold to dealers. The money is sent to a publisher in Buenos Aires, Argentina where they publish Sunday school material in Spanish that are sold to at least eight Latin American Countries as well as Spain and the US. They are used by over 40 Protestant Denominations.

Try to leave at least 1/4 inch or more around each stamp or strip of stamps. They also collect picture post cards both unused and used. If used, please leave the stamps on the cards.

Did you remember to generously trim the postage stamps from your Christmas card and calendar envelopes? Watch for them also on end-of-year financial statements and Christmas shopping bills, especially from smaller businesses. Regardless of where you find them, please turn them in at Hood Hall to support missions. Encourage your friends to cut them as well.

Thanks for your support! *Marilyn Stone*

A note about pop/soda cans:

Thank you for saving your aluminum cans which are taken by us to a recycling center in east Lakeland. The money received is being used to help our Park.

I am happy to pick up your pop/soda cans to haul to the Recycling Center, however it will make my job a lot easier if you remember the cans from canned goods **CANNOT** go in with the aluminum pop cans. These are picked up by someone else and need to be kept separate.

There is a bin in the metal recycling collection center near the dumpsters which is marked "POP CANS"--that's the one to use!

Thanks for your help.

Wes Crist

Medical Equipment Available

Maxwell Commons at The Villa has some medical equipment available that can be borrowed by any Park resident. Call someone you know in the Villa to help you. Please sign out the equipment you are borrowing. There are wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, portable pots, and shower seats. Please notify a Villa member when you are returning an item, so we know it has been returned. Please **don't** leave it on the porch. We are **not** presently accepting any equipment donations due to lack of storage space.

Talbot House Ministry

The ongoing deliveries of prescription bottles, unused medicines, good clean clothing that you no longer use, and small household items is an ongoing project. Please continue to save these helpful items for the homeless shelter and the Good Samaritan Clinic. Please deliver them to the Whipple's porch at 5866 Deeson Road any time. Jean will get them delivered.

Jean will take your items to Talbot House on Wednesdays. **Donations will be accepted all day on Tuesdays and until 10:30 AM on Wednesdays.** PLEASE leave your items in Jean's screened porch.

Should you wish to send financial assistance to this work, the address is: 814 North Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland.

Thank you! Jean Whipple

Update on Benches

Ed Hamilton has just made a delivery on benches he had ordered. He is working with the new manager who is making the benches and would like requests to be made to the Park Office until the details are sorted out on his process.

You may continue to collect plastic lids. **Please be sure they are clean.** They may be stored at his place while he is away, but they need to be put inside his storage containers.

We will keep you posted if anything further develops.

SENIOR-ORPHANS

Thank you for your continued support of Senior Orphans through your donations of **gently used bed linens and towels, no bed pillows, however.**

Senior Orphans helps local, indigent seniors living with no family support and meager monthly incomes.

The drop-off location is in the totes in Hood Hall designated for Senior Orphans.

Please label your linens, as this saves our S.O. coordinator valuable time when trying to determine sizes.

See the example below of how to label the item before it is placed in the tote.

Terri Boda Coordinator



Blood Pressure Clinic

Blood Pressure clinics will start again January 1st. Watch for further details. I am a full-time resident now and am willing to take anyone's blood pressure at any time.

I can come to your house, or you can come to mine, 5437 Bethel Dr.

JoAnn Willet RN
989-615-8430



**Fellowship Dinners
With Programs**

THE JANUARY FELLOWSHIP DINNER AND PROGRAM HAS BEEN CANCELLED SO YOU CAN ATTEND THE BIBLE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED AT THAT TIME.

Stay tuned for information regarding the Feb. 5 dinner and program.

Giving everyone a heads-up, especially for snowbirds who may need to pack costumes, props, etc. the Variety Show will be in March. Begin to think about how you can participate or recommend someone else for a skit, instrumental or vocal music, individual or group act, serious or silly, but short, limited to 3-5 minutes.

These events are always very well attended, and we appreciate everyone's help and suggestions; contact me to offer assistance.

Thanks!

Marilyn Stone, chairman jaxstone68@gmail.com

Hi everyone from Light and Life Park. We wish everyone in LL a Merry Christmas and happy new year that is coming wish you all the Best. I am in Haiti, I and the Reachoutlafond staff had a great time with the children in Haiti. We went to a pool and ate there and had such a great time, got them a little gift. We were 40 people. Also helped some families in our neighborhood with some food. Thanks to you all who been praying for us and support our Mission. We love you and are grateful for you.

Merry Christmas
Jayme and Junior Sinsmyr



Bucket Listers

Dear God,

*Thank you for reminding me
to keep Heaven at the top of my
bucket list every day.*

Amen.

We had an awesome Hot Dog Lunch fundraiser at this year's Craft Show on 12-1-23. We sold out of all hot dogs in 30 minutes. Hope you enjoyed the caramel popcorn, caramel apples and were able to get all your Christmas presents wrapped at our gift-wrapping station. Next spring, we will increase the number of hot dogs we grill! Thanks for participating in the Craft Show and the Hot Dog Lunch!

The Bucket Listers adopted a family this Christmas season with the intent of making their Christmas a little merrier.

January means Tuesday Trivia Nights are back. The first night of trivia will be 1-9-24 at 7:00 pm at Hood Hall. Form a team of 8 or join a team to make 8 and have some fun! The theme of this first trivia night is Christmas.



January also means Tuesday Night Movies are back. The **first movie** of the season will be **1-16-24 at 7:00 pm**. The name of the movie will be announced in Neighborhood news and on Facebook, closer to the 16th. Movies are shown in Hood Hall.



Popcorn and pop are available for a donation at both trivia and movies!

Thank you for your support in all these activities!

LADIES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

THANK YOU, FLO, FOR ORGANIZING AND BEING THE MC.



THANK YOU, ELLEN, FOR SHARING.



THANKS, LADIES, FOR HOSTING AND SETTING TABLES



THANKS EVERYONE! WHO TOOK THE TIME TO GET EVERYTHING READY! WHAT GREAT FUN!

L & L Aqua Splash Water Aerobics

Come & enjoy fun in the sun with a low-impact workout in the water to enhance health & wellbeing.

January Aqua Splash will be held twice weekly, weather dependent, and on a rotating basis. The schedule will be posted via neighborhood news & on L&L Facebook. We will attempt to create a regular schedule in February when the weather is a bit more predictable!

Karen Castle-Williams
allforforum@aol.com
704-502-0466.



Sign up time. Two Person (Bring Your Partner) Tournament @ CPC!

Friday, January 5th, 2024

Two-person (men and women) Tournament (18 holes Scramble)! Bring your partner! Men & women divisions, sorry you can't play with your spouse. However, you can have a foursome with another couple. Earlier start time this year! 10:00 AM

Signup before Wednesday, January 2nd by emailing or texting:

Ed Stockwell
517 861-0481
EdStockwell48@gmail.com
The Player's Club @ CPC



Light and Life Bowling

It is getting closer to bowling season. When you come south you might want to take advantage of the \$80 four-month pass that lets you bowl 4 games a day, 7 days a week.

Our organizational meeting for 2024, will be Tuesday January 2nd, 1PM at Hood Hall. We will start bowling on January 9th. Please make sure at least one of the people on your team is at the meeting.

If you haven't joined a team and would like to, please be at the meeting and we will get you set up.

The repairs at Orange Bowl Lanes goes on and they are now working on the snack bar area. But no fears they have a food truck outside and your food will be delivered to you.

Barb Hartson

Gad-About News

Hey Ladies

Our first road trip is fast approaching.

Can you say **Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!**

We are going to Brandon to the HSN Shopping Outlet on January 11

The sign-up sheet will be in Hood Hall on the 1st. Come have some Fun.

Keep the rest of these dates in your Calendar.

The season has begun!!!

- Jan 11 - HSN Shopping Outlet
- Jan 25 - Secret Staircase Restaurant
- Feb 15 - Lunch on Limoges & Giraffe Ranch
- Feb 29 - Silver Springs Park & Glass-bottom Boat Tour
- Mar 14 - Back Porch & Stable Home Decor
- Mar 28 - Russell Stover Chocolate & The Villages West Tour

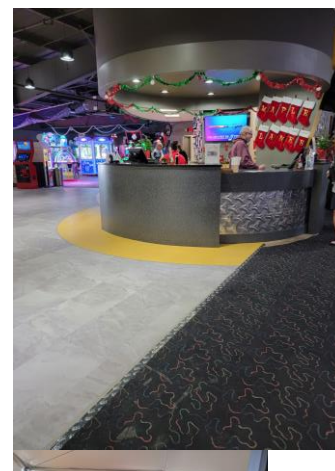
Keep thinking of things for the future and let me or Peggy know. Our hope is that we can keep the away trips to 2 hours or less whenever possible.

Flo Grabowski

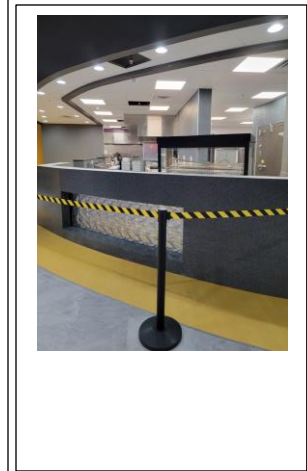
Cell 931-797-2639 coachfllc@gmail.com

Peggy Dunn

Cell 248-766-5537 pegjim2000@yahoo.com



Front Desk



Snack Bar

Library Information



Library Notes

As you come back, you will see a few changes. First please be aware of the yellow slip of paper in the card pocket. This is where you write the date when the book is due, one month from the time you signed it out. This should help you remember when it needs to be returned.

The New Books also have white circles on the spine. This shows they are brand new or “new to our library” books.

DVDs may be taken out for 2 weeks only. They too have the yellow “date due” sheet in the card pocket.

Do you have a magazine you would like to see in our library? Please let us know so that we can serve you better.

Book Review

No More Bad Days
by Gary Miracle

No More Bad Days is an extraordinary book. Easy to read and your attention is glued throughout the book. This is the original review. I cannot improve on it.

When tragedy struck, Gary Miracle could have given up. Instead, he chose a different perspective, discovering depths of grace and heights of hope he had only ever heard of before.

At first, he thought he had a bad case of the flu—some kind of bug he’d caught from one of his kids. But Gary Miracle’s illness turned out to be an infection so severe that the only way to save his life was amputating both arms below the elbows and both legs below the knees.

The loss of his limbs was not the only challenge Gary had to face. Excruciating difficulties marked his family life as well. In 2020, the Grammy-nominated Christian band MercyMe shared Gary’s story with the world through the music video to their hit song “Say I Won’t,” and he emerged as a powerful voice for the grace of God.

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In the spirit of Romans 8:28, understanding that God works through all circumstances, Miracle has responded in faith by helping and encouraging others who have faced personal challenges. Today, he travels the world, sharing the hope-filled message that, through Christ in light of eternity, there are no more bad days. Regardless of your circumstances, every day can be a new beginning.

If you have suffered loss, experienced trauma, or been forced to rebuild your life from the ground up, this book is for you. Gary Miracle invites everyone who hears his message or reads this book to profess, “I will have no more bad days! Say I won’t!”

Hadley Beckett’s Next Dish
by Bethany Turner

Celebrity chef Maxwell Cavanaugh is known for many things: his multiple Michelin stars, his top-rated Culinary Channel show *To the Max*, and most of all his horrible temper. Hadley Beckett, host of the Culinary Channel’s other top-rated show, *At Home with Hadley*, is beloved for her Southern charm and for making her viewers feel like family.

When Max experiences a very public temper tantrum, he’s sent packing to get his life in order. When he returns, career in shambles, his only chance to get back on TV and in the public’s good graces is to work alongside Hadley.

As these polar-opposite celeb chefs begin to peel away the layers of public persona and reputation, they will not only discover the key ingredients for getting along, but also learn the secret recipe for unexpected forgiveness . . . and maybe even love. In the meantime, hide the knives.

Fan-favorite Bethany Turner serves up a heaping helping of humor and romance with this thoroughly modern story centered on cooking, enemies, and second chances.

Gloria Welton
Librarian

Our HORSESHOE pits are open.

The pits are located between the miniature golf and shuffleboard courts.

For nighttime play the light switch is inside the miniature golf shed on the east wall.

Looking for someone to schedule this for the winter season.

Cars and Coffee

2nd Saturday of every month **8:00am to 10am,**

November 11th everyone is welcome to come and view great restored autos and custom hot rods.

Join us in L&L Park at the Church parking lot!

Come, join the fun, and have a cup of coffee and a doughnut!

Larry Thomas 540-447-0458



Pickleball and Tennis

The pickleball/tennis players would like to thank those who attended and supported the two fundraisers/dinners this year.

The courts are always open and **now the construction is completed.**

They are just waiting for the "Pickel Ball crew" to get here to use them.

Denise Tomasello
517-250-1420

Shuffleboard

With January here we are in full swing with shuffleboard. The courts are always open for you to play except during any church service.

Our Fees are still \$10 payable at the office.

The Dates to remember this month are:

Spring meeting 1/18/2024 at Hood Hall, 7:00pm

The regular tournament 1/25, 1/26, 1/29 at 1:00pm.

We try to meet on Mondays at 1:00, Tuesdays at 6:30 and Thursdays at 6:30 at the courts to play/practice.

If you are new to shuffleboard, come any of these times and someone will help you learn how to play.

You can also contact me Dale Schantz at 989 975 6710 and I will get someone to help you learn the game.

Dale Schantz
863 816 5422

Our beautiful Park



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Enjoy the JOY of Jesus when you pass by the corner of Hebron and Shiloh at night

Salvation Army Crafting Event

Join us in Hood Hall

Friday January 5, starting at 1:00 pm

Saturday January 6, starting at 8:00 am

Bring your projects to work on in a light hearted atmosphere.

Come and go as you please. Cost is \$20.00 for a half of an eight foot table where you can work on your project.

All proceeds go to the Salvation Army Transitional Housing Program.

Please RSVP by January 3rd to Cindy Lower at cindylower950@gmail.com

We will be **collecting coloring books and crayons**, which you can bring to HH anytime during those two days **BUT anyone is welcome to just come and watch. Also, some of the ladies have things to sell.**

Best Regards

Cindy Lower

WOOD ACTIVITIES NEWS

Yes, things are picking up at the Wood Activities Building. Stop by the office to pay your 2024 dues, sign the waiver form, and receive your welcome letter.

As the sawdust and chips begin to pile up, we ask that you keep these few things in mind:

1. You are welcome to use any tool in the shop. Hand tools should not leave the building.
2. If the barrels are full, EMPTY them at the dumpster
3. Use the Dust collector, even for just 1 cut
4. Be safe, if you are not familiar with a tool, ask someone for help.
- 5 Clean up after yourself

The complete list of the above is contained in your welcome letter.

Our first general meeting will be on Friday January 12 (correction from last month's article) 1 PM in the Wood Activities building. This will be an important meeting to discuss any tools or machines that need to be added or replaced, as well as information on classes to be held this year. We are still looking for anyone to lead a class or mentor in some form. We have at least one request for someone to build a storage cabinet for the "Puzzlers" (See Larry P if you are interested)

We have a "real gem" here in our Wood Activities Building and we should be very proud of it.

Larry Putnam

Game Night

Game Night is held on most **Friday evenings** at 7:00 PM in **Maxwell Commons**.

Bring your favorite game and friends and have an evening of fun and fellowship.



Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure that your submissions to ***The Life and Times*** are delivered to the newsletter editor, Barb Hartson by the **20th** of the month prior to publication.

Please use this email: bfhartson@gmail.com Email is the preferred method.

The January deadline is December 20th unless the activity is in the latter half of the month. Then check with me to see if you can still make it in.

Men's Wednesday Golf

Anyone interested in joining our men's Wednesday golf contact me and I will add you to the group.

We will be playing mainly at Huntington Hills starting at 10:30am and the cost is \$38 for 18 holes with riding cart.

Kent Enyart kentenyart@icloud.com

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A Note from our Pastor

Perspective Heading into the New Year

This has been such an incredibly busy time of year. As many of you know, in church, this is the time of year that we are praying and dreaming forward, looking at budgets and balancing them with the reality of people's generosity. This is the time of year when we are looking at church structure and working on nominating people into committee and leadership positions that serve the ministry of the church in various positions and capacities as we move forward. Add to that the busyness of the Advent season, normal church body life, hospital visits, illnesses, relational issues within the church, and Lord knows we've had our share of deaths all while balancing family, friends, dinners, shopping, and all the other holiday expectations.

With all that is happening in my life it's easy for me to get distracted from what is important. I also realize that if that's what's happening to me, that's probably happening to you as well.

I just want to take this moment to remind you to stop and breathe. In the busyness of the season, we can find refuge in the Lord. He has not called us into confusion and busyness... he has called us to peace. He has called us to love one another as he has loved us. Simple acts of service and love can be the greatest gift we can give to each other.

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Visiting a person who lives alone, washing a car, cleaning a house, weeding flower beds, or making a meal. All these things are ways for us to show the love of God working through us into the lives of others. Paul tells us in Galatians 5 that the only thing that counts is faith expressing itself in love. What better way is there to honor God and celebrate the birth of Jesus than living out the command of Jesus with our lives.

Let's not allow the world's model of how to celebrate the Holidays drive us from what we are called to do and be. Just like the star of Bethlehem we too get to shine in the darkness and point the seeking world to Jesus, but only if we keep our "others centered" perspective and allow the love of Jesus to shine through us.

May His perspective be our perspective as we head into the new year. In our church, in our park and in our communities. It starts with you.

Blessings,
PASTOR JEFF

HOME BIBLE STUDY

Come join us in the Church Annex for this informal Bible study. We meet Mondays at 2:30 pm. **We will not meet on January 1, 2024. Everyone is welcome.**

We are currently discussing the Psalms and how they can impact our lives.

Cindy Igel: 716-803-3961

Pam Hill: 863-808-3779

Email: church.lfmc.org

From the church secretary, Pam Hill:

The church office will be open:
Monday – Thursday 9am – 2pm.

Upcoming Schedule of Events

December 31 Two Services Begin

- Contemporary Service 9am
- Traditional Service 10:45am

January 4 Grief Share Group 1:30-3pm

January 7-14 Bible Conference

- Rev. Forrest States will be our evangelist
- Dr. David Waid will be our bible teacher.

There will be two services on Sunday mornings during Bible Conference at the regular scheduled times of 9am and 10:45am. Weekday Mornings will be at 9:30 and evening services will be at 6pm.

January 18 Church Society Meeting 6pm

January 19-20 CDN Encounter Weekend

January 21 Westward Road Concert 6pm

January 27-28 Missions Conference

- 1/27 Chicken BBQ Fund Raiser @ Hood Hall
- Teen Missions Presentation

1/28 Missions Sunday Service at the Church
Director of Global Engagement, Gerald Coates will be presenting.

February 3 Regional Gathering of the FMC

- The gathering will take place here at Light and Life Church from 8:30 to 12:00



Thanks to everyone who decorated this year for Christmas. The Park was exceptionally beautiful and festive.



Outreach Ministry

Wow it sure has been a busy December.

You have been very generous, and we have been able to add two more boxes to weekly distribution. We now distribute 4 to 5 bags of food to fellow park families, 2 families in the neighborhood and 18 within Briarwood receive weekly boxes. Not all families each week but we rotate as necessary.

Our park family donated extra funds and we were able to purchase normal food distribution and bless 28 families with ham for Christmas.

54 children and 20 adults received Christmas gifts last week. We budgeted 20 dollars per child and at our last-minute request, many stepped up to give a parent gift of about 5 dollars such as bath products, jewelry, perfume, mugs and beautiful handmade towels and decor. Thank you. No adult asked for anything but now will have a gift to open with their children.

Looking Forward:

Please continue your generous giving, be assured it is very much appreciated. We gave 10-pound bags of potatoes and people were excited.

We have a **Fundraiser** Pulled Pork Dinner scheduled for **January 16th at 5 pm**. Our chefs will be Dave and Gail Cook. Tickets available from any food outreach volunteer. The price is 10 dollars. Why not buy extra tickets and bring a friend to dinner.

We will be having a "Souper" Bowl soup dinner on "Super Bowl" Sunday in February.

Panera is picked up weekly and Publix daily. We distribute these items to Boys and Girls Club, Northside Assembly, 2 days of products are distributed here in the park (Thanks for your donations and participation) and other days to various ministries.

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Distribution in the park

We will be in Hood Hall **Fridays at 10 am** with bakery items from both Publix and Panera.

If you are new to the Park or just coming back for the season, **this is free to all and all are welcome to come find a treat.**

While this is free, we will have a basket for any donations for our Outreach Ministries, and these are greatly needed and appreciated.

It has been suggested that I remind everyone of the cost of our weekly groceries for the Outreach. Right now, it stands at a minimum of \$250 up towards \$300 per week. This includes more than one area but does not include the holiday dinners. You know from buying your own groceries how much they have gone up in cost and it seems to get higher each month.

We are blessed to receive the distribution of goods each week. We hope you will keep your blessings in mind as you consider ministry donations. You are still welcome to come even if you cannot give anything, but any donations are always gratefully accepted.

Please bring your own bags or containers for the items you choose.

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