



The

# Lighthouse

July 2020

News

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## A Lighthouse to our Community

### Pastor

Edgar L. Evans

### Associate Pastor

Rob Fleshman

### Children's Minister

Tammy Fletcher

### Music Minister

Roland Smith

## Our Services

### Sunday

Morning Worship

10:00AM

### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting

6:00PM

Bible Study

6:00PM



## **Psalm 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"**

David wrote this Psalm facing very difficult problems. Should he fly away and escape, should he give up, or just ignore the steady erosion of stability? The answers are found in the entire Psalm. God's rule provides stability in the midst of panic. We can trust the LORD as we face problems. As God's judgments fall upon an ungodly nation, may we as the prophets of old continue to follow Jesus and be a witness for Him. We can do this by the power of the Spirit of God and staying with and in the Word of God.

Love "in Christ,"

Bro. Evans





Due to phase 2 being extended, we can't go ahead with VBS that was scheduled for the end of the month. We are looking forward to having VBS when we can do it safely. The safety of our teachers, workers and students is our top priority. Please be in prayer about VBS and the issues we are facing due to COVID-19.

Dear Cooper Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely wind chime you sent in Sue Bailey's memory. I know Sue would have been very touched by your thoughtfulness. And we greatly appreciate the love and support we've received from our Church family, reaching out to us during such a difficult time.

Sincerely,

Neil Bailey and family



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (AGES 2-14) THROUGH THE YEAR

- JANUARY: Hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear, slippers, pajamas, etc.
- FEBRUARY: Combs, brushes, washcloths, soap, clippers, sponges, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. (**Hygiene Items – no liquids**)
- MARCH: Thread, jewelry making items, etc. (**Craft Items**)
- APRIL: Stuffed animals, barbies, small dolls, etc.
- MAY: Cards, dice, pick up sticks, jacks, slinky, etc. (**Games**)
- JUNE: Sunglasses, watches, hair bows, rings, necklaces, flip flops, chap stick, etc.

JULY:	Toys, cars, etc.
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AUGUST: Pencils, sharpeners, pens, colors, markers, scissors, coloring book, etc. (**School Supplies**)

SEPTEMBER: Clothing items for kids

OCTOBER: Envelope with \$9.00 – shipping cost per box

WATCH FOR SALES!!!



### Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

# Children's Ministry

July 2020

## You'll need a banana!

A devotion for kids ~ We are going to talk about putting God first in your life – with your money, your times, everything. What does that mean to put God first? (Make time for Him, make sure that you give your time or offering before doing other things)

Let's focus on money! Pretend that you get \$10.00 of allowance. That \$10.00 is the same as a whole banana. What is the first thing you should do if you want to put God first? (take out your offering)

Now, let's pretend you don't do that because you get allowance on Monday and you don't have church until Sunday.

On Tuesday, your school is having a book fair, so you go buy something. It's not all of your money, but it is some. You still have enough for offering (take a bite of the banana).

On Wednesday you really, really need a candy bar. So, you buy that. You still have money for offering. (Take another bite.)

On Thursday, you give a dollar to a friend. Now, that is a good thing to do so you think it is a good decision. You still have some money left for the offering. (take a bite)

On Friday, you want to dress down (or something else if you wear uniforms).

So you pay \$1.00. There's still a little of money left for God ... (take a bite)

On Saturday, you really, really want to hang out with your friends who are going to get ice cream. So you buy your ice cream (eat the rest of the banana).

Now it is Sunday, and look! There's the peel left. Is that good for God? The scraps?

We don't want to give God the scraps! He deserves to be put first! The banana peel is like the pennies left in your wallet at the end of the week.

If you had started out by putting your offering by itself, then you would have made different decisions. You wouldn't have decided to spend all of your money, because some of it

Was already destined to go to God.

How can we put God first in this story? (By setting our offering aside)

I know a story that is all about this. Read Genesis 4 (the story of Cain and Abel's offerings).

Questions:

Why do you think God was mad about Cain's offering? (Because he kept the good parts for himself)

Why do you think that he gave that offering? (He was selfish).

Why did God like Abel's offering? (He gave God the best of what he had.)

Why do you think he gave that offering? (He was putting God first).

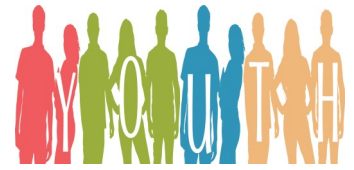
Who put God first in the story? (Abel)

How could Cain have made better decisions? (He could have given God the best of what he had.)

How can we use this story in our lives? (We can put God first and give him the best of what we have.

Ms. Tammy

Join the youth on Wednesday nights at 6 PM as we continue on the month of July in a Bible study series titled, "I'll Have Seconds". Together we will look at how God extends to us second chances, second births, strength to go the second mile, grace to catch our second wind and much, much more!



Bro. Rob Fleshman

Dear Choir,

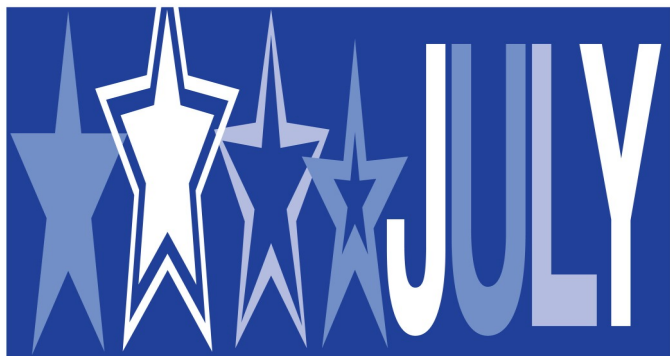
I have enjoyed worshipping with you over the past month! I am glad we were able to move worship into the Family Life Center, and I pray we are able to continue to meet that way in the months to come and eventually move back into the Sanctuary. I am also still praying we are able to meet as a choir soon, but I know that will only happen in the Lord's time. I have enjoyed the fact that many of you were able to come inside to worship again, but I am aware that there are some that are still too much of a risk to come inside. We miss you and continue to pray for a time you are able to join us in person. I love all of you dearly. Please continue to stay safe, and hopefully, Lord willing, we are able to get back to a sense of normalcy soon!

Love in Christ,

Bro. Roland Smith







## Birthdays

1 Kathie Bush-Evans	23 Curtis Brumley
1 Leslie Lawrence	22 Kyle Bush
3 Merle Bassett	23 Moses Carpenter
6 Ryan Lawerence	23 Larry Carpenter
7 Josh Crowder	23 Anna Ennenbach
7 Justin Furlong	26 Chasen Bush-Evans
8 Roger Menard	28 Randy Blackwell
12 Thomas Dunfee	28 Michael O'Banion
12 Edith Guenther	29 Dennis Barlett
13 Ann Bolton	29 Susan Brown
13 Ann Walker	30 James Franklin
14 Carol Jeane	30 Paul Eaves
14 Tia Kirklin	31 Amber Bergman
15 Russell Coker	31 Randy Martin
16 Linda Harbin	
16 Rita Cleveland	
18 Alpha Martin	
19 Caitlyn Carter	
21 Linda Duke	

### Children's Church Schedule

No Children's Church at this time

### Nurse Schedule

No Nurse Services at this time

### Parking Lot Security

**June 28th - July 4th:** Jody Littleton

**July 5th - 11th:** Harry Mugrage

**July 12th - 18th:** Pat Green

**July 19th - 25th:** Danny Roshong

**July 26th - Aug. 1st:** Dan Atchison

### Deacons for July

Bob Henry: 353-1531

Dan Atchison: 392-0748

Thank you

To my Church family,  
Thank you for the  
beautiful diploma  
holder.

Love,

Dawson Vinson