

# The Lisbon Light

June 2015

*Lisbon Baptist Church*

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**Vacation Bible School**

**June 22-26**

**9:00a—12:00n**

**Register on-line at**

**[www.lisbonbaptistchurch.com](http://www.lisbonbaptistchurch.com)**

## **W.O.W. Seniors**

The WOW Group will be taking the Summer off. Enjoy the time with your families.

See ya' in the Fall!

## **With Heartfelt Gratitude**

*To My Wonderful Church Family,*

*My heart overflows with gratitude for all the prayers, calls, food, flowers and visits during my recent accident and recovery. I feel so blessed to be part of such a loving church family. You all are unbelievable!*

*Love in Christ, Sara Gilbert*

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**May 2014**

**Monthly General Budget**

**Required—\$30,833.33**

**Received—\$32,689.26**

**Special—\$1,426.33**

**Building Fund—\$322.75**

[4 of 5 weeks reporting]

## **GREETINGS FROM**

### **YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

New beginnings for so many! We will begin a new quarter in June. This is the last quarter of the church year. Where has the time gone? We are still averaging in the 140 range for attendance in Sunday School. Let's see if we can get out of the 140's and into the 150's.

In September, we will begin a NEW YEAR in Sunday School at Lisbon. This means the nominating committee will be hard at work. Please pray for our nominating committee and the people who will be asked to serve in the coming year. I have been asked to be the Sunday School Director again. I have accepted this position (pending the church vote) and I am looking forward to the New Year. This means I will be contacting Teachers and Assistants in the very near future. If you have a desire and feel God calling you to do a specific job in Sunday School, please call me and we will talk about where you might want to use your talents.

We have several classes that are trying new literature. We are trying to find topics that are different and exciting, more in depth. There is a place for you and if you cannot find a class that you just love then we can always start a new class. Talk to me, let me know how you feel about the classes and the literature. We have many options we can explore. Please let me know if your class has any needs. I will help in any way I can to meet those needs.

Looking ahead: the Sunday School workshop for teachers and leaders will be coming up in August. More info coming soon. The Sunday School Banquet will also be coming up after the first of the Church year. This is a banquet for all workers in Sunday School to show you how much you are appreciated. This will be for the outgoing and incoming workers. I will let you know the plans sometime this summer.

See you in Sunday School!!

In Joy and Jesus  
Jean

### **Sunday School Report for May**

Average Weekly Attendance = 138

Average Weekly Visitors = 4

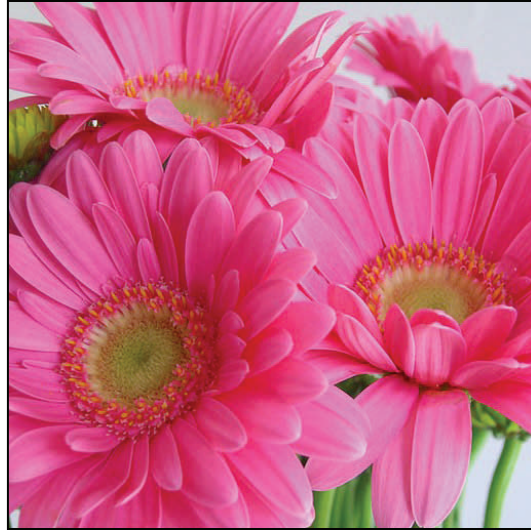
Total Contacts for Month = 27

[4 of 5 weeks reporting]

# *Church Wide Women's Luncheon*

*June 13, 2015, 12:00p.m.*

*Fellowship Hall*



## *Woman to Woman Through Titus 2*

*Sign-up in the Information Center to bring a side or dessert.*

*Also, we will be collecting small toys or stuffed animals for  
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes—please bring a toy!*

*Sponsored by: Women's Enrichment Ministry*



The **Women's Ministry** will be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during June through September. Each month we will be asking for different types of items:

**June - Small Toys:** dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**July - Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**August - School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, small tablets, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**September - Accessories:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips/bands/ribbons, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Our target age group is: 10-14**

If you have questions please contact Toria Almand or Natalie Durham

Inspiration Class Invites

All Ladies To:

***"Friend Day"***

Last Tuesday of Every Month

Tim's Country Kitchen

11:30 a.m.



**Welcome New Members!**

Billy & Gail Swanson

185 N. Hampton Dr.

Fayetteville, GA 30215

Sherryl Piner

221 Revolutionary Drive

Hampton, GA 30228



# Kid's Corner June 2015



## Fun-In-The-Sun Upcoming Events!

6/7 – **Swim Party** – Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to ride the mini-bus to the home of Doug and Lucy Fields for some swim time! Bring your sunscreen, beach towel, and get ready for summer fun! We will return to the church at 7:00 p.m.

6/14 – **Biking at Horton Lake** – We are going to try this again! It rained us out the last time!! We will take our bikes to Lake Horton for fun and exercise! If you don't have a bike, there will be some who walk the beautiful trails! We will leave the church at 4:30 and return at 7:00 p.m. Water and snacks will be provided.

6/21 – **Father's Day** – Enjoy worshipping with your Dad today. Let him know how much you love and appreciate him by doing something special for him. No evening services.

6/22 – 26 – **Vacation Bible School** – Come each day to VBS for a wild time! 9:00 a.m. to noon! Registration forms are in the Welcome Center, or go on-line to our web site.

6/28 – **Family Worship** – Join your family upstairs during the evening service!

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## Upcoming Events (continued)

7/5 – **Swim Party** – Another Swim Party? Yes! While it's summer we have to take advantage of the pool! There will be a swim party at the home of Doug and Lucy Fields. Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to ride the mini-bus. Don't forget the sunscreen and beach towels! We will return to the church at 7:00 p.m.

7/12 – **Service Project** – Meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to work on a service project. More details to come!

7/19 – **Concert** – There will be a church-wide concert at 6:00 p.m. presented by The Jonesmen.

7/26 – **Farewell Swim Party** – Leah Folden will be leaving us and moving up to the Youth. To say our farewells, we will have a swim party at the home of Doug and Lucy Fields. We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. and arrive back at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget the sunscreen and beach towel!

8/2 – **Movie Night** – Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. for a movie and refreshments. Bring something comfortable to lounge on (pillow, blanket, etc.) and an appetite! Parents will pick you up at 7:00 p.m.

8/9 – **Scavenger Hunt** – Are you in for a mystery??? Well, a scavenger hunt is in the works. Who knows what the hunt will involve or where you will have to go!!! The fun begins in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. You don't want to miss this!!

8/16 – **Water Games** – We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, but the games will be outside! Where else could you have "water games"? More information to come!

8/23 – **Family Worship** – Worship with your family during the evening service!

8/30 – **Welcome-Up Swim Party** – This swim party is to welcome up all the new 1<sup>st</sup> graders into the Children's Department! We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. and ride the mini-bus over to the home of Doug and Lucy Fields. Bring the sunscreen and a beach towel. We will return to the church at 7:00 p.m.

## Weekly Opportunities for Kids

**Sunday School** – every Sunday 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. (rooms 107, 108)

**Family Worship** – every Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Worship Center

**GAs (Girls in Action)** – Wednesday 6:30–7:30 p.m. – Girls learning about missions (room 107)

**RAs (Royal Ambassadors)** – Wednesday 6:30–7:30 p.m. Boys in missions (room 116)



6/8 – Carol Holt

## Special Ministries/Missions Opportunities:

FAYETTE SAMARITANS FOOD MINISTRY: At the time of this report, we had just one Sunday remaining. The **“NORTH VERSUS SOUTH”** challenge competition was really heating up! The **NORTH jumped out to a big lead during the first two weeks** of the five week long challenge, **but the SOUTH roared back to take a big lead in the second two weeks!** With Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, the last opportunity, the competition was coming down to the wire! Remember, let’s all be “CIVIL” in this NORTH vs SOUTH competition “Where Everyone Wins” and do our best for our community. Who will win??? Stay tuned for the final ‘Victory Count’.

### MAY MINISTRY ACTIVITY REPORT:

**Cookies for Neighboring Schools** On May 14, our ministry minded Lisbon volunteers baked 1,300 cookies, packed them 4 to a bag and delivered the 325 bags of cookies to the staffs at our three neighboring schools to let them know we appreciate what they do for the children in our community!

The staff at Sara Harp Minter sent a group thank you note that read as follows: *“Dear People at Lisbon Baptist Church, we just wanted to take a second to say Thank You for all of the tremendous support you have given the teachers & staff this year at SHM! You have gone over and above and we greatly appreciate the food, the treats and all of the little extras. Your love and support to our community impacts us greatly.”*

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*“One of the deep secrets of life is that  
all that is really worth doing is what we do for others.”*

- Lewis Carol

### Usher Schedule - June, 2015

Tom Dolan

Harold Myers

Chester Plunkett

Keith Richardson

Ira Harris

Please see Glenn Royal is you need to swap with someone. You are needed in both the morning & evening services each Sunday of the month. Thank you for your service to our Lord!

### **Youth Impact**

A Local Mission Project with  
Square Foot Ministries

**June 2nd through 5th**

Please pray for our Youth who are participating in this worthy cause!



# Armed Forces Mission

## *Building Resilience ~ Restoring Hope*

Dear Friend,

Hopefully we are all reminded this week that “Many have given some, but some have given all” and we will faithfully honor the memory of America’s fallen, not just once a year, but every day by living out the ideals and values that make America strong. As I spoke this morning I had a wonderful time and was thankful for the opportunity, but at the same time deep in my heart I was reminded of how weary I have become in the battle. I shared a message today entitled, “If They Could Speak”. If somehow we could hear the voices of those who have died in service to our country perhaps we would hear them say, “Remember my battle buddies who now fight all alone on the battlefield of personal despair.” In the past 10 years more than 77,000 veterans made their final decision; and now we have reached an epidemic 22 veterans a day who end their lives. Just last night I was informed of two teenagers in my hometown that ended their lives this week. They were not veterans, but **suicide is not the exclusive domain of the military**. We are all impacted by the tide of hopelessness.

It also dawned on me this morning what a stubborn and prideful human being I am. The thing that I have told broken soldiers and veterans not to do is the very thing I am guilty of myself. I constantly tell those who are hurting to “ask for help” when they need it, but I refuse to do so, because I let pride get in the way. Maybe it’s the nature of human beings or perhaps it is the culture of the military, or maybe it’s just me - I don’t like to ask for help. I suppose that in our minds, at least in mine, I am afraid that I will appear weak, and for a guy who has lived in the gym for more than 35 years, weakness was never an option. With such attitude pride gets in the way of our healing. By stubborn refusal to ask for help we cut our mission and even our very lives short.

So I am putting this out for those who have “ears to hear”. Armed Forces Mission (AFM) needs your help. I NEED YOUR HELP, not for my sake alone, but for the sake of the mission and the sake of those on the abyss contemplating the decision of life or death. Since our inception we have not taken one dime of government support. Some have said we should, but we chose to believe there would be those who would rise to the occasion to meet the needs that would help in the accomplishment of the mission. I am thankful for the many individuals, families and private organizations that have stood by our side allowing us to stand with those who are hurting. Your support has enabled AFM to:

- Serve more than 25,000 service members
- Average 20 suicide intervention per quarter
- Train more than 2000 community caregivers in suicide intervention
- Issue 1000s of hours of continuing education credit for training
- Deliver more than 1000 care packages of hope to deploying soldiers
- Participate in dignified transfers of fallen service members
- Raise community awareness on local and world news radio
- Establish a track record of success on a shoestring budget

I am thankful for the lives we have been able to save. Hopefully we have made an impact as well on many that we will never know about because one of those 2000 AFM trained care givers was there to intervene. But at this time the situation is now critical for AFM.

I am not whining nor am I complaining; but simply stating several facts. Over the past three years my family has lived on a salary that is below the poverty threshold. The majority of funds that have come in to AFM have gone directly to mission and program support, as it should be and our books are open for any and all to exam. So I have some very important personal decisions knocking on my door. Do I step away from the mission and get a “real job” as some have suggested or do I make the need known and see what happens? Believe me a “real” job would be nice. I could put in my 40 hours and be done. There would be no more midnight calls and 48 hours without sleep coming as result of not being able to sleep because the nightmares of a 1000 soldiers have become my own. But I have opted for the latter.

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I believe that in making the need known that there will be those who do rise to the occasion and answer the call to sustain a mission that is literally saving human lives. I have opted to surround myself with compassionate caregivers who care for me as I care for others, who help keep me balanced for the work of the mission. No one human being can do this work alone. I am thankful for the handful of volunteers who have contributed thousands of hours without pay to help me stay focused and to help others in our classes and in the community who are struggling. Certainly, the easy thing to do would be to walk away, to throw in the towel and to let others take up the cause, but then I pull out a letter I received from the spouse of a young veteran and read...

***“When we needed someone the most we met you. I have to believe it was in order to save his life. If it wasn’t for your caring and support and being by our side throughout all this he might not be here today.” Kim R.***

So this afternoon as I sit in my sunroom listening for the third time to the song Surrender by Lincoln Brewster the stubborn pride is broken.

*I'm giving you my dreams, Laying down my rights*

*Giving up my pride, for the promise of new life*

*And I surrender, all to you*

*All to you*

For the past three years as Executive Director of Armed Forces Mission, as difficult as it has been I have been living my dream; a dream of serving others and saving lives, but today I lay down my right to live my dreams. The only way the mission will continue is by giving up my stubborn pride. The promise of a renewed mission and life for Armed Forces Mission is the way of surrender.

Therefore, I humbly ask you to become a battle buddy with me. We are seeking 300 such battle buddies who can give just \$19 a month or some other amount to continue the work. Through faithful stewardship and great passion for the mission we will continue the work and many more lives will be saved. Every penny counts and will be used wisely to continue the work of serving those who have served our nation and given much for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America. Additionally, we will continue to reach out to all on the battlefield because of our creed as Soldiers to serve the people of the United States of America and to leave no one behind.

Thank you for allowing me to share with you this afternoon.

God bless you and God bless the United States of America,

Kenneth Koon

Executive Director

Armed Forces Mission [www.AFMbattlebuddy.com](http://www.AFMbattlebuddy.com)

## Schedule of Activities for June 2015

Tuesday	June 2	6:00-9:00p	Youth Impact Kick-Off
Wednesday	June 3	8:00a-4:00p	Youth Impact Local Mission Project
Thursday	June 4	8:00a-4:00p	Youth Impact Local Mission Project
Friday	June 5	8:00a-4:00p	Youth Impact Local Mission Project
Sunday	June 7	9:00a	Church-wide Prayer Time in the Youth Room
Saturday	June 20	9:00a	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ Piccadilly
Sunday	June 21		Father's Day / NO EVENING SERVICES
Monday	June 22	9:00a-12:00n	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	June 23	9:00a-12:00n	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	June 24	9:00a-12:00n	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	June 25	9:00a-12:00n	Vacation Bible School
Friday	June 26	9:00a-12:00n	Vacation Bible School
Sunday	June 28		Newsletter Deadline—submit July articles
		9:30a	Blood Pressure Screening
		5:00p	Youth & Parent Meeting
Tuesday	June 30	11:30a	Inspiration Class "Friend Day"

### Weekly Recurring Events:

Monday's 5:30-7:00 PM—TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Weight Loss Class

Wednesday's @ 1:00 PM—Ladies Prayer Group meets in Room 103

Wednesday's @ 6:30 PM—Prayer Meeting (Except the 4th Wednesday; Family Mission Studies)

Wednesday's @ 6:30 PM—Children's Mission Groups & Youth Bible Study

Wednesday's @ 7:30 PM—Celebration Choir Practice

Sunday's @ 6:00 PM—Evening Worship Service

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## Weekly Worship Schedule:

### Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Bible Study (all ages)
- 11:00 AM Celebration of Family Worship
- 6:00 PM Children (Grades 1-6) Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

### Wednesday:

- 5:30 PM Bible Drill Practice
- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting (except 4th Wednesday Missions Night)
- 6:30 PM Preschool Mission Friends
- 6:30 PM Children's R.A.'s and G.A.'s
- 6:30 PM Youth
- 7:30 PM Celebration Choir Practice



Deadline for July Newsletter  
June 28th