



# THE LIGHTHOUSE



### Greetings Friends,

What a blessing this Christmas season has been. God sent His only Son to live and die in my place. He rose from the dead after three days, that we might also rise out of our tombs of despair to a place where *“old things are passed away and all things have become new.”* He died for our sins and rose again that we might be justified before God, not perfect, just perfectly forgiven. I have really enjoyed spending time studying and preaching through this Advent season, maybe more so than ever. So, I hope that you have had some encounters with God during this Christmas season that will not just carry you into the new year, but will influence the rest of your life.

We as a church have been able to help a lot of families during this Christmas season, thank you for your generous giving of tithes and offerings. Some of them would have had no real Christmas without your help. We do give a lot of money for missions and a lot of that is in other countries, but I think it is important for us to also give to those in need around us. I really appreciate our “Leadership Council” for having such a heart of generosity that they are willing to share God’s blessings with those who are in need.

Please be in prayer for some of our ladies who are planning a trip to Guatemala in September. The “Women of Valor” program that Maritza has been doing online with the women in Guatemala has been going very well and is an inspiration to me and a lot of others.



We are working on some new ways to communicate the progress of our missions work and local accomplishments also. Please keep an eye out for that.

Again, I say thank you to all of our church for your heart to give and rescue many sinners around the world. Also, thank you goes out to our Tech Team for doing so much to make the communication happen on so many levels. I love you all,

Be Blessed, RON

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# R2J Youth Connect



## R2J Youth Group and R2J Influencers,

2025 is going to be a GREAT year for our R2J groups. Youth Group will start the year off on January 6th by making hygiene kits for those in need. We are also planning to attend Winter Jam on January 17th!

We will also be planning to attend Young Christians Weekend which is April 4-6. This is always a fun event and it's time to start planning. Check your school calendars for any events around that time. We hope to take a big group this year! We will have more information available in February as to cost and specifics about the trip, so stay tuned!

Our Young Adult group continues to grow, and we are currently studying the book of Hebrews. We have had great discussions in this group and I'm excited to see what 2025 brings. I expect we will continue to grow and through this process I anticipate new leaders being developed for our church. We have a great group of young adults and I'm encouraged by their views and willingness to participate.

I would ask that you continue to pray for both groups. They need all the support we can provide them.

Closing thoughts:

- Pray about it as much as you think about it.
- Never forget on your BEST day that you still need God on your WORST.
- God is writing a beautiful story in your life, and the timing will be PERFECT

*Pastor Randy*

# CKC Connect

Happy new year!!

I want to share what a wonderful job the kids did in the Christmas program! I was so proud of each of them, even the self-shearing sheep!! Thank you to everyone that helped with that event, and all the others we had in 2024, it was a great year!

The CKC team is already eagerly planning all the upcoming events for 2025.. With Easter right around the corner. We always are looking for volunteers to help in many areas but the one we need most is on Sunday mornings if you like kids and could help in our preschool or nursery one Sunday each month, please sign up. CKC is such a valuable ministry for the Kingdom of God. The next generation really needs us now more than ever!

*Love, Kelli Morris*



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# New Year, New Goals!

If you're like most people, you've probably used the "new year" to set a new goal or two! Maybe it's getting in shape, eating healthier, stopping a bad habit, or maybe you simply want to set more time aside for praying and studying God's Word. All of these things are wonderful goals and aspirations. Sadly, the percentage of American's that get back on the wagon only to fall off again and again is very high. We wanted to give you a few tips to hopefully help you get further and keep that wagon ride rolling! :)

- Set small achievable goals for the month, not the year.  
Example: Go for a 30 min walk 4 days week. Or go the gym MWF at a specific time you know will work. Maybe you have a habit you want to break. Set a daily goal, like no soda today. Watch the days add up!  
In one month, you can look back and be proud that you made it, and then challenge yourself to something more for the next month.

- Make that time a scheduled time for you.  
Whether it's working out, reading your Bible or spending intentional time with your family. Make that time just as important as a Doctor appointment, or your job. You have scheduled time for YOU everyday, period.

- Journal!  
Journaling can be so beneficial to helping you reach your goals. Anyone that comes to us for nutrition advice is asked to log their food. This might seem like a lot to ask at first, but it is extremely helpful to see where someone might be falling short or going over on calories/nutrients.

- Consistency!  
Anyone that chooses growth, whether that might be personally, or physically, knows that time really does help, and that means consistency! Consistency over a period of time will result in results good or bad, it's up to you! If you eat bad consistently, over time.. you gain weight, maybe even add some health challenges and so on. Same thing goes for the harder things like eating clean, exercise and personal growth. With time, really awesome things will happen!

- Have grace!  
Realizing things will come up that throw you off for a day or two, but don't give up! Get back at it ASAP! Don't wait for monday or the next new year, keep going!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!  
Sarah Kouns  
Owner at Freestate Fitness & Tech Team Volunteer

## Upcoming Events

1/4 8:00am Men's Breakfast

1/5 Big Breakfast between services  
The Joshua Project starts 1/15 at 6:00pm

1/12 & 1/26 Young Adult Group 1:00pm

1/19 Baptisim Sunday

Monday's 7pm R2J Youth Group

1/12 Prayer 6:30pm

Starting 1/15 for 4 weeks,  
**Wednesday dinner will be served at 5pm**



- Children's Ministry
- Tech Team
- Worship Team

Contact Tina to get connected  
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## News From Kenya

Some recent events in Kenya have been very exciting here at the end of the year. Again, because of your generosity in giving we were able to help purchase the land for the newest church plant in Rodi, Kenya. They had been renting that property and the structures on it since they started the church several months ago. However, the landowner said he had a buyer for the property and our church would have to leave unless we bought the land. So, thank you for being a part of such a wonderful work for the Kingdom of God. That church is already at standing room only, and we have been talking to them about adding on or building a new church.

Also, there has been a pastor in another town in Kenya that has been following our church services on FaceBook, and wanting to become part of our church family in Kenya. Pastor Benard went to Kimilli, and visited with Pastor Caleb extensively and has since invited them to join our Cornerstone Family, they were excited to agree, so there are two more "Cornerstone Family Worship" churches in Kenya, which brings the total to SIX! Our God is so amazing. Pamela Smith, our missionary there in Kenya returned to her home in Kenya, in mid December. They are all doing a wonderful work for the Kingdom of God. More details will be made available real soon on more good things happening in Kenya! - Pastor RON



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## Church Bulletin Bloopers

Curtesy of Pastor Randy

- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Don't let worry kill you off / let the church help.



### PODCAST Alert

We are excited to finally begin our "Beyond The Stained Glass" podcast! We've got a few episodes already published, and we'd love for you to check it out!

Many more to come. You can find it on Spotify, Apple and YouTube

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