

# NEWSLETTER

Leading you into a *growing* relationship with Jesus Christ

## This Month

**Today FamilyLife Leaders Lunch**  
11:30 AM cafeteria

**Sep 8** Day of prayer & fasting for  
Ukraine Churches

**Sep 14 - Oct 12 Sunday Services**  
9:30am and 5:30pm Series:  
'You'll Be Glad You Did'

**Sep 14 Open House Services**  
9:30am, 12:30pm Latinos, 5:30pm

**Sep 16 Regional Midweek** 7:30 PM  
Nov 7-9 **Marriage Retreat** (see p.2)

Go to the website and click on the  
calendar icon for a copy of the four  
month calendar

## Prayer Requests

**Brian Lott** - Sandy Newfield's  
brother-in-law who has cancer.

**Khalid & Ah'Niyah** Foster children  
Please pray that they find a loving  
home.

**Helen Rosario** Stroke recovery.

**Edward Campbell** Clay's father  
who has Leukemia and has been  
given six months to live.

**Edith Rivera** - Critical condition

**Churches in Ukraine** The civil war  
has escalated to critical levels.



## Digging Ditches

As Christians, our faith is far more than just rolling the dice with our prayers, hoping and wishing for God to do greater things in our lives. Having faith requires participation too. We see this over and over again throughout the Bible. The people God uses to accomplish greater things not only want God to move in their lives, but are also willing to work through their faith.



Did you miss last week's message? We got you covered. Just subscribe to our podcast, Lighthouse Church of Christ, and you can listen to any message from a past sermon series.



## Marriage Retreat

This year's marriage retreat will be held at the Desert Princess Golf Resort in Palm Springs November 8-9. The guest speakers will be Gordon and Teresa Ferguson and it will be a combined event with the Inland Empire region. The cost will be \$109 a night (\$125 taxes/fees). Friday night, Nov 7, is available for an extra night at the same cost. Registration opens next weekend.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Which has been a bigger problem in preventing you from experiencing a greater life: Not thinking big enough or not starting small enough? Explain.
2. What small steps and practical preparations is God asking you to make for the greater life He wants you to live? In other words, what ditches is he asking you to dig? (They might be actions you take, words you say, prayers you pray, even thoughts you think).
3. Have you already dug any of those ditches? If so what were they, and how did it go? If not, what's stopping you?
4. What do your actions (or lack thereof) in starting small say about your faith in God?
5. The ditches we dig are to make room for the rain God will send. What kind of new blessing do you think God wants you to make room for in your life?

### Moving Forward

God will often launch a vision that is larger than life by bringing you to a starting point that is small and seemingly insignificant. As a group, have everybody state at least one ditch they're going to dig to prepare for greater things to come. Check on each other, and hold each other accountable for getting it done.

### Changing Your Mind

*In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:17*

## Lighthouse Giving Recap

Average Weekly Attendance (Including the Latin Ministry) = 736

<u>Month</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
July	\$ 19428	\$ 19,100	+\$328

### Online Giving

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