

# The Lamplighter

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## I TAKE MY STAND

Today I am stepping across the line. I'm tired of waffling and I'm finished with wavering. I've made my choice, the verdict is in and my decision is irrevocable. I'm going God's way. There's no turning back now!

I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes, with God's people, on God's planet, for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate His presence, cultivate His character, participate in His family, demonstrate His love and communicate His Word.

Since my past has been forgiven and I have a purpose for living and a home waiting in heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting, hurtful resenting or faithless worrying. Instead I will magnify God, grow maturity, serve in ministry and fulfill my mission in the membership of his family.

Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth, "we" over "me", character over comfort, service over status and people over possessions, position and pleasures. I know what matters most and I'll give it all I've got. I'll do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today.

I won't be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems, debilitated by temptation, or intimidated by the devil. I'll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal, not the sidelines or those running by me. When times get tough and I get tired, I won't back up, back off, back down, back out or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace. I'm Spirit-led, purpose-driven and mission-focused so I cannot be bought, I will not be compromised and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

If along the way I slip off the path, I will get back up, dust off the dirt and set my face afresh to the goal with a thankful heart for the amazing grace lavished upon me. Since God has forgiven and forgotten my sin, then so will I. I have been set free by His grace and I am going to live that way. Free to bring honor to my GREAT LORD!

I'm a trophy of God's grace so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for everyday and generous with everything that God entrusts to me.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say However, Whenever, Wherever

Dear church family,

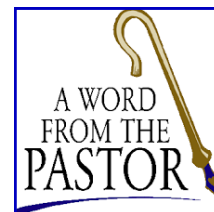
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. January 2017 has turned out to be a sad month for our church family.

We have lost four of our finest senior citizens. Marjorie Welch, Esther Hokuf, Albert Goad, and

Faye Combs have all graduated to heaven. Our church really rallied around these families and shared the love of Jesus. Thanks to all of you who have had a part in that. Please continue to reach out to these families.

On a lighter note, our youth group is going strong under the direction of our youth associate, Tim Bayer. Wendy and Peggy Clough continue to take charge of the refreshments, which all of the kids are crazy about. Craig Hudler and I assist where needed, especially in driving the van and chaperoning.

Over the Christmas holiday, I took the youth caroling to many of the shut-ins. We ended up at the Clough's for lots of goodies. Somehow, we always manage to work snacks into all of our activities.



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youth to Skycroft, for snow camp. I'm so glad Janet was able to go. She is a



brave lady. We went over the New Year's weekend, so there was a lot of late night celebrating in addition to the usual activities, preaching and music. We have included some of the pictures from this wonderful weekend. The youth had such a good time and they were so well behaved. All of their parents have reason to be proud of their children.

This past fall, two of our young men played in the state championship football game for Elkton High School. They are

Myles "Biggie" Sewell and Leighton Lewis. We were ahead for most of the first half, but lost it in the second half. Oh, well. Both young men were named to the All-Susquehanna

Offensive Team and Myles was also on the All-County Football Team!

At Elkton's Homecoming game



against Perryville, I got to see another of our youth, Liam Johnson, play for Perryville. He was coached by his dad, our own Chris Johnson! During the halftime festivities, two of our youth were introduced as King and Queen of the Junior class; Leighton Lewis and Maranda Hackman! I was so glad to see them honored. Their parents were smiling from ear to ear!

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

9 Danny & Judy Clemons  
11 Nathan & Esther Porch  
14 Roy & Jane Crouse  
Ken & Vickie Henry  
15 Chris & Laura (Hokuf)  
Moyer

1 Joe Kennard  
2 Matthew Jones  
Danita Walker  
3 Sonny Ewing  
Aidan Parsons  
4 Jane Brandenburg  
5 Heather Bibey  
Kari Gill  
Lonnie Watson (L.J.), Jr.  
8 Cheyenne Ewing  
10 Rachael Jackson  
Matthew Jackson  
Donna Lee  
11 Garrett Preisch  
Alesha Walker  
12 Heather Sprout  
13 Gladys Handy  
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14 Dylan Parsons  
Kate Galyen  
Brad Grant  
Ron Gray  
17 Ginny Helsel  
Julianna Rose Musser  
18 Joshua Ewing  
Emma Short  
19 Nancy (Carpenter)  
Carr  
20 Zed Barton  
Natalie Marvel  
22 Clint Blithe  
23 Jenny Hokuf  
24 Amanda (Leffew)  
Smith

Alexandria Walker  
25 Chuck Ewing  
Riley Hudler  
Laura McGuigan  
26 Arlee Brown  
Shelly Preisch  
27 Judy Clemons  
Dusty McKinney  
Sarah Ann Veasey  
28 Larry Thornton



On Super Bowl Sunday the youth will be coming over to my home to watch the game, and (you guessed it) eat lots of goodies.

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Whatever it takes Lord; Whatever it



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## FEBRUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>See page 6 for regular events/services</p>			1	2	3	4
<b>5</b> 9:20 am: Breakfast 6-10 pm: Youth Super Bowl party @ Dr. Hokuf's	6	<b>7</b> 10:30 am: Pastor's/ Wives' Fellowship @ FBCNE	8	9	<b>10</b> <b>LOCK-IN</b> 7 pm—7 am: Youth lock-in & ice skating @ Faith Southern Bapt. Church	<b>11</b>
12	13	<b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day! 	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b> March Lamplighter articles due	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>26</b> 6 pm: Worship Service showing video #5, "Pentecost" from the Missions of Jesus series	27	28	<i>1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.</i>			

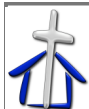
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During half time, we will watch a Billy Graham evangelistic video designed just for that time slot. Sorry Lady Gaga. The next weekend we will have an all-night Lock-in, together with the youth group from Faith and Southern Baptist Church in Elkton. Pray for me on that night. Mr. Tim can't get time off from his full-time job at Sandy Cove.

Each of these many activities are lots of fun, but they all have a higher spiritual purpose as well. Please pray for our youth. Two of them have told me that they believe the

Lord is calling them to be missionaries! Praise the Lord! Another teen recently trusted Christ as his personal Savior. We have been praying for him for a long time. Our youth face so many temptations that lure them away from Jesus and righteous living, but God is greater. Please continue to pray for

Pastor Steve



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Greetings in Christian LOVE!



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## REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

### Sunday

8:30a **WORSHIP**  
9:20a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)  
9:30a **Bible Study/Sunday School**  
10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**  
6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**  
6p Youth Ministry Mtgs.

### Tuesday

11a Worship Committee Mtg. (4th Tues)  
6p Praise & Worship Team Practice

### Wednesday

6:30-7:30p Kids' Klub—grades 2-6  
6:30-7:30p **Prayer/Bible Study**  
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

### Thursday

10a Choir Practice



## Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund  
Weekly Average as of  
1/22/17(4 wks): **\$3,258.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,566.**

Budget Status: **-\$1,231.**

**PARKING LOT FUND**  
received to date: **\$33,640.**

We have 3 revised parking lot  
fund goals: **\$20,000** (Praise  
the Lord); **\$30,000** (Glory  
to God); **\$40,000**  
**(Hallelujah!).**

Average morning worship