



Sunday Morning Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages: 10 a.m. • Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.
Visitors & Guests Always Welcome

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The Light Touch

The Monthly Newsletter of Lighthouse Baptist Church

August 2010

From the Pastor's Desk:

Making a Difference

I am thankful for those who make genuine decisions for Christ regardless of whether it's in mass evangelistic efforts or on an individual basis. I have, however, an even greater concern with the situation of evangelicalism in our country currently. We have mega-churches of almost unbelievable size, media ministries that literally reach millions, Christian concerts with audiences that fill major venues, and a host of other indications of great interest and success (at least as usually defined) to show for our efforts, but I am left wondering where the impact is.

Our society and culture continue to crash and not just financially. Large numbers of evangelicals appear to be riding along the ridge of the waves of destruction. If the polls are correct, so-called Christians are hardly different from their secular counterparts in such things as divorce, immorality, addictive pornography, dishonesty in business practice, and other such things. We make icons out of men that aren't worthy of a mustard seed of respect, and we go along with about everything and anything regardless of whether or not it agrees with God's Word.

We are supposedly here as lights in the world. We are to be a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. We are to let our light shine, but the batteries appear to have run low. What has happened? Many answers can - and are - given, but as I view the scene, I have come to the

conclusion that our problem is that we want success at the price of superficiality, escape from hell without any cost, and a kind of Christianity that is self-centered, self-directed and self-consumed.

Here's my over-simplification of it: It's time to, "*Preach the Word. To be instant in season and out....*" It's time for us to also "*live the Word*". God has a way of using a church where the Word is preached straightforwardly and lived without apology in any society. We must preach the Bible, including the "*dark*" themes like hell, suffering, sin, and human depravity. As Christians we need to point to Jesus as the redeemer for these hard truths.

That means that we also need to preach and model grace, forgiveness, and hope for spiritual growth. In short, we need to stick to the Word. Let's run our programs and emphases. Let's have our concerts and "outreach events," but let's do one thing above all and better than all - *preach and live the Word!* That's what we were called to do, and that's what will work best.

Blessings!

Pastor Keith



Keep Connected:

Lighthouse Baptist Church welcomes the opportunity to connect with you at any time. Please contact the church office at **291-6919** first, and if the one you need is not in the office, you may reach our staff by their cell phones.

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September Highlights...

BIG DAY! Sunday, September 12

New Service Times!

9:30a 1st Service AND 1st Sunday School Hour

11:00a 2nd Service AND 2nd Sunday School Hour

New Sunday Morning Sermon Series

"The Armor of God...the real iron man"

Summer Movie Night

Sept 10, 8:30p

The Blind Side

Community outreach event: **FREE** movie in the field at the pavilion.

Bring your favorite movie snacks and a blanket, lawn chair, etc. and enjoy a movie under the stars.

Don't forget to invite your friends, family and neighbors!

