

# The Lighthouse

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I came across this a few weeks back in a fellow pastor's blog. After having a good laugh I shared it with a young man I know (mid 30s) to see if he thought it was as funny as I did. Not saying anything I had him read it. At the end he shocked me by wanting to talk about what he disagreed and agreed with!

Before I say anything, I will let you read it! (P.S.) THIS WAS MEANT TO BE SARCASM!!

fended it must be a good enough reason to leave. Go with that emotion.

2. **You don't "feel" like you're being fed.** This is really important. You need to purposely forget that your pastor is moving a large group of people from across a wide spectrum in their faith experience to maturity. Make an effort to avoid other discipleship opportunities like Life Groups and classes. It's completely understandable that you would blame your pastor for your lack of discipline in feeding yourself the Word during the week. Make it a point to have a view that it's really all about you instead of investing in helping others around you grow.

3. **Your Son or Daughter isn't happy there.** In today's child centered world this makes sense to leave your church if you're child says they don't want to go. What's great about this one is it gives you an opportunity to model for your kids what you should do when something is not done your way: leave. Besides your child must know best....I mean they are the child. Whatever you do don't teach them to adapt, appreciate the differences in others or model ongoing faithfulness. Get out before they plant roots.

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### Reasons to leave the Church

1. **Someone offended you.** At any point that you feel your feelings are hurt you should leave. Make sure you look for the subtle signs that people don't like you: someone walking by and not saying "hi", not being invited along with a group, not being thanked for something you did, a point in a sermon that made you feel uncomfortable, someone doesn't notice that you weren't at church because of the other hundreds of people in the room. If you're of-



OPEN HEARTS

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OPEN MINDS

4. **Your area of passion is not being promoted enough.** If the leadership team at your church doesn't promote your area of involvement you should find the nearest exit sign. It's obvious that the reason the pastor is refusing to do this is because he doesn't like you and not because he has a million other important plates that need to be spun. Here is your chance to read sign #1 and be offended.

5. **You made a mistake and a leader brings accountability.** When you committed to follow the pastoral leaders of your church you certainly didn't mean you wanted them to help you grow by holding you accountable. Who needs to submit? Not you! Don't be sharpened by the experience or walk through restoration. Why should you when there's another church down the street that doesn't know anything about your issues and will welcome you with open arms.

The author ended his article with the following.

(Important Note :) If you decide to hit the door because of these valid reasons, make sure you share your reasons with as many people as possible.

Question: What's better than leaving your church? Answer: Taking People with you!

By : Nathan Rouse

What shocked me was that this young man could come to the idea that any of these reasons could be thought to be valid. The idea that any of these points as presented could make anyone want to separate themselves from the fellowship of believers.

The point that the young man wanted to make to me; was that people are of-

ten hurt by what happens to them in church. The church is a place that many are told is a place of LOVE, yet it is inhabited by humans who can hurt even without meaning to.

The thought that came me was that if any do feel hurt in any way please come to someone in the fellowship. (Karlyn, Karen, myself or others and share)

Hurt and pain cannot be healed if we do not know!!

Until next month.

*Pastor Rick*



## Edgerton- Emanuel News

Put it on your calendars early- this year's church conference will be held Sunday, November 10, 2013, at Bryan Wesley UMC. The PPR gathering will take place at 6:00 PM, and the church conference will begin at 6:30 PM.

## District / Conference News

The following letter was received in an email from the District Office, regarding the Wings of the Morning flight by pilot Gaston Ntambo:

'Thank you for the enthusiastic support of Gaston as he flew the new airplane from Kansas to Lubumbashi, DR Congo. Gaston has sent a greeting to everyone which is included below.'

"My family continues to thank everyone for holding us in prayers during the ferry flight...It will always be at the top of the list of my flying experience!

I leave for Kinshasa on Friday, July 19 for a week hoping to return with the new airplane registration number. President Kabila was very helpful when he intervened and gave orders for

the government to grant us free pass from Sao Tome to Lubumbashi. We need a lot of prayers for this next step, but one thing the ferry pilot and I concluded after an amazing flight experience is that we were really not in control of anything.

Please pray that the president would still stand by his words to have the airplane duty free... I go to Kinshasa knowing that all your prayers will once again make all the difference as it always does when we put God first."

'Thank you in advance for keeping Gaston and the North Katanga Wings of the Morning in your prayers. Because of your generosity and prayerful support, this ministry will impact many people and villages through the love of Jesus Christ!'

## Youth Page



Edgerton & Emanuel UMC Presents:

# Bucket Fillers

### Vacation Bible School

August 6, 7 & 8th

6:00- 8:00 PM

Edgerton UMC

307 North Michigan Ave.

Edgerton, Ohio

Ages 4 years old- 6th grade



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## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

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8/1 Clara Kittle  
 8/2 Ted Hill  
 8/3 Traci Grandey  
 8/3 Jeff Stark  
 8/4 Brenda Coffman  
 8/4 Kathryn Haury  
 8/5 Wanda Robinett  
 8/5 Joey Tobin  
 8/6 Bob Koerner  
 8/9 Earl Bible

8/17 Elizabeth Gilbert  
 8/17 Aaron Frager  
 8/18 Doris Flowers  
 8/20 Donna Koerner  
 8/22 Roger Grandey  
 8/26 Charles Krill  
 8/31 Bev Barnett  
 8/31 Sean McPike

8/20 Roger & Lynne Grandey  
 8/26 Steve & Ruthann Johnson  
 8/26 Jim & Karlyn McPike



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PRAYER REQUESTS  
 We are here to pray for you!



Gloria Korsgaard	John & Pat Koerner	Ralph Krill	Raymond Lantz
Eric Bradley	Mark Baidinger	Eva Coffman	Ruthann Hurley
Lindsey Starbuck	Chris Rosebrock	Larry Herman	Annabelle Bible
Ava Sowers	Jessica Sowers	Carson Bowers	Devin Rummel
Marcy Buell	Gary Lewis	Melanie Hall	Orville Yarger
Kathy Diemer	Darcy & Kerry Carnahan		Betty Akers
Janet Steele	Shelby Smith	Marge Motter	Rev. Grant Nicholls
Family & Friends of Irene Snyder			

The office received the following letter from the Edgerton Senior Center:

The Edgerton Senior Center has moved. An open house is planned for August 22 from 1-3 at our new location, the Edgerton Church of Christ (224 Laubach Dr). Refreshments will be served and enter to win prizes (need not be present at time of drawing). The Edgerton Senior Center offers a variety of services for seniors 60 years and older. The Center is a place for fellowship, a nutritious hot meal, activities and volunteering. The Senior Center offers trips to and from the center as well as medical appts and shopping. The Senior Center is open weekdays from 10am-2 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$3 for the hot meal and donations for trips. Home delivered hot meals are also available for a suggested donation of \$3. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the open house and can check out the new location anytime. For more info, please call the Senior Center at 419-298-3564.

### Edgerton Liturgists

8/4- Denise Farnham  
 8/11- Janice Hill  
 8/18- Ruth Mayer  
 8/25- Karlyn McPike

Coffee Hour  
  
 At Emanuel

*Dale &  
 Bruce Krill*