



the Lighthouse

A BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Hello!

If you're receiving this email, it's because you committed to partnering with me financially as I work as a staff member for The Lighthouse Baptist Collegiate Ministry at SEMO. Over the course of this last semester I have been so blessed to meet and build relationships with students as well as share the love of Christ with them, and none of that could have happened without your support!

If you're unfamiliar with The Lighthouse, here are a few of the ways we reach out to our campus and make Christ known:



Monday Night Meal
Every Monday at 6:15, members of local churches provide delicious, home-cooked meals for students to enjoy! These meals are hosted at The Lighthouse and are free!



Thursday Night Worship
On Thursday evenings, we have a time of worship led by students and a message brought by Andrew Abbott. This semester we went through the book of Galatians.



Life Groups
These are student-led small group bible studies which meet throughout the week at various locations. This semester there were 3 mens life groups and 5 ladies life groups!

As a recent alumna of the university and The Lighthouse, I can confidently say this semester has been unlike any other we've ever seen before! Although numbers don't define our success, it's been exciting to see how we have grown. Each Monday this semester we could expect anywhere from 80-100 students to come to our free dinners. We even had to purchase more tables to accommodate everyone! Thursday nights saw growth as well. Sixty to seventy students came and worshiped with us and heard the gospel preached each week! There were also nearly 70 students involved in life groups throughout the week - a Lighthouse record!

Although it's easy to get lost in numbers, it's important for us to remember each number represents an actual student who needs to be reconciled to God through the gospel, grow in their understanding of the gospel, and spend their time in college proclaiming the gospel. God is doing something great at The Lighthouse, and we ask that you continue to pray for each of these students!

This semester I have enjoyed meeting with eight girls in one-on-one discipleship meetings. During these meetings, we have gone through a book titled, *The Fuel and the Flame*. The purpose of reading this book was to train these young women as spiritual leaders on the college campus, and eventually in their future careers. I've also been able to form relationships with nonbelievers which has allowed open dialogue and cooperation between The Lighthouse and nonreligious organizations.

Take a look at some student testimonies and pictures of a few of the things we've done this semester!



This semester we bought new Lighthouse t-shirts! If you would like to buy one, email southeast.lighthouse@gmail.com with your name and size! They cost \$12.

STUDENT TESTIMONIES

"I have been blessed to make many friends at The Lighthouse that share my beliefs and have helped me grow spiritually. Spending time with them has been a huge comfort to me and they have shown me what it is like to be a student and young adult that is living for God."

"Recently, God has been showing me that no matter what else is going on in life that His plans and His ways are far greater than mine. He continually reveals His grace and mercy to me in ways that shouldn't surprise me, but never fail to leave me in awe of His love."

"The Lighthouse has provided me a student family. I love the student-led worship and the teaching directed to college students. It makes me feel at home and speaks to me directly!"

"The Lighthouse has let me meet and become friends with many other Christians, and it has given me the mid-week truth that I need to keep my mind focused on taking one step closer to Christ."

PICTURES FROM THIS SEMESTER

AUGUST



Welcome Week

This Fall, The Lighthouse hosted an event every day during the first week of classes. It was definitely our most ambitious Welcome Week, but it yielded so much fruit as it allowed us to meet and connect with dozens of students at Southeast. Some of our events included a Lip Sync Battle, "Speed Friending," an inflatable obstacle course, and a BBQ in the park.

SEPTEMBER



In September, we took a trip to Elephant Rocks and Johnson Shut-Ins State Parks. We had over 30 students come and enjoy God's creation!

OCTOBER



October was full of fun! The week of the 16th, The Lighthouse had a Week of Prayer. During this time, we set up a prayer table on campus and asked students how we could pray for them. We also had a 24-hour prayer where students took an hour slot during a 24 hour period and spent that hour praying for The Lighthouse, our campus, and our country.

Our Fall Festival was in October as well, and there were almost 75 people in attendance! We had s'mores, a costume contest, and lots of fun!

Pray that we would have the courage & perseverance to be faithful as God is faithful to us when we are not. Praise God for this every day because every day we fail in some way but His mercy & grace cover us and keep us.

NOVEMBER



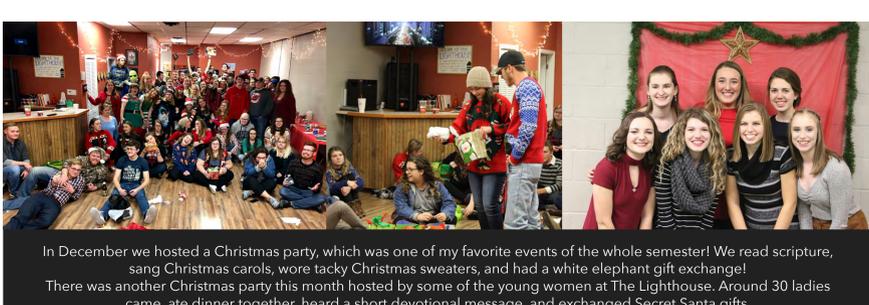
November was our busiest month with something to do nearly every weekend!

November 3-4, 15 students were received disaster relief training from the Missouri Baptist Convention's disaster relief team.

On November 11, The Lighthouse hosted a Thanksgiving meal for international students! We had a full house, and the students were incredibly appreciative.

During Fall Break, The Lighthouse took a trip to Kansas City. While there, the students served an organization that aids survivors of sex trafficking, heard a teaching on discipleship and evangelism, and performed spiritual surveys at a local university. It was a fruitful trip!

DECEMBER



In December we hosted a Christmas party, which was one of my favorite events of the whole semester! We read scripture, sang Christmas carols, wore tacky Christmas sweaters, and had a white elephant gift exchange. There was another Christmas party this month hosted by some of the young women at The Lighthouse. Around 30 ladies came, ate dinner together, heard a short devotional message, and exchanged Secret Santa gifts.

As you can see, this has been a busy semester! It has been such a privilege to be a part of what God is doing in and through college students at The Lighthouse. This opportunity has been an incredible blessing, and I look forward to all of the amazing things God will do next semester! Your continued support and prayers for this ministry are so appreciated!

Because of Christ,
Jordyn Ruble

It's hard to put into words how great this semester has been. We've seen more students connect this semester than at any other time in my 4.5 years at Southeast Missouri State. It's our ultimate prayer, that these students would grow in their understanding of the gospel and be equipped as life long disciple makers in Christ's Church. Without a doubt, Jordyn has been instrumental in helping this ministry effectively serve the students at Southeast. Let's just say, I doubt I would have survived this semester without her assistance. On behalf of the Lighthouse, I want to thank you for your ongoing support of Jordyn. I'm confident, your investment in her will have ripple effects throughout eternity.

For the Kingdom,
Andrew Abbott
Campus Minister, The Lighthouse (BCM)