

## Life Groups & Ministries

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.  
(Hebrews 10:24 NIV)

### *Just Like Dad*

“..... The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”  
(John 5:19, NIV)

*Isn't it endearing to see a child mimicking his parents? How often we've seen the young boy in a car seat, gripping his imaginary steering wheel intently while keeping a close eye on the driver to see what Daddy does next.*

*I remember doing the same thing when I was young. Nothing gave me greater pleasure than doing exactly what my dad did—and I'm sure he got an even bigger kick watching me copy his actions.*

*I would like to think God felt the same way when He saw His dearest Son doing exactly what the Father did—reaching out to the lost, helping the needy, and healing the sick. Jesus said, “the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does” (John 5:19).*

*We too are called to do the same—to “follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love” (Ephesians 5:1-2). As we continue growing to be more like Jesus, may we seek to love like the Father loves, forgive like He forgives, care like He cares, and live in ways that please Him. It is a delight to copy His actions, in the power of the Spirit, knowing that our reward is the affectionate, tender smile of a loving Father.*

*Taken from Daily Bread: <https://odb.org/2017/07/17/just-like-dad>*

#### Our Vision

Isaiah 54:2-3 Kingdom Enlargement

#### Mission Statement

Influence people for Christ to enlarge God's Kingdom.

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# LIGHTHOUSE

September 1, 2024

Family News

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

(Ephesians 5:25; 6:3; Proverbs 14:26; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 4:15-17)

So blessed to be God's husband and father in the family. His blessing comes with honoured duties, as well. Carried out well, God's favour is bestowed increasingly.

The best gift to children is for the father to love his wife, their mum. Really, truly, faithfully love. Even more, when dads love like Jesus for His Church. Such love accords stability, confidence, and peace to the children. It secures a safe environment in which to grow up adjusted.

And fathers, following the Lord & His Word, extend love, care, encourage, and inspire their children in the way and ways of the Lord to give them an Anchor for their lives. They are involved in the lives of their children. Set in motion a godly legacy.

With widespread family breakdowns and dysfunctions and single-parent homes (especially with mums holding the fort), there is another need – spiritual fathers. The children need to see and have around godly men, especially fathers, who care, listen, pray, and inspire them in their future. Let us enlarge our hearts and hands to bless.

Our God blesses faithfulness. He increases further opportunities to bless. Praise God, our Heavenly Father, who has made Lighthouse a house of fatherly blessings—also, the chance to be spiritual fathers across borders.

The Lord bless you, Lighthouse fathers.  
The Lord bless you to be even more.  
The Lord bless all of Lighthouse.  
To our God, the Best Father, be all the glory. Amen.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!  
 (Psalm 8:9, NKJV)

TODAY

Morning Prayer @ 8.00am

Celebrating Our Lord @ 9.00am

(live stream)

- Praise & Worship
- Holy Communion
- Welcome & Prayers
- The Word
- Ministry
- Notices & Birthdays
- Benediction

Coffee & Tea

Birthdays

- September 6 – Casey Bartle
- September 7 – Jeffrey Lai
- September 7 – Madeline Hui

Grace in the Father's Hand

No matter how far we've strayed, Jesus is always ready to receive us with grace. His love, which depends not on our perfection but on His unchanging character, is a beacon of unconditional love. The Lord's discipline is an expression of this unwavering love and His compassionate heart.

We are all invited to draw close to Him, where His grace covers our failures, and His love restores our souls. We are His beloved children, cherished and valued, held in the palm of His hands, our loving and compassionate Father.

Happy Father's Day!

Our Loving and  
 Compassionate Father

*"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in."*  
 (Proverbs 3:11-12, NIV)

*"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."*  
 (Psalm 103:13, NIV)

*"So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."*  
 (Luke 15:20, NIV)

2024/2025 Church Theme

COME & GO

- 3/03 Introduction
- 10/03 Through Jesus, In Jesus
- 17/03 Come
- 24/3 Go
- 31/3 The Door
- 4/7-26/5 PAP
- (Permission, Authority, Power)
- 02-23/06 Come and See
- 30/06-28/07 Go and Show
- 04-25/08 Come! The Invitation
- 01/09 Father's Day

Jesus, Our Eternal Father

As we honour the fathers in our lives, let us also take a moment to reflect on and give thanks to our LORD, our Everlasting Father. His care for us extends beyond this life to eternity, a love that never fades. The hope that He offers is not just for today but forever. In Him, we find an everlasting love that promises us a future filled with hope and joy.

May we all find comfort in knowing that we have a heavenly Father who is always with us, providing strength, peace, and love that never fails. He is our constant companion, our protector, and our guide, now and forever. May this truth inspire us to walk closely with our Heavenly Father, trusting in His perfect and hopeful plan for our lives. Amen.

Themes for  
 the past 9 years

2023/2024  
 The Good Life

2022/2023  
 OUTSIDERS

2021/2022  
 complete **7** perfect

2020/2021  
 Contrast: Jesus Is  
 The Difference

2019/2020  
 Who Am I? Jesus Is:  
 Therefore, You Are

2018/2019  
 City On A Hill

2017/2018  
 Chosen Generation

2016/2017  
 Higher, Wider, Deeper

2015/2016  
 Forward

Hearts Together In Prayer

01/09 (Sun): Let us praise our Heavenly Father for His faithfulness throughout generations. His unchanging and everlasting love and the promise of eternal life.

02/09 (Mon): Let us pray that those who have endured long-term illness will persevere in their faith, not grow weary or lose heart, but find strength and hope in the Lord. May they see Your hands at work in their lives, our gracious Father.

03/09 (Tue): May every Lighthouse father be filled with God's love and grace, with the hunger and thirst for more of Jesus, seeking Him daily and growing deeper in faith. Be with our fathers, O Lord, as they work to be true examples of discipleship to our families.

04/09 (Wed): May our Lighthouse families be filled with God's love, showing unconditional love to each other and those around them, becoming a reflection of God's love to others, from generation to generation.

05/09 (Thu): Let us pray that our fathers may leave a legacy of faith. May their influence be felt for generations to come as they impact their children and others with the love of Christ, leaving behind a heritage of spiritual strength and devotion to Jesus.

06/09 (Fri): All Lighthouse fathers to be bold in faith, reaching out to other fathers and sharing the message of salvation, becoming ambassadors of Christ. Strengthen our fathers as they serve our families and communities.

07/09 (Sat): Let our Sunday services and fellowship be a testament to the power of unity in faith, filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. May we come together with one purpose: to glorify God and provide unwavering support and encouragement to one another in faith.

*May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.*  
 (Psalm 141:2, NIV)