

## COMPENSATION WORKS

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10)*

Compensation. It's the key to performance in most businesses. Pay too little and employees leave or under-perform. Pay too much and the business suffers. What is the right mixture of motivation and incentive? Sometimes the question is so complicated that we have to turn to experts to help us sort it out. Above all, we try to be fair - fair to the employee and fair to the business.

God is interested in compensation too. This verse reminds us that Jesus Christ is the ultimate judge of proper compensation for our behavior. The Greek word translated "appear" carries the idea that nothing will be hidden. Our entire lives will be revealed, made plain before the Judge. That thought makes me cringe. I know there are plenty of things in my life that I would not want revealed. I know that I am guilty of countless selfish acts, times when I gave myself undue compensation at the expense of God and others. Someday I will stand before Jesus and be asked to give account for those things. When God asks me to account for what's fair, I will come up short.

What could possibly save me from the punishment I deserve on that day of reckoning? Nothing that I can do, that's for sure. I can't balance the scales in my favor. God doesn't judge me on a balance scale morality. God expects perfection. "Be holy as I am holy." But on that system, I just don't measure up. I have only one hope: Jesus.

The day that I stand before Him and give account, I have the confidence that even though I do not deserve mercy, mercy will be given. Why? Because I turned my life over to His reign. I belong to Him. On that day He will say, "Yes, this one is mine. I have paid the price for him." God knows that compensation counts. I am always to keep it in mind. It directs my behavior. But now my compensation is not about earning His good will. It is about thanking Him for granting me mercy.



# LIGHTHOUSE

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**March 8, 2020**

**We welcome you to all our services!**

Sunday:	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:00 AM	Kids Church
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Fellowship & Devotion

# Announcements

Jason has created an online learning program, called Gospel Lighthouse Academy. You can access it at [glacademy.boards.net](http://glacademy.boards.net). You will need to create an account to see some content. Search **Faithlife: Community for Churches** in iOS App Store or Google Play Store. Create an account Search Neosho Mo and Gospel Lighthouse should appear.

**Tonight:** Life Groups at 5:00 PM.

**Wednesday:** Youth swim day at Monett YMCA on Wednesday March 11. Leave from church 2:45 PM. Bring \$3.00 for entry, and money for Burger King on way home. Return to church at 7:00 PM. For more information, please see Robin Hunnicutt or Candace Cauble.



**Next Sunday:** Church Bowling Party at Edgewood Bowl from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Pastor Don & Myrna Marble  
Memorial Scholarship  
2020/2021**

We are currently accepting applications for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

If you are interested in applying, the application is available on the table at the back of the church.

Deadline to submit your application is Friday, April 24, 2020.



## Saturday, April 11

Registration begins 11am

### Easter Egg Hunts Toddler - age 13

Bouncy Houses Hot Dogs Prizes  
Face Painting Snow Cones Popcorn Cotton Candy  
Everything is FREE

10am Special Needs Egg Hunt



Shop Save a Lot in Neosho on Saturday, March 14th and  
Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center of Neosho  
will receive 5% of all purchases!