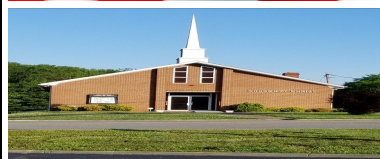




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You Shine As Lights In The World

Kerry and I recently enjoyed a week of vacation. One of the main things we did on our time away was to explore several caves and caverns that offered guided tours. It is fascinating to see the various formations that we were able to observe while walking on a paved path in lighted areas. But it did make me think about what it would have been like to be the first person to enter a small crevice and enter a world hidden by total darkness.

One of the common practices of cavern tours is that somewhere along the path—and usually with plenty of warning—they will turn out all the lighting so visitors can experience what it is like to be in total darkness. One smart-aleck guide told the visitors that if they waved their hand back and forth in front of their face they would produce a kind of spark effect in the darkness. And as they waved furiously, he turned the light on to see them and laughed, telling them he just wanted to see how many would believe him!

In Philippians, Paul tells the saints in Philippi that in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, you shine as lights in the world (Phil. 2:15). The challenge is given to live as children without fault before this crooked and perverse generation. He never said that it would be easy! He never said that our light and our example would cause multitudes of people to turn from their sinful ways. But he did say we are to shine.

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When the guides would turn out all the lighting, they would ask people to keep their phones off so that the light wouldn't spoil the total darkness effect. One thing I noticed at our first cavern darkness experience, was that my watch's glow-in-the dark feature really seemed bright. I had to hold my hand over the face of my watch.

Such a little glow—not even a true light source—made a huge difference. I have shared this quote with you before, but it is one of my favorites: “No amount of darkness can hide the light of even one small candle.” Your spiritual light, your Christ-like example makes a huge difference in this crooked and perverse – this dark world of sin! Your light just may be the light that shows someone else the way to the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ! Keep Shining! To Him be the glory!

—John Helbig

Don't Let it All Out

Conventional wisdom tells us that when we are upset or angry to “let it all out” and get it off our chest. But while reading in the Proverbs I came across this extraordinarily different idea: “A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back” (Proverbs 29:11).

Could it be that in some cases it's better to keep my mouth shut rather than letting all of my feelings be known? Many a harmful word has been spoken while fueled by strong emotions. Not every situation is the same but we must use God-given wisdom to determine when to speak and when to keep quiet. Back in the 90's I had a college course on the introduction to the Internet. One thing I remember from the class was that you never send an email in anger but wait a day and see how you might respond differently to the situation that upset you. Good advice that holds true today.

I'm reminded of the trial of Jesus when He was accused by the chief priest and elders and “He answered nothing” (Matt. 27:12). Jesus could have easily spoken a word and destroyed them all but rather “He held His peace” (Matt. 26:63). We should never hold things in and allow them to fester into a worse situation. Rather we should take a breath, hold our response until after we've had time to settle down. “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19).

—Jay Launius

Are You Standing on the Rock?

God's Word is a steady foundation in an unstable world. In Matthew 7:24-25, Jesus compares obedience to building a house on the rock. Storms will come, but what is built on Christ will endure. The Bible guides, corrects, and strengthens the Christian for every situation, and to withstand any storm. When life feels uncertain, God's truth remains unchanged. Those who hear and obey His Word stand firm, no matter what surrounds them. Stand firm on the solid rock of God's word.

QUOTES & SAYINGS

"You don't have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body." — C. S. Lewis

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." — Augustine of Hippo

"Peace if possible, truth at all costs." — Martin Luther

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can." — John Wesley

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." — Charles Spurgeon

My Hand in God's

Each morning when I wake I say,
"I place my hand in God's today";
I know He'll walk close by my side
My every wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care
When paths are dark and I despair—
No need for me to understand
If I but hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His! No surer way
To walk in safety through each day.

By His great bounty I am fed;
Warmed by His love, and comforted.

When at day's end I seek my rest
And realize how much I'm blessed,
My thanks pour out to Him; and then
I place my hand in God's again.

Florence Scripps Kellog

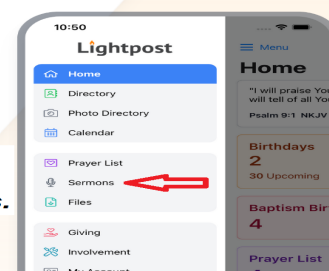
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Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Multiple health concerns.

Randy Gauldin. Recent surgery.

Gary Hollandsworth. Upcoming surgery.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Clayton Hylton. Prostate Cancer.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Terry Mason. Recent pacemaker surgery.

Carol Pace. Recent mini-stroke & Colon cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

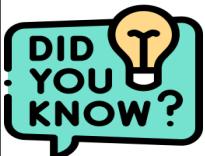
Thomas Turner. Thomas is 5 years old. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Kevin Wyatt. Recent hospital visit. Heart failure.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.



To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



June Birthdays!

20TH KAREN
LOVELL

21ST PETE LOVELL



June

Anniversary!

21ST PAUL &
SHERRY LIRETTE



Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast will be on June 27th! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



July 4th Celebration!

Our 4th of July cook-out is on Saturday, July 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall.



Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast will be on July 25th! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Potluck Lunch!

We will be hosting a Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, July 26th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.

Pizza/Movie Night!



Our next Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, August 1st! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

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