

## Be A Light

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)



How can we "shine" in such a way that the Lord is given glory? How can we be the light that Jesus expects to be?

For one thing, Jesus tells us, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

That is to say, we should continue to show kindness to those who have been unkind to us—to be kind even when others would not be—and to earnestly pray for their righteous welfare!

We must show mercy to those who need it—those who need forgiveness, friendship, or even food (cf. Luke 6:36; Matthew 18:33-35).

Additionally, suffering with faith brings glory to God. When others see a loving and trusting faith that continues to praise God even in the midst of a trial, a righteous light shines for the Lord (1 Peter 3:15).

In all of this, we must make it all about Jesus. If we connect our faith to our actions and tell others who Jesus is...what He has done...what He is doing...what He expects...we will be the light the Lord loves!

~ Bart Warren, South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, KY (via Bulletin Digest) ~

## With All Your Mind

Jesus said, "The great and first commandment:" "you shall love the Lord your God with all your...mind" (Matthew 22:18,17). The current spiritual battle is not fought with carnal weapons (swords, guns, bombs), but with ideas from the word of God. "For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:6-7).

The war against the lies of secular humanism will be won by truth. The battles fought with evil and wickedness will be won by righteousness and peace. The battles fought by stirring up hatred will be won by love.

- Cecil May Jr., Preacher Talk (via Bulletin Digest) -

*Christ alone can save the world.*

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. (Church Building); Sunday evening, 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Building); Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. (Church Building).

**SYMPATHY:** To Jenny Rhodes at the passing of her husband, Steve. Also to Janet Malcomson, Becky McKitrick, and Sandy Spencer at the passing of their cousin, Bob Wilson. God bless and comfort these families.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** Weirton Heights ..... Oct. 11-16 ..... John Board  
**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Emma Rine, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **UPMC, PITTSBURGH:** Mary Jane Bowers. **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 110). **BERKELEY SPRINGS REHABILITATION CENTER,** Ernest Robinson, 456 Autumn Acres Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. **ORCHARDS OF EL REHAB:** Rich Owen, Suite 701, Room 9, Armstrong Lane, East Liverpool, OH 43920. (Rich's parents were members here many years ago). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higinbotham (address on bulletin board). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## PRAYERS

Tim Smith

Paul told our long departed Thessalonian brethren to, "Pray without ceasing," that is, to have regularly scheduled prayers. Paul's inspired pen indicated that prayers were to be made for the leaders of the nations, the sick, the healthy, the preachers, the lost and a host of others. We should ask God to forgive us, to help us do better in the future, to protect our loved ones, to prosper the work of the church, etc. Our prayers should be for ourselves, but not for ourselves exclusively. We must be careful not to be selfish in our petitions! Pray for others! Pray for the ability to serve others. Pray for the good of others. Pray for the work He gave us to do. Pray without ceasing.

Beacon,

Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL

## ABOUNDING

Christianity is the abundant life (John 10:10). In what should we abound?

1. In faith (2 Cor. 8:7).
2. In knowledge (2 Cor. 8:7).
3. In love (1 Thess. 3:12; Matt. 22:37-39; 19:19).
4. In hope (Rom. 15:13; Col. 1:27; Titus 2:13; Lam. 3:26).
5. In diligence (2 Cor. 8:7).
6. In every good work (2 Cor. 9:8).
7. In thanksgiving (Col. 2:7).
8. In the Christian graces (2 Peter 1:5-8).
9. In rejoicing ((Phil. 1:26).
10. In everything (2 Cor. 8:7).

House to House  
Heart to Heart