

## Those Privileged to Serve

### Sept 3rd - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. J. Lewis, G. Cooper

**Announcements:** Gaylon Cooper

**Lead Singing:** Jeff Lewis

**Read Scripture:** Costel Gimphu

**Opening Prayer:** Joe Venable

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Marion Thomas

#### Communion:

K. Ross, A. Vaughn, W. Ferguson  
E. Anderson, C. Richardson, P. Love

**Greet:** Freeman & Sheila Kidder

### Sept 3rd - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** TBA

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Lewis

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Carleton Kidder

#### Communion:

R. Pack, J. Adams

### Sept 6th - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Mike Wages

**Opening Prayer:** Bobby Richardson

**Devotional:** Walt Ferguson

**Closing Prayer:** Eddie Anderson

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### Sept 10th - MORNING WORSHIP

6 A.M. R. Pack, J. Smith

**Announcements:** Gaylon Cooper

**Lead Singing:** John Smith

**Read Scripture:** Darrell Cunningham

**Opening Prayer:** Freeman Kidder

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Jeff Lewis

#### Communion:

K. Ross, A. Vaughn, W. Ferguson  
E. Anderson, C. Richardson, P. Love

**Greet:** Reba Donaldson & Panda Green

### Sept 10th - EVENING WORSHIP

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Mike Wages

**Sermon:** Ray Pack

**Closing Prayer:** Joseph Johnson

#### Communion:

R. Pack, J. Adams

### Sept 13th - WED BIBLE STUDY

**Lead Singing:** Paul Hatcher

**Opening Prayer:** Darrell Cunningham

**Devotional:** Mike Wages

**Closing Prayer:** Joe Venable

## Weekly Record

6 AM Worship	19
Sun. Morning Bible Study	76
Sunday Morning Worship	106
Sunday Evening Worship	76
Wed. Bible Study	88
Contribution	\$ 3176



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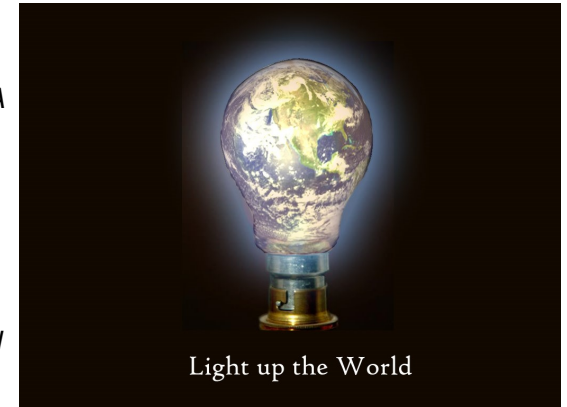
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## A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid

In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus said,

*“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*



Light up the World

Notice some observations from this text.

Jesus is the ultimate source of light. John would record concerning Jesus as light,

*“In him was life; and the life was the light of men...And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”*

John 1:4; 3:19-21

Darkness stands for sin, ignorance and evil. On the other hand, light represents righteousness, knowledge and good. Even Jesus himself claimed,

*I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life...He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.*

*And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."*

John 8:12; 12:44-46

The Bible is our light. The Psalmist would write, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path...The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (Ps. 119:105; 19:7-8). We come to receive our faith in God, experience the new birth, inherit spiritual immortality and enjoy light in the gospel all by the word of God. Peter explained,

*Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."*

1 Peter 1:22-23

A true disciple contains the light and shines it brightly in the darkness. Paul was a light to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47). The wise man wrote, "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble" (Prov. 4:18-19). Just as the passage of consideration affirms, we are lights of the world (Matt. 5:14-15), walking "as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth): Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:8-11). Just as a light that does not work is useless, a Christian whose light does not shine is useless to God.

Our light will not work if we do not remain connected to the source of power. Electricity or alternate sources of power (such as batteries) are necessary for light to function—consider the many people in the last weeks without electricity in the northeast due to Hurricane Sandy. Are our lights working? Do we all have relationships with Jesus that urge us to live for him daily and shine our lights everywhere we go (cf. Gal. 2:20)? When Saul of Tarsus saw "the light," he was baptized (Acts 22:12-16). To make the world a better place, we need to be in Christ, free from sin and shining gloriously.

*Sam Willcut  
Southwest Church of Christ  
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### **Sunday Sermons**

AM - Lights in the World - Part 1 - Ray Pack  
PM - Lights in the World - Part 2 - Ray Pack

## **Congregational News and Notes**

### **Prayer Requested**

#### **Members**

Harold and Doris Davis,  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sammy Puckett, Rachel Epperson,  
Ted Lingren, Billy Landers,  
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Iva Hopper, Tom Crow,  
Bill and Gladys Gowan,  
Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse,  
Margie Montgomery, Tommye Siegler  
Margie Whitehead, Helen Avent,  
Louise Buck, Gwen Smith,  
Jorita Richardson, Barbara Ray  
Jerry Crabb, Jeanette Morris

#### **Friends & Family:**

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd,  
Al Stewart, Ruth Cox,  
Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle,  
Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love,  
Bethany Tims, Nancy Anderson,  
Donald & Christa Smith

#### **Cards to Send**

Laura Carter  
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Betty Cooper  
201 Ed Moore Road  
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Sammy & Shirley Puckett  
78 Independence Lane  
Jackson, TN 38305

### **Happenings**

#### **South Jackson**

##### **Today**

Forrest Cove Devotional at 2:30 PM

#### **Area Events**

Numerous area events are posted on the bulletin board.

#### **Pantry Item**

Vienna Sausage

#### **Dorcas Class**

Dorcas class will start back on Tuesday, September 12th. Class meets at 10 AM each Tuesday. We will continue to follow our policy of not having class when Madison County Schools are not in Session.

*Shine Your  
Light in the  
Dark*

