

Walk in The Light and Cast no Shadows.

This is the message, which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

Light without shadows – is it possible? Aren't shadows a natural product of light? The only way you can avoid shadows is to eliminate all objects from its path, but God's Word tells us we must walk in the light. How can I walk in His light and not cast a shadow? If God wants His light to be pure, why would He invite me into it? Surely God would be better off to shine His light where there is no possibility of darkness. Nevertheless...

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light... 1 John 1:7a

There is a way to exist in His light apart from shadows; to experience light as He experiences light. That means we must be the light!

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

So, we are either to be IN the light or IN THE WAY OF the light. We cannot simply bask in the light; we must burn with the glow of God's light...but how?

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

God's Word has much to say about being united with God, in Christ. That is why baptism is so important. (Romans 6:1-4) Like moths, we are drawn to Jesus only to find that we cannot have His light and yet keep our own lives. But, too often we want nothing more than to flutter on our way and feel the warmth of His love on our wings as we go. Have you ever seen the shadows that such creatures can cast? A lantern in a tent at night is a welcome sight to the one who is out in the dark. But a small creature winging its way around that light can seem huge and grotesque and may well cause a person to take his chances with the dark. It is not enough to have enough light for my own vision. I must have enough light for the vision of the whole world. I must, like Jesus, love much more than just myself. The saints in light must understand this truth...

He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 1 John 2:10

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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30pm

All the churches of Christ greet you.
ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: Who Am I?

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Scripture: Titus 2:1-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Tuesday, May 29th. We will be studying Day 4 of Chapter 4 in the lounge. 😊 We will enjoy lunch together too.**

Next Potluck: June 24th This is one week later than usual because of the potluck next week during the Housewarming event.



- **Housewarming Celebration-** check in **this Thursday, May 31st- next Sunday, June 3rd**. Speakers will be **Arthur, Orrin Nearhoof** from Richmond, Kentucky, **Steve Connors** from Horseheads, NY, **Bill Garrett** from Lewiston, PA, **Terry Carlisle** from Elmore, AL, **Alex Tullis** from San José, CA, **Frank Coletta** from Clifton Park, NY, **Ben Wright** from Kittanning, PA, and **Jeff Wyeth** from Tunkhannock, PA.
- We will be needing **muffins, coffee cakes, cookies, brownies**, etc. for coffee times during the Housewarming if you want to get a head start. We are also providing a **lunch on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd**. Sunday will be potluck.
- **There will not be a Wednesday evening class this week because of the Housewarming activities the next day.**

PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **door-knocking/leafleting** campaign to introduce ourselves to the neighborhood **produces fruit and Bible studies**.
- Prayers for comfort for Patty and Ruthie and their brother's wife, Robin, following Stan's recent death.
- **Prayer of thanksgiving that Connie has a full-time job at Walmart!**
- **Dara**, Darlene's sister, is searching for employment. Also, Dara's son Brandon has lost his job and may need to move back in with her.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**. Pray for her comfort as she is having trouble breathing. Also pray that she will reconsider Bible study.
- **Lori Kashorek** continues with experimental chemo treatments for her lung cancer. She continues to be free of brain tumors since her surgery but relies solely on prayer since she was found to not have a genetic reason for the brain tumors; there is no specific medicine for her.
- Pray for **Vicki Joice** as she continues Herceptin treatments until June (coming right up!). She has 1 left to do! Also, pray that she doesn't become discouraged dealing with lymphedema day after day.
- Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** has metastatic breast cancer. Pray for her comfort and that she will want to learn the truth about Christ soon.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- Pray for **Ruthie's** friend and former colleague, **Nancy Black**, who is living at Elderwood in Waverly. She is very grateful for prayers offered on her behalf.
- **Pray that Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** will be able to recover from her cancer.
- **We pray that Lani will enjoy her new job and life in Houston and that she will always remember us and keep in touch in the Lord.**
- **We pray that our Housewarming festivities will unfold smoothly and without incident, giving us joy in our good fortune and a reason to reach out to our neighbors.**

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry: barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.