

Those to Serve This Week	
Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. First Prayer	Ben Walker
A.M. Closing Prayer	Joe Preaus
P.M. Prayer	David Duty
P.M. Closing Prayer	Jim Rhodes
Lord's Table	*J. Rhodes, Chris Cook C. Gilbert, W. Hudson
Song Leader	Kent Everett
Greeters	Mike & Connie Kerrigan
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	---
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Ron Hudoba (1-12-22)

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Announcements	Jim Rhodes
A.M. Prayer	Eddie Albritton
A.M. Closing Prayer	Dennis Milam
P.M. Prayer	Eddie Albritton
P.M. Closing Prayer	Mike Kerrigan
Lord's Table	* Justin Preaus, T. Brantley, B. Braxton, A. Eldridge
Song Leader	Billy Anderson
Greeters	Joe & Marilyn Preaus
Nursery (Birth thru 3 years)	----
Wednesday Devo & Invitation	Jim Rhodes (1-19-22)

The Record Speaks	
Date	January 2, 2022
Bible Class	54
A.M. Worship	69
P.M. Worship	38
Contribution	--
Date	January 5, 2022
Wed. Attendance	52

Schedule of Events	
<b>Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 9:45 A.M.</b> Bible Class	
<b>10:45 A.M.</b> Worship	
<b>6:00 P.M.</b> Evening Worship	
<b>Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 12:30 P.M.</b> Men's Prayer Group	
<b>7:00 P.M.</b> Bible Classes	
<b>Benevolence:</b> Ron Hudoba – 368-4886 Tracey Brantley – 368-9106	
<b>VBS</b> – Third week in June every year	

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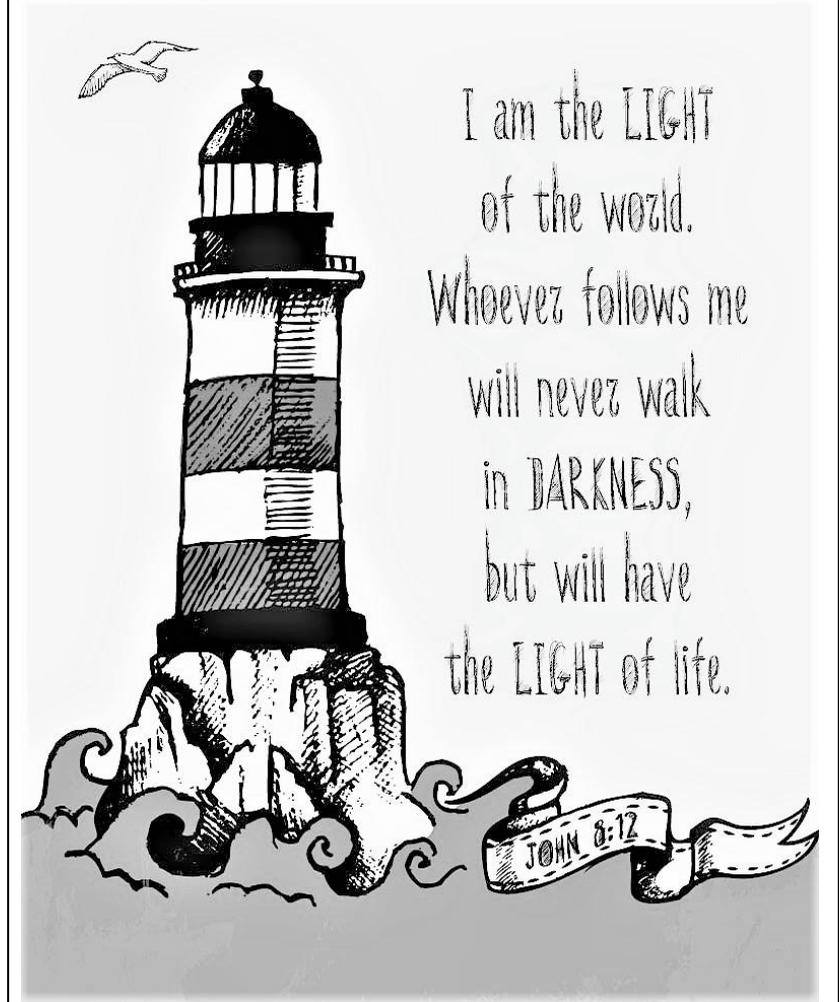
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## Let Your Light Shine

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

Man once used a candle for light. It was hailed as a revolutionary discovery, a big improvement over the burning torch. However, the candle flickered, gave off odor, and the least puff of wind would blow it out.

Then came the kerosene lamp. It too was applauded as a jump of progress in the field of illumination. But it had problems: The bowl had to be filled with kerosene. The wick had to be trimmed and sometimes did not reach the fluid. The globe became smoky and had to be cleaned.

Another improvement was the Coleman gasoline lamp or lantern. We had one when I was a boy, and one of my jobs was to keep it going. It required gasoline, mantles, and had to be kept pumped up.

Then, thanks to Mr. Edison, came the incandescent light. When connected to the power source and if the globe was good, it produced light very efficiently.

*What kind of light are we?* Just a candle that quivers and emits odor? Or just a kerosene light with a short wick and a smoky globe? Or just a gasoline light that won't shine at all unless someone is there to keep us pumped up all the time? Or an efficient incandescent light, connected to the great source of light, that shines and shines and shines?

One of the greatest compliments ever paid mortal man was given by the Apostle Paul to the Philippians. He told them, “You shine as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15). A darkened world needs our light. Let us *shine!* --Leroy Brownlow

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## Sovereignty of God

A tiny girl was taking a long journey and in the course of the day her train was obliged to cross a number of rivers. The water seen in advance always awakened doubts and fears in the child. She did not understand how it could safely be crossed. As they drew near the river, however, a bridge appeared, and furnished the way over. Several times the same thing happened, and finally the child leaned back with a long breath of relief and confidence: “Somebody has put bridges for us all the way!” she said in trusting content. That is how we find it in life. God has built bridges for us all the way. --Copied

*Finding the Ten Commandments can be a challenge for many adults (Ex. 20). Imagine the looks a Sunday School teacher got when she inquired of their whereabouts in a class for five-year-olds. After a few moments of blank stares she asked again, “Can anybody tell me where to find the Ten Commandments?” Finally, a little kid offered, “Have you looked them up on Google?”* --Copied

## Birthdays this week:

**Sunday, Jan. 9 – Jenny Walker & Brandt Walker**

**Monday, Jan. 10 – Chris Cook**

**Wednesday Jan. 12 – Kate Preaus & Kathy Wade**

**Thursday Jan. 13 – Paula Strickland**

**Friday Jan. 14 – Lance Futch & Nancy Futch**

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If you like to sing, there is a group meeting together here at the building after the Sunday night worship service to practice old songs and learn new ones.

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We are hoping to resume using communion plates beginning the first Sunday in March, hopefully after the flu season and new virus threat has been reduced. We will continue to have the individual communion packets available for anyone who prefers them.

The church has already sent a \$10,000 check to the Dresden Church of Christ in Dresden, KY for relief from the tornado that devastated that area.

If you would like to make a personal contribution to help them begin to recover, please give your money or check to Tracey, Brian, Chris or one of the elders and we will forward our individual contributions to the Dresden church about mid January.

## Those in Need of Special Prayer

Letsy Everett	Doris Roller
Mattie Gray Bird	Joe Albritton
“Bee” Stewart	“Hoss” Brantley
Pam Denton	Sherry Taylor
Cooter Anderson	Lane Denton
Amie Smith	Bobby Fletcher
Elaine Brantley	Mildred Watkins
Fred Futch	William Wilson
Roxanna Gill	Meade Phelps
Betty Perot	Asa Duty
Cathy Nall	William Colvin
Rita Huffstutter	Richard Farrar
Christy Fine	Donny Ray
Bonnie P. Simpson	Jenny Savage
Eloyce Everett	Savannah Bernard
Judy Strickland	

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## The Window Through Which We Look

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

“That laundry is not very clean,” she said. “She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap.”

Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, “Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?”

The husband said, “I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows.”

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look. --Copied