



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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Light Is Amazing

Last week my family and I sat on our front porch and watched the moon cover the sun in a rare solar eclipse. We had to have special sun glasses in order to look at the sun. With the glasses on the sun appeared to be a perfect orange colored circle. Without the glasses you could not look at the sun because the light was too bright. I watched at the moon began to creep in front of the sun. Soon it was a quarter and then half way in front of the sun, but there was still the influence of light. Finally the sun was three-quarters covered and ten only a sliver was showing, but there was still light. With the majority of the sun being covered, the presence of light was still obvious.

Then the sun was completely covered and it became dark. The night lights in our yard came on. Although it was dark, it was total darkness. While completely covered, a small amount of light was still present. Now with the sun covered you could look at it without the sun glasses and while completely eclipsed, there was still a bright glow that reflected around the moon. In the depth of the darkness, there was the presence of light.

As I think about this phenomena, several thoughts come to mind. One is when the day became dark during the crucifixion of Jesus. Last week, the mid-day became dark, but not total darkness and it was only about five minutes. At the crucifixion, there was darkness for three hours.

Secondly, as the Bible talks about darkness, it tells us that in hell there will be total darkness, without any presence of light. The apostle Paul writes in 2 Thes 1:9 that those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be punished with everlasting punishment away from the presence of the Lord. The Lord is associated with light and if there is no presence of the Lord, i.e. light, then there will be total darkness. There will be no glow of light in hell.

Light is an amazing thing. It is pure. While it can shine through a dirty glass

pane, it does not contaminated by that dirt; it remains pure light.

It penetrates. You can turn on a light at night across the house and around the corner, but it can still be seen. It's hard to completely dispel light.

It gives direction. Without light a person is in the dark and doesn't know where to go. At night, a small night light is enough to give direction in a dark house. Jesus says that the Christian is to be the light in the world. As such our lives need to be pure in motive and deed.

The life of the Christian should be an example for others to follow. It should give direction to a dark world with a good influence, a good example.

As a light in the world, our mission is to penetrated the hearts of others with the gospel message, and in so doing provide the direction to heaven.

Light is an amazing thing and likewise is the life of the Christian. ~Larry

True Heritage

For over a hundred years, my family has owned and operated the family farm where I live. My grandmother inherited it around 1910. My great grandmother owned the property long before that. My grandparents raised eight children on this property, one of which was my father. It is an amazing family heritage. Over the years, my daddy and his brothers/sisters worked on the farm, and now the task befalls me.

But as remarkable a heritage as the family farm is, it is only the second most important legacy passed down in our family. The most important legacy is our faith in Jesus, and I am struck by the similarities in those legacies. Our family's faith gets passed down through the generations. Each new generation learns of faith from those that are ahead of them. In fact, until a few years ago, my sister Joy could sit on a four-generation row each Sunday at worship with her, her son, his sons, and their children.

We have some values that have stood the test of time for us. We believe that Jesus is the cornerstone of our family legacy. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. We believe that our greatest calling is to love God, love our neighbors, and to share the good news of Jesus in our world.

My daddy, who died a few years ago at the age of 96, helped build the original farm house in 1923. When we talked about the building of it, he told how they cut and trimmed the lumber. I do not know how long the farm will stay in the family. I do know that someday it will not even exist. It too will burn up. So we believe that this world is not our home. Heaven is. That is the home that will last. In fact, it will last forever. That is the heritage and legacy that I really want for the generations that will come after me. ~Larry

Family News

- **Ron Williams** had surgery last week.
- Both **Frank** and **Darlene Caldwell** along with **H. L. Robertson** have had sick "bug" that's going around.
- **Rhonda Guthrie** is in room 6 of the Mt. Vernon House (P.O. Box 777, Mt Vernon, TX 75457).
- **Bill Money's** sister, (Kristy Bruce) has been diagnosed with Bell's Palsy.
- There will be a baby shower for **Jesi Buck** this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the fellowship building.
- There will be a youth session following the April 21 evening service.
- We are to host the devotional at the Mt. Vernon House on April 28.
- HRR pantry item for April is canned corn and canned fruit.

MESSAGE TO THE LADIES

(written by a lady unknown)

Remember, a layer of dust protects the wood beneath it. A house becomes a home when you can write "I love you" on the furniture. I used to spend at least 8 hours every weekend making sure things were just perfect in case someone came over. Finally I realized one day that no one came over; they were all out living life and having fun! Now when people visit, I don't have to explain the "condition" of my home. They are more interested in hearing about the things I've been doing while I was away living life and having fun. If you haven't figured this out yet, please heed this advice. Life is short. Enjoy it!

- *Dust if you must but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture or write a letter, bake cookies or a cake and lick the spoon or plant a seed, ponder the difference between want and need?*
- *Dust if you must, but there's not much time with rivers to swim and mountains to climb, music to hear and books to read, friends to cherish and life to lead.*
- *Dust if you must, but the world is out there with the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair, a flutter of snow, and a shower of rain. This day will not come around again.*
- *Dust if you must, but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go -- and go you must -- you, yourself will make more dust!*

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived.