



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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The Light List

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“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.” Matthew 5: 14-16

The first list of American lighthouses was produced apparently in 1838, and was supposed to be updated every year. As you can imagine, the “Light List” would be an invaluable tool for the ships sailing along the American shoreline. If seamen could identify a particular lighthouse on the shore, then they would have vital help to navigate in what would often be troubled waters.

I am fascinated by that expression “Light List”. Spiritually, all of us as Christians are on the “Light List” for our world. (Matthew 5:14) Our Lord insisted that His disciples would be lights in the darkness. The power of that light is as obvious as the power of the lighthouse to struggling seamen.

I am afraid there are times when we forget we are on the “Light List” and do not allow our light to shine as it should. Sailors in storms looked desperately for that crucial lighthouse beam in years gone by; people all around us in daily life look for spiritual light, though they are often not even consciously aware of it.

Another facet of this analogy is that I do not know or need to know who else is on the “Light List.” Fellow Christians around the world are supplying invaluable rays to others, and I do not know them. But they are on The List (or in the Lamb’s Book of Life). And I thank God for them.

I am not keeping the Lord’s books for Him. My responsibility is to make sure my light is shining because I am on The Lord’s Light List.

Let your Light be seen in 2023.

BE THOU AN EXAMPLE

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12 KJV)

We would all do well to give heed to the message Paul left young Timothy where he instructs the youth to be examples to the believers. Bring the message home, our young people should be examples to the church that meets here at Blodgett in the following ways.

- Be an example in WORD -- the way you speak to others. This includes both what you say and how you say it (Col. 4:6).
- Be an example in CONVERSATION -- the idea of proper behavior.
- Be an example in CHARITY -- the love you show one another. Love is to be extended to all other young people but especially to those who attend Blodgett. It is wrong to be hateful and unforgiving toward one another (Titus 3:3).
- Be an example in SPIRIT -- have a spiritual side to your life and recognize the importance of righteous living.
- Be an example in FAITH -- be faithful and committed in your service to Jesus. This would include, but not limited to, your attendance to Bible classes and worship services.
- Be an example in PURITY -- the life you live should be one of purity. Purity is to be in both mind and deed. The next chapter says to **Keep thyself pure (5:22)**, and Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount that only **“the pure in heart”** will see God (Matt. 5:8).

Again, young people, you are not the church of tomorrow; you are the church of today, and we are grateful that you are here at Blodgett. ~Larry

Family News

- **Jimmy Jones** is home recuperating from heart surgery although he recently had an episode with high blood pressure.
- **Sharon Reynolds** is scheduled for back surgery Tuesday.
- **Johnny Roberts** was diagnosed with fast growing Lymphoma and will be undergoing radiation and chemotherapy.
- **Earl “Big Earl” Cheney**, a man in the community, passed away and his funeral service will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at Erman Smith Funeral Home, Pittsburg. Visitation is today from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will make the fellowship building available for the family following the funeral.
- There is a covered-dish luncheon scheduled for today following the morning service. All are invited with a special invitation extended to our guests.
- HRR pantry item for March is assorted canned fruit.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

A shoe cobbler had a business card with the following:
“I will doctor your boots, heel them, and save you.

**JUST WHEN THE CATERPILLAR THOUGHT HIS LIFE WAS OVER,
HE BECAME A BUTTERFLY.**

ELECTRIFYING THOUGHTS

It is fine for one to be a **LIVE WIRE** for the Lord if he is well-**GROUND**ED in the truth. **CURRENT** attitudes reveal that the **LINE** of thought in religion has been **SWITCHED** so many times one hardly knows **WATTS** right. Unless one is well-**INSULATED** with Bible knowledge, his Christian journey will likely be a **SHORT CIRCUIT** in returning to worldliness. All should be re-**GENERATED** by a close **CONNECTION** with the Lord that their **LIGHTS** shine forth to all so that the **TRANSFORMATION** might be honored. To avoid the danger of **POWER OUTAGES**, stay **PLUGGED** into His **POWERFUL** word. -Borrowed