

BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Time of Services:

Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship Wednesday: 7:00 P.M. class

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The Light List

BY RUSSELL MCLAUGHLIN

"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 in 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's List.

Let your Light be seen in 2024!!!

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

The Value of Ice Cream

I retrieved from my files the following email I received several years ago from Sandie Martin and wanted to share it with you. Larry

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six year old asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen."

Along with the laughter for the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and that God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly man approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happened to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart." The man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper, he added as he nodded to the woman who started the whole thing, "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

Rejoice evermore. (17) Pray without ceasing. (18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Family News

- **Bob Money** has been placed under hospice care.
- **Doug Dodson** remains in quarantine because of Covid.
- **Nina Wharton,** Susan Dennis' mother, is in Pleasant Springs rehab facility and doing well.
- Today there is a luncheon following the morning service and all, especially our visitors, are invited.
- The Oak Grove church is hosting a "Spring Sing" Friday, March 22nd beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- HRR pantry for March is assorted salad dressing.

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

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-GROUNDED 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