

**2021
Stronger Than Ever**

“I Am” the Light of the World
John 8:12-18

The “I AM” statements of Jesus reveal much...

- About the _____ around us, and the lives we live –
- About _____, and what He has to offer us –

THERE IS DARKNESS IN THE WORLD

Symbolism of Darkness -

- Used metaphorically to symbolize distress, mourning, ignorance, and _____ (Isaiah 9:1-2; Job 5:14)
- Used figuratively of moral depravity and _____ (Jn. 3:19; Rom. 13:12-13)

Reality of Darkness -

- Seen in the _____ (terrorism, war, oppression, sexual abuse, prejudice)
- Seen in the _____ (pornography, language, morality)
- Experienced in _____ (adultery, physical and verbal abuse, false religions)
- Described by Paul, many _____ darkness (Eph. 4:17-19)

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

He is the light -

- Jesus is the light, _____ a light (Jn. 14:6)
- As the light, Jesus is the _____ of life (Jn. 8:12)

Of the world -

- Not for the Jews only but for the _____ (the nations) as well –
- Available to all how believe, not an _____ few –

FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM

By becoming His disciple -

- The word “disciple” means a follower, a _____ –
- One becomes a disciple of Jesus by _____ and _____ (Jn. 12:46; Matt 28:19-20)

By abiding in His Word -

- We _____ the light of Christ (Phil. 2:15-16)
- We bring _____ to our Father in heaven (Matt. 5:14-16)

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SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Prayer Service 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS AND STAFF

Elders

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Bible Hour
Ann Thompson

ELDER FOR September Eric Bliss
LADIES COMMITTEE FOR September Lynn Nothstein

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19TH , 2021

Bible Class	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed. Class	Offering
36	60	31	23	\$2165



SEPTEMBER 26TH 2021

Order Of Worship

Song Leader: Russell Capshaw

Welcome.....Eric Bliss

627 Gloryland Way
238 Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer.....Bob Murray

12 Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed

Lord’s Supper.....David Senior

892 Steadfast Love Of The Lord

Offering.....Bob Murray

77 Breathe On Me Breath Of God

Scripture Reading.....Kevin Thompson

Morning Service..”I AM the Light of the World”.Roy Senior

655 There’s A Fountain Free
660 There Is A Habitation

Closing Prayer.....Dave Gastellum

PM Service.....@ 5 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Sept 26th	Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Worship @ 10:30 AM Evening Service @ 5:00 PM
27th	Chris Wadlington's birthday
28th	Ladies Prayer Lunch @ noon
29th	Wednesday Evening Class @ 6:30 PM
Oct 2nd	Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 AM

2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Sunday evening the Elders are going to present the 2022 budget for us. Please stay and be aware of our goals and expectations coming next year. Let's all work together to make it a great year!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported the "bucket brigade" Sunday after the devo moving the flowers from upstairs to their new home in the former Ladies Closet. It was greatly appreciated and will be safer for me to change them out each month! Many hands make light the work! ~Shelli



PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

-Shawn Johnson's brother **Terry** passed away last Sunday afternoon surrounded by family. Please keep the entire family in your prayers.

-Ken Kueker's wife **Wanda** suffered a severe stroke a few weeks ago & passed away Thursday. Please remember Ken in your prayers following this sudden loss.

-Kate Garcia, David & Kim Senior's daughter, is having some issues with her pregnancy. She spent a little time in the hospital this past week. Please keep her, **Josh** & the kids in your prayers as she gets closer to her due date.

-Alora Cottam asked for prayers for her son **Rick** who was diagnosed with cancer this past week. Also, for **Miguel Ibarra** and his needs. Finally, prayers for herself and the medical test she had and is awaiting the results.

-Ethel Johnson asked for prayers for **Jim & Mary Stewart**, the parents of **Robin Stewart** who was in our youth group in the 70's & 80's. Their health is not good.

-Chris Wadlington asked for prayers for a little girl his friend **Shelley Arick** cares for that has been diagnosed with cancer. Please remember **Hattie** & her family in your prayers.

-Mike Cottam received a prayer request from **Ron Bamberg** on his behalf. He is running a high fever & is very weak. Please remember **Ron** in your prayers.

-Kim Passmore, Cheryl Bliss & Dave Gastellum's cousin, has started her Chemo and will have treatments every 3 weeks. Please keep her & Her husband **John** in your prayers.

-Rene' Jones, Cheryl Bliss's friend, cancer has returned, and she will require more surgery. Please keep her in your prayers. She is grateful for the ones she has already received.

-Please keep **Dorothy & Bill** in your prayers. Once she is healed, she will be able to have the transplant.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When you give yourself, you receive more than you give.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers, constantly remembering your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

ENCOURAGING WORDS

The Personal Touch

There are many changes happening in our land which make our lives so much easier than they were just a few years ago. Our grandparents would take hours to prepare meals and often devoted at least a day to getting the washing done (remember wash tubs, wringer washing machines, clothes lines and starching and ironing clothes?!).

However, in the midst of all the advances, we have lost something that made that life so much better than what we have today. *Tragically, we have lost the personal touch.* Many young people today text and not talk, sometimes even texting to other people who are in the same room! It is possible that those of us who are older have forgotten the importance of the personal touch in the relationships we have with others.

Jesus clearly understood the importance of personal involvement in the lives of others. He talked personally with the woman at the well (John 4). He went and ate in the home of Simon the leper—what other Jew would consider eating at a leper's house (Mark 14:3)! It is remarkable the language used to describe the time when little children were brought to Him—He touched them (Mark 10:13; Luke 8:15)!

So what does this have to do with our lives? It simply illustrates the importance of being personally, not remotely, involved in the lives of those around us. Each of us need personal attention from other Christians! We all would much rather have a hug or fist bump instead of a card randomly selected from a shelf. There is a vast difference in email (even if includes an emoji), a message left on an answering machine and that of a personal visit at their homes or at the building—there is a reason the Bible talks about the holy kiss! We need to be like the Shepherd described by Isaiah, *"He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young"* (Isa. 40:11). God help us all to treat each other so tenderly. We all need to give and receive the personal touch.

Technology is great; tender personal touch is greater!

R. Senior