

“Marvelous Light”

Isaiah 42:6,7; I Peter 2:9

I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness” (Isaiah 42:6, 7).

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

Recently these two verses from Isaiah 42 have been stuck in my head! As I was studying the text of 1 Peter 2:1-10, I discovered that Peter clearly referenced these verses. He says, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, *that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light*” (1 Peter 2:9, emphasis added). What a powerful combination of ideas. Peter’s reference of Isaiah 42:6-7 is clear, but he adds a layer to it. In Isaiah, it is God the Father who has called us through his servant Jesus, who takes our hand and keeps us in Jesus, who gives a promise of salvation to us and to those around us by Jesus, who gives us eyes to see, sets us free, and lights up our world—and all in Jesus! All of this is present in Peter’s writing, but there is now proclamation by the ones set free. We proclaim all those excellencies, so others might experience the same thing. There is no way around it.

We are to take part in that which God the Father is doing through Jesus Christ the Son by His Holy Spirit. This is what Jesus was getting at in the final chapter of Matthew. He told his disciples, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). Paul is on board with this same concept. He says, “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and *entrusting to us the message of reconciliation*. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:19, 20). God entrusts *what* to us? What a wonderful and scary responsibility!

And here’s the point to all this: don’t balk at that responsibility. Own it! If God has given you the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ, then you have a story to tell, and there is power in personal testimony. As you dive into God’s Word, attend our Wednesday night dinner and study time, come on Sundays to Sunday School and morning worship, you will grow in your knowledge of God. And as your knowledge of God grows, you will be surprised to learn that your articulation of what God did and is doing in your life grows, too. It is a wonderful cycle of blessing and responsibility—and all in the Lord! Get these verses stuck in your head for a while. Think on the wonderful excellencies of the Gospel. And every step of the way, remember that Jesus is an ever-present reality in our lives. The light has been turned on for us who believe. Let’s *proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light*. Blessings,

Jeremiah



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Announcements



Baby Shower

The ladies of Centennial are cordially invited to a baby shower for Ali McCarty **this Sunday afternoon, October 7th** at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Perry and Ali are having a boy and are registered at Amazon and Target.

Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast

A huge THANK YOU to all who attended our breakfast this past Saturday morning. If you missed it, we missed YOU! We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and discussion around the table after being served a wonderful breakfast prepared by Carol Finethy, Delaine and Rick Bradley. It was the consensus of the Christian Education Committee that we not only have the best volunteer team of teachers at Centennial, but we also have the best cooks! We have been truly blessed by the Lord and the Christian Education Committee asks that you continue to keep this group of folks who volunteer their time and their hearts in leading us during the Sunday School hour, Bible studies, circles, CAR-PY, and Children's Church in your prayers. As always, the Christian Education Committee is here to serve the Lord and to serve our church family. Please see a member of the committee if you have questions or suggestions! We would love to hear from you!

In Christ,
 Dan Felker, chair
 Ryan Vincent
 Melissa Davis
 Jeannie Moody
 Eric Moody
 Kara Stevens
 Brady Hanes

Expression of Sympathy

The Church Staff and Church Family express their Christian sympathy to Rebekah Thomas and her family in the recent death of her grandfather, Mr. Jim Kidd in Fayetteville, Tennessee.



Fall Festival and Trunk R Treat

While the calendar says it's officially fall, the weather here in SC begs to differ! Nevertheless, we are making plans for our annual Fall Festival on **Wednesday, October 24th!** Come enjoy a hamburger and hotdog supper followed by fun on the grounds with games and in the parking lot with Trunk R Treat. If you can provide a 'trunk', please let Melissa know so we can mark a space for you! You can get as fancy as you want or as simple as you want...it's up to you! A prize will be awarded for the best trunk! We hope to see everyone there!

Children's Church is BACK! Children's Church is for ages **5K through 2nd grade**. We encourage older children to grab your sermon notes and a bag of crayons and pencils and listen for clues from Rev. Jeremiah as to what to listen for during the sermon. Sermon notes and crayon bags are located in the vestibule.

Intercessory Prayer List

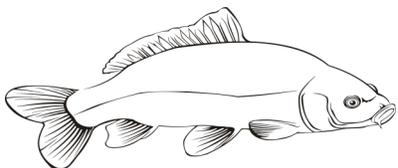
Shut-Ins	
Our military troops	
National & State leaders	
World Witness staff & missionaries	
Ricky Harrison	
Steve & Allison Harrison	Continued strength
Joey & Fay Robertson	
Sam Garrick	Health issues
Tom Bostick (Betsy Grant's brother)	Prostate Cancer
Laura Latimer (C. Finethy's mom)	
Joyce McCarty Brown (S. McCarty's sister)	Health issues
Mike Evans (Arsenal Hill)	Health issues
Christine Setzer	Health issues
Mitzie Renwick (A Whitfield's best friend)	Treatments for cancer
Frank Wallace	Health issues
Carolyn Campbell	Health issues
Mark & Janice Shealy (friends of Dixie Amick)	Health issues
Marty Ludwick (Jeannie Thomas' aunt)	Health issues
Mary Lou Derrick (Sara Mill's sister)	Health issues
Jean Blaylock	Health issues
Charlie Sanders	Health issues
Paul Sanders	Recov. from surgery
Beverly & Thomas Trammell	Health issues
(Laura Jane Smith's parents)	
Rebekah Thomas & family	Sympathy in death of her grandfather

Memorials & Honorariums

CARPY Ministry

CARPY Sunday Night meets weekly every **Sunday!** Be in prayer for this ministry as we have begun a new format for our youth program. If you'd like to be involved then please contact Ryan at ryan@centennialarp.org. If you'd like to just show up and see what is happening, then you are more than welcome! Program starts at 5:15 and ends at 7:30 PM every Sunday night!

If you want to keep updated on the current going-ons of CARPY then subscribe to our E-Mail Newsletter called The Chronicles of CARPY. You can sign up for the newsletter on our website at www.centennialarp.org/youth-ministry.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes



Has your family had a chance to contribute to our OCC boxes? If not, there is still time! In October we are collecting any items that you didn't have a chance to add during their designated months. We started on friendship bracelets this past Wednesday, but we have a ways to go! If you would like one to take home and finish, let Melissa know and we will have one of our seasoned crafters show you how it's done! Stay tuned for the pack a box date. We will also have a few boxes available if you would rather pack the traditional way.

Here are some things that we cannot pack: candy, toothpaste, gum, used items, war-related items (guns, knives, soldiers), chocolate or food, seeds, fruit roll-ups or fruit snacks, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, anything glass, aerosol cans. *If you would like a complete list of items that we can and cannot pack, please visit www.samaritanspurse.com for more information.*

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Sunday, October 7, 2018

9:30 AM - Family Gathering Time
10:00 AM - Sunday School
10:45 AM - Session meets for prayer
11:00 AM - Morning Worship Service
3:00 PM - Baby Shower - Ali McCarty
4:00 PM - Ladies Bible Study - FH
5:15 PM - CARPY Sunday Night

Tuesday, October 9

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 10

5:15 PM - Supper
6:00 PM - Bible Study
Programs
7:00 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 13

9:30 AM - Soup Kitchen

Intercessory Prayer

October 7

Stephen & Emma Wooten
David & Leslie Wylie
Lauren Wylie
Ryan Vincent (Director of Youth)

Duties and Responsibilities

October 7, 2018

Deacons On Duty: *Will Stevens, Carol Finethy, David Wylie

Guest Register: Peggy Howard, Sally Williamson

Nursery During Worship: Bed Babies: Leslie Wylie, Emma Whitfield;

Toddlers: Lois Lee, Patrick Finethy;

Sunday School: Peggy Howard, Rebekah Thomas

Children's Church: Carol Setzer, Emma Wooten

Outside Greeter: Andy Bair

Elders on Duty: Door 1 - Zane Abernethy, Door 2 - Ed Campbell

Worship Leader - Eric Moody

Soup Kitchen: October 6 Kara Stevens, Jane Nesbit, Susan Braswell, Carol Setzer, Delaine & Rick Bradley **October 13** Peggy Howard, Marilyn Wheeler The Whitfield family, Bill Posey, Judy Doudoukjian, Betsy & James Thomas, Nita Kennedy