

MEDITATION



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"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5: 14-16

Grace to you and peace from Jesus, the light of the world. Amen

I have the opportunity each week to gather with the children of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Pre-School to have chapel together. We spend

time praying together, reading a bible story and singing songs together. One of their favorite songs is "This Little Light of Mine." I cannot accurately put into words the joy on the faces of the children when we get to the verse (and do the hand motions) that proclaims: "hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine." The children are so excited to exclaim that light is not to be hidden, but to be shared.

Jesus, in the fifth chapter of Matthew's gospel, exclaims to his disciples and to us today that we are the light of the world. Light: it's an important necessity of our day. We gain light by means of natural resources such as the sun and moon. We benefit from light through man-made electricity. And we experience the light as we are around others who radiate such energy and passion. Light brings into view the dark places and spaces

as it showers them with its glowing warmth. Light brings into view the pain and suffering that we see in the world; pain and suffering that is in need of restoration, attention and love.

The last verse to that children's song exclaims, "Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine all the time, let it shine." Jesus has given us his light to shine throughout the entire world. We are called as Christians to be his light. To go into the dark places of this world proclaiming the glowing warmth of God's love for us; to shine forth God's grace and forgiveness; and to bring to light all that is in need of hearing the good news that Jesus is Lord. So let us go forth to be the light of the world, shining the light of Jesus everywhere. Amen.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Cornerstone Fundraiser Saturday

Cornerstone Church of God, 202 Margrace Road, will sponsor a Young at Heart fundraiser featuring a yard sale, craft sale, bake sale, flea market sale Saturday, Sept. 26 from 7 a.m.-12 noon at the church. Everyone welcome.

El Bethel breakfast

El-Bethel United Methodist Church will serve the traditional country breakfast Saturday, Oct. 3 from 6:30-10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. A bake sale will also be featured. Call 704-739-9174 for take-outs. Everyone welcome.

Church of God Homecoming

Grover Church of God, 201 N. Main St., will hold Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 11 with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m. and covered dish lunch at 12:15. Restoration will sing in the morning services. There will be no evening service. Everyone welcome.

Fellowship & Faith

Church Service Directory

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701 Long Creek Road
704-629-4406

Love Valley Baptist Church
2032 Bethlehem Road
704-730-0075

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1101 S. Battleground Avenue
704-739-6811

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703 Margrace Road
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220 N. Watterson Street
704-739-8354

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506 Sparrow Springs Road
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New Beginnings Church of Jesus Christ
541 Crocker Road
704-730-9507

New Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church
N. Cansler Street
704-739-2606

New Camp Creek Baptist Church
863 New Camp Creek Ch. Road
704-487-7128

New Life Family Worship Center
428 Oak Grove Road
704-739-9371

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105 Waco Road
704-724-0414

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1022 Oak Grove Road
704-739-4833

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1517 York Road
704-739-7831

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3100 Parkdale Circle
704-734-0852

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301 Oak Grove Road
704-739-5826

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1010 Groves Street
704-739-0398

Proclaiming the Word Ministries
7011 Cleveland Avenue

Progressive Church of Our Lord
1001 Cleveland Avenue
704-734-1070

Resurrection Lutheran Church
600 Crescent Circle
704-739-5580

Royal Praise Ministries
2055 Shelby Rd.

Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church
201 N. Piedmont Avenue
704-739-7466

Second Baptist Church
120 Linwood Road
704-739-4216

Shady Grove Baptist Church
339 Shady Grove Road
704-739-8920

St. Paul United Methodist Church
N. Cansler Street
704-739-1256

Sunrise Baptist Church
208 Mail Road
704-692-3007

Temple Baptist Church
612 N. Cansler Street
704-739-4716

The Favor Center Church
602 Slater Street
828-381-4777



Oak View Baptist Church
1424 York Road, Kings Mountain

True Gospel Holiness Church
1608 Shelby Road
704-739-6764

Unity AME Zion Church
948 Unity Church Road
704-228-0328

Vestibule AME Zion Church
2175 Vestibule Church Road
704-739-7961

Westover Baptist Church
114 Westover Drive
(704) 739-2187

GASTONIA
Bethesda United Methodist Church
3714 S. New Hope Rd

Grace Community Advent Christian Church
206 West 3rd Avenue
704-739-9230

GROVER
Bethany Baptist Church
423 Cleveland Avenue
704-937-3010

Carolina Praise and Worship Center
201 N. Main Street
704-937-7541

First Apostolic Church of Blacksburg
205 E. Cherokee St.
Blacksburg, SC
864-839-1873

WACO
New Testament Missionary Baptist Church
2103 Capernium Rd



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