

Bring it Home

MONDAY: Arise and Shine - - Read Isaiah 60:1-2 The word “arise” means literally, get up out of bed and on your feet. The prophet also encourages us to “shine” or to reflect the Light received so that others will see the “glory of the Lord.” How has the “Light” shined on you today? This past year? In what ways can you allow that light shine through you this year? Pray that God will help you who, in concrete ways, the glory of the Lord might be seen through you.

TUESDAY: Treasures Brought to the Lord - - When we encounter the Presence of God, we cannot help but worship, just as the Wise Men did who came from the East. Others are attracted by the radiance of our light as we reflect the Presence and love of God. Read Isaiah 60:3-6. In this New Year think about the “treasure” you are for others, and the specific “treasures” you bring to enhance the Lord’s ministry through King of Glory. Pray that you may grow in your giving.

WEDNESDAY: From Horizon to Horizon - - Read Ephesians 3:1-6. The whole world is the object of God’s plan. The mission entrusted to Paul was to proclaim the glory of Christ so that Jew and Gentile might become one body (the church) and that the church might play its role in God’s cosmic plan. The church is not meant to keep the Gospel hidden and safe from public exposure. Pray that God will give you the window of opportunity to share His glory with them.

THURSDAY: Rich Variety - - Read Ephesians 3:7-12. The inclusion of “Gentiles” into the family of God through Christ is Paul’s mission. The light has dawned in a new and different way such that the Gentiles can now arise and shine with the Jews. Outsiders are included and they too, when the Light has dawned upon them, will discover their role too in reflecting that Light to others. Pray today that we, too, may reach out like Paul to the outsiders in our lives.

FRIDAY: The Wise Men Caught a Vision - - Read Matthew 2:1-6. The star was a vehicle that God used to lead the pagan astrologers from the east, who used their instruments to analyze the skies to follow the star. Matthew is reminding his Jewish community of the promise in Genesis 12:1-3 that Israel would be a channel through whom Gentiles would receive the blessing of God. It is still the vision God has for the Church today, to reach those who do not know God’s love. Pray that we be faithful in our response, and be stars that lead others to Christ.

SATURDAY: Not All See It - - Read Matthew 2:7-11. We have a contrast in the response of the Wise Men and King Herod. Not all people make the most of the chance to be blessed by Christ. For some there is a threat to their control of their existence. Herod set out to kill the child. A few short years later, throngs clamored for His blood, calling “Crucify Him!” In what ways do we attempt to avoid His claim on our loyalties, lifestyles, beliefs? What is lost is not His life, but ours. Pray that you know the abundant life He has for you.

SUNDAY: Returning Home by Another Route - - Read Matthew 2:12. We’re told the Wise Men returned to their homelands by another way. This is a metaphor for living a changed life. Having come into the presence of the living God, the Wise Men allowed God to shape them. Pray that we can be open to discovering new opportunities and possibilities to serve and worship our God.

Reflections

The word “reflect” is an interesting word. “Re” is the prefix “to do again.” “Flect” comes from “Flectere” which means “bend.” So to “reflect” is to “bend an image” again – right back at you.

Obviously the mirror is the best example of a “reflection.” But that’s not the only example. The moon does not have its own source of light; when the earth gets in the way of the light of the sun, we can’t see the moon anymore. It disappears in a lunar eclipse. It can no longer reflect.

“Sin” is like a lunar eclipse. When our sinful desires get in the way of doing God’s will, we no longer reflect God’s ways. Hate and eclipses love; greed eclipses giving; fear eclipses courage; despair eclipses hope and joy; and doubt eclipses faith, to name a few.

Jesus Himself was called a reflection (like a mirror) on occasion. In Colossians 1:15 Paul writes of Christ, “He is the image [reflection] of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.” In other words, when we see Jesus being especially loving towards little children, it means that God the Father is also especially loving towards little children. When we see Jesus calling out the Pharisees for being “whitewashed tombs,” hypocrites, what we are also seeing is God the Father’s opposition to the hypocrisy of being spiritual only on the surface.

But Paul wanted to show the Colossians that we, too, are called to be reflections of God’s glory. As we heard back on December 23, Paul told them – and us – “Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator.”

“...the image of its Creator”: it’s not just Christ that brings us the image of God; it’s our faith in Christ that gives us back the most precious thing we lost in the Garden of Eden – that we were first created in the image and likeness of God!

We have often discussed letting the Spirit guide us by taking “the pause that refreshes” – stopping and praying to God in the midst of a difficult situation. Through faith we are also given the ability to take “the pause the reflects” – to also think and pray about what just happened – to reflect.



Calendar

- **Sunday, January 6**
9:00 am Worship
11:00 am Worship
5:15 pm Sr. High Youth
- **Monday, January 7**
6:30 pm Elders
6:30 pm Yoga
7:00 pm Aphasia Support
- **Tuesday, January 8**
5:30 pm Pilates/Sculpt
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- **Thursday, January 10**
5:30 pm Pilates/Sculpt
6:30 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm Sounds of Glory
- **Friday, January 11**
1:00 pm Cardio Dance
7:30 pm ICCCI Dance
5:01 pm Worship



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Announcements

WE'RE EXCITED! - - Join us in the Gloryland and Cross & Crown areas at 10:00 this morning to oooh and aaaah at our updated classrooms. Thank you again for your gifts to the Renew KOG Fund, making this improvement possible, and special thanks to the KOG “construction crew” which put many hours in to complete the project. Please join us for refreshment and conversation!

TAKE A POINSETTIA - - Even if you didn't purchase one, please feel free to take a poinsettia for yourself or a loved one.

FREE STUFF - - There is a very nice computer desk and two wing backed chairs in the Office looking for a good home!

NEW WELLNESS SESSION - - Yes, it's that time of year again. Need to drop a few pounds as a result of all that great food you started eating at Thanksgiving? Why not try a KOG Wellness Class?

Yoga	Mondays	6:30-7:40
Pilates/Sculpt	Tuesdays	5:30-6:30
Pilates/Sculpt	Thursdays	5:30-6:30
Cardio Dance	Fridays	1:00-2:00

Classes are \$8 (but you can try your first one for free) and further information and Registration forms are available at the Hospitality Center.

WOW - - Women on Wednesday begins “What Matters Most – a Study on Philippians” by Karen Ehman on Wednesday January 9th from 9:15-11:00. Study the ever-relevant Letter of Philippians to deepen your relationship with Jesus, turn your worries into worship, and develop gospel-centered tools for navigating relational conflict. Friends and family are welcome – we love new faces. Cost will be \$15 for the book. Contact Donna Frazier (317-696-0236) or Becky Ellis (317-460-4319) if you have any questions.

CHOW RESUMES - - Not this Wednesday but the following Wednesday, January 16. Try something new this year! Join the choir or a Bible study! Dinner at 5:30.

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE - - The ever popular Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction will be Saturday, February 2 following the 5:01 service. This “mildly” competitive event is sponsored by our Sr. High Youth as a way for them to start to raise funds for their summer mission trip.

Christmas Generosity

The staff wants to thank the congregation for their generous gift this Christmas season and for their encouragement throughout the year. We are looking forward to 2019 and all the ministry opportunities we will share together.



Pastor's Column (cont.)

When we reflect, we bend back the memory we just created and look at it again. Did I do the right thing? Was I as loving as God wanted me to be? How could I do better in the future? “Reflecting” in this way is also an act of faith. When let God help us reflect on our actions, we grow as disciples of Jesus.

“Arise, shine” Isaiah proclaims today, “For your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” It is when we reflect God's love and reflect upon our actions that our light really does shine; it is when our light is God's light that the glory of the Lord is noticed by others and enters their hearts and minds.

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Prayers

MEMBERS

- Terry Bowen** *health concerns*
- Becky DeWitt** *ongoing elbow recovery*
- Lynette Gross** *upcoming brain surgery*
- Camilla London** *breast cancer*
- Judy Naaman** *recovering from knee surgery*
- Tim Reeb** *upcoming back surgery*
- Connie Schmohe** *alzheimer's disease*
- Matt Wallace** *broken leg*

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Ina Carson
- DJ Dillon
- Chris Excell
- Chuck Lund
- Sonny Mowery
- Tony Sandleben
- Margie Stone
- Henry Tomascycki
- Bill Wehrman
- Nancy Zachary
- Jill Dietz
- Marlene Eisen
- Karen Fethke
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- Ray Strohminger
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