

The Lakeview Lamp

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” - Psalm 119:105

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Being “Human” Requires No Apology

Gary Henry

“For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and you have crowned him with glory and honor” (Psalm 8:5).

David marveled at the majesty of God’s creation and was amazed that God gave human beings such a glorious and honorable place in that creation. *“You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands,”* David sang to God. *“You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen – even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas” (Psalm 8:6-8).* Humanity is the crowning jewel of the physical cosmos, all the rest of which was made mostly to be a habitat or home for humankind.

We sometimes excuse our mistakes by saying that we’re “only” human, as if human beings were such limited creatures that nothing more than mistakes could be expected of them. The truth, however, is just the opposite. If we have anything to apologize for, it’s for being less than human! Our trouble is not our humanity; it’s that we’re content to think and act as mere beasts, rather the noble creatures we truly are, made in the image of God.

Jesus of Nazareth was the most fully human being who has ever lived. What we see in Him is a living example of what God had in mind when He designed the human race. He shows us our true dignity in God’s plan – and also the absurdity of the devil’s plan to give us a “higher” place than God has let us have.

The challenge that is set before us, then, is not to be “only” human, but to be fully human. It’s not a burden but a privilege to be such creatures as we are. We should accept the honor that God has bestowed upon us. Our God-given endowments are wonderful; we should be grateful for them and use them to the praise of His glory. Sin has surely marred God’s making of us, but He has made a way, in His Son, for our created dignity to be restored. So rather than complain or make excuses about our “nature,” we should be reaching for our destiny. In every word and deed, we should be showing what a glorious thing it is to be human.



“He commanded our fathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them,...and they in turn would tell their children.” – Psalm 78:5-6

Family News

Helen Brewer, Sandra Boyd's aunt who lives in MI, has cancer. They have not started treatment yet, but should very soon.

Mary Burnett had a good day yesterday.

George Bynum, Karen Moore's uncle, has severe heart problems. He is scheduled to have surgery this Thursday (put in a defibrillator).

Nell Ferrell remains in room # 110 at NHC. She continues to eat and improve. She is awake and talking more and more. She is receiving some light therapy.

Brenda Fuqua has had a change in medicine that is helping her be able to eat. It is also helping with her pain level. The last two days have been fairly good.

Estelle Hayes had a good day yesterday.

There is a new report from **Gary Hunt** in the back of the auditorium.

Sandra Hunt's blood pressure is high. She returns to the doctor on Thursday.

Alvin "John" Jenkins, the 80-year-old father of Robert, is currently battling lung cancer. He is taking chemotherapy. The cancer has spread.

Mildred Lancaster has been sick this past week and has a very bad cough. She is scheduled to go to the doctor on Tuesday.

Later this month **Allen Malone** returns to Vietnam.

Fran Pickens continues to improve.

John "Jack" Reiger continues to have a graft verses host reaction. On Friday he was admitted to Skyline (room 723 - he will probably go home tomorrow). He had lost more weight and his blood sugar was extremely high (this is a side effect of some of the medicine he was on).

Remember **Dustin Simpson** who continues to serve in the Navy. He is now in New York continuing his training. You can send him cards, cookies (if you are a good cook), letters, notes at: 91 Quevic Drive Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Nancy Webb, S. Boyd's cousin, has cancer and will have surgery tomorrow.

Robert Wray has some type of injury to his side that is creating pain.

Out of town, traveling, or visiting: **Bonnie Brown; Connie Coburn; Heyboers; Lentzs; Pat Richards**

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"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thes 5:16-18).