

# The Lakeview Lamp

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

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## HONOR YOUR WIFE

Alan Smith

A couple had been debating the purchase of a new automobile for weeks. He wanted a new truck. She wanted a fast little sports-like car so she could zip through traffic around town. He would probably have settled on any beat-up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range.

"Look!" she said. "I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in 4 seconds or less. And my birthday is coming up. You could surprise me."

So, for her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale.

Services are pending.

Let's be honest. Those of us who are husbands don't always do a good job of honoring our wives. Husbands, let me challenge you to make a conscious effort to hold your wife in high regard. Make sure you make her feel that she is the most important person on the face of this earth. Make sure you make her feel that she is the most beautiful woman on the face of this earth. Avoid anything that would embarrass her or humiliate her, especially in public. Love her with all your heart, sacrifice willingly for her, and honor her to the utmost. Your relationship with God depends on it!

Take heed to these words from the apostle Peter: *"Husbands, in a similar way, live with your wives with understanding since they are weaker than you are. Honor your wives as those who share God's life-giving kindness so that nothing will interfere with your prayers."* (I Peter 3:7, GOD'S WORD)

# RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

Alan Smith (edited)

Though skeptical of his teenage son's new found determination to build bulging muscles, one father followed his teenager to the store's weight-lifting department, where they admired a set of weights.

"Please, Dad," pleaded the teen, "I promise I'll use them every day."

"I don't know, Michael. It's really a commitment on your part," the father said.

"Please, Dad?"

"They're not cheap either," the father said.

"I'll use 'em, Dad, I promise. You'll see."

Finally won over, the father paid for the equipment and headed for the door. After a few steps, he heard his son behind him say, "What! You mean I have to carry them to the car?"

That story reminds me somewhat of my commitment to follow Christ. Like Peter, who said, "*Even if everyone else abandons you, I never will...Even if I have to die with you...*" (Matthew 26:33,35, GOD'S WORD), I am committed to serving God in every big way imaginable. I am prepared to die as a martyr if the situation arises. I am prepared to serve as a missionary in foreign fields when my life situation allows me to. I am prepared to offer large sums of money to the cause of Christ whenever I "strike it rich."

However, I am sometimes hesitant to serve God in small ways right here, right now. I'm hesitant to use the \$5.00 in my pocket to help someone in my presence who is in need. I'm hesitant to give up the time it takes to watch one TV show to spend some quiet time with God. I'm hesitant to show grace and forgiveness to someone who has hurt me deeply. I'm hesitant to speak up and talk about Jesus for fear of what someone might think. I'm insistent on getting my way and always being right, and so I'm hesitant to say, "I'm sorry."

*"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much."* (Luke 16:10)

Always remember to serve right here, right now.

*"The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them."* – **Psalm 89:11**

# **Family News**

**Mary Burnett** had a bad day on Friday, but is now doing better.

**Barry Fultz**, who used to be a member here, had MRIs of his brain and lower spine two Thursdays ago. He should get results this Tuesday. An appointment with a Neurosurgeon is already scheduled for Wednesday. A more complete update is at [caringbridge.com/visit/nathanandsandlyn](http://caringbridge.com/visit/nathanandsandlyn)

There is a new report from **Gary Hunt** (NY NY) in the back of the auditorium. In it he has a prayer request for the church where he works.

**Sandra Hunt** was given a cortisone shot on Tuesday. She was also given some exercises to do. She is to return to the doctor in four weeks. She still has pain in her right shoulder and arm.

**John Jenkins**, Robert's father, has lung cancer. He has finished radiation treatments. He continues to receive chemotherapy.

**Jennifer Lindzy**, Connie Cobern's 33-year-old niece, has cancer. She has started chemotherapy. She is weak. Her immune system is down and she has been warned to expect severe sickness over the next few weeks. She remains in room # 6120 at Baptist hospital (no visitors).

**Helen Pye**, who used to be a member here, is now in NHC across from Hendersonville Hospital. She is not doing well.

**Cotton Read** was not doing to well, but is now better.

**Laura Reed** continues to be about the same.

**Georgia Taylor** continues to be about the same (which is not very well).

**Ame White** has not been doing very well this weekend. Her CAT scan did not show anything unusual or surprising.

**Robert Wray** continues to be about the same.

**Michael Zoladz**, Joyce Werner's 46-year-old nephew, has brain cancer. He is not doing well and hospice care has been started.

Out of town, traveling, or visiting: **Mildred Lancaster, Nicholsons** (AM)

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