

# The Lakeview Lamp

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

**July 8, 2007**

## *Being Right in a Wrong World*

Frank Himmel

The brother wording our thoughts prayed, “Lord, help us be humble in an arrogant world.” The world can be that way. Successful people too often let it “go to their heads.” Attractive people are proud of their looks. The wealthy easily become conceited and fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches (**1 Tim. 6:17**). Add to that the broad tendency to dethrone God and elevate selfish will. In this atmosphere, we must remember that *“God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble”* (**1 Pet. 5:5**). *“Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you”* (**Jas. 4:10**).

Our brother might have added a few more. “Lord, help us be generous in a selfish world.” Money. Who has enough of it? The Preacher observed that with some, money is the answer to everything (**Ecc. 10:19**). But life is not about our things, even when we have an abundance (**Luke 12:15**). *“Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed”* (**1 Tim. 6:18-19**).

“Lord, help us be serious in a frivolous world.” Entertainment is king. Major League Baseball’s slogan, “I Live for This,” epitomizes our nation’s obsession with sports. Actors, singers, athletes, and other entertainers are consistently among our highest paid citizens. And no subject is too serious for comedians to ridicule. However, *“Fools mock at sin”* (**Prov. 14:9**). *“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”* (**1 Pet. 1:13**).

“Lord, help us be kind in a rude world.” Rudeness abounds. You see it in “road rage.” You hear it in angry, disrespectful speech. You feel it from those who will not speak at all, who are not disposed to be friendly or grateful. You can watch it on TV, where “in-your-face” impertinence is depicted as humorous. God’s word says in contrast, *“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you”* (**Eph. 4:31-32**).

“Lord, help us be pure in a sensual world.” Is anything more characteristic of our world? Fornication, pornography, nudity, dirty jokes, suggestive speech, double entendres, revealing dress – they’re everywhere. We’ll need to pray this one often: *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”* (**Matt. 5:8**).

“Lord, help us serve you in a world dominated by the devil.” That’s the bottom line, isn’t it?



## *The Faithful Few*

Author unknown

In every church, in every clime,  
When there's some work to do,  
It's very likely to be done  
By just the faithful few.  
Many folks will help to sing,  
And some are glad to talk,  
But when it comes to doing things,  
A lot of them will balk.  
"I can't do this," "I can't do that,"  
"Excuse me this time,"  
"I'd be glad to help you out,  
But it's not in my line."  
So when the elders look about  
For some who'll help do,  
They nearly always have to go  
And ask the faithful few.  
The know full well they're busy,  
And always hard at work;  
But they are sure they'll not refuse,  
Nor any duty shirk.  
Some day the Lord will come again  
With judgment wise and true,  
And then with Him to Heaven fair  
He'll take the faithful few.

*“Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool – He is holy.” –  
Psalm 99:5*

# Family News

**Virginia Bryant** has a doctor's appointment tomorrow.

**Geneva Copeland** is scheduled for more surgery on Wednesday.

**Quinton Coppage** has three doctor's appointments this month.

**Metty Fain** remains in Highland Manor Nursing Home; Room B2; 215 Highland Circle Dr; Portland, TN 37148.

**Elmo Ferrell** remains in room 318 at NHC and is doing better.

**Sandra Hunt's** stomach problems are better. She is having pain in her joints and shoulder and may be low in vitamin D.

**Laura Reed** is having blood pressure problems and is going to the doctor tomorrow.

**Bill White** is going to the doctor on Tuesday.

The **Williams** family (Randy, Peggy, and Catherine) moved to AR yesterday. Their new contact info is:  
1221 Christi Dr.

Newport, AR 72112

(870) 523-2849 – home (cell phones remain the same)

A note from Randy: "I wanted to touch base to let you all know that everyone at Lakeview means a great deal to us. On behalf of my family, we want to request your prayers and let you know that you are in ours. Also, that you will go with us in our hearts."

**Margaret Williams** has a new name and new address:

Grady and Margaret Harmon

2929 Berkshire Dr.

Huntsville, AL 35805

Home number not known, cell number is 615-389-8153.

**New Reports:** **Chad Lynn** (WV).

**Out of town, traveling, or visiting:** **Allen Malone** (NJ), **Bansemers** (FL), **Stubblefield's** (NC).

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