

# The Lakeview Lamp

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

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## *The Habits of Jesus*

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When we think of habits, most of us think of something negative: biting your nails, being late, etc. We find in God's word that Jesus had certain habits. Not all habits are bad, and an examination of Jesus' life teaches us some good ones.

### The habit of teaching others

*"And as He was accustomed, He taught them again" (Mark 10:1).* Do we spend enough time teaching others about the Lord that we could say we are accustomed to it? Is it a part of our daily lives? If not, we need to pick up another habit, or maybe replace the one that is keeping us from teaching as we should.

### The habit of going to worship

*"And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read" (Luke 4:16).* Do other members expect to see us at every worship service, being our habit, or would they be shocked to see us walk through the doors any time besides Sunday morning? We know what habit Jesus would have today.

### The habit of praying

*"So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed" (Luke 5:16).* Paul instructs us to *"pray without ceasing" (1 Thes 5:17).* Do we habitually praise God, return thanks for every blessing, and seek His guidance with every problem? Is prayer a habit or an after thought for us?

### The habit of meeting with His brethren

*"And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples" (John 18:2).* We realize that we must spend time with those of the world to influence and teach them, but how much time do you spend with the saints? Do you join them when they get together for various purposes? Do you invite them into your home? If not, why not? Jesus made a habit of spending time with His disciples. If it was important to Him, it should also be important to us.

All of us have habits in our lives. Do we share the habits of Jesus, our perfect example? He *"left us an example, that you should follow His steps" (1 Peter 2:21).* Can we be a Christian, "like Christ," without following in His habits?

# Why Can They Not See?

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A mighty rushing river,  
a whispering mountain stream,  
The huge majestic ocean:  
Why can they not see?

A million different animals,  
birds singing in the trees,  
The earth below and skies above:  
Why can they not see?

God has blessed us so abundantly  
with everything that be;  
Still so many do not know Him:  
Why can they not see?

He sent His Son to die for us,  
they nailed Him to the tree.  
He died to take away our sin:  
Why can they not see?

So many in the world today  
have no hope for eternity;  
Those we know in our daily lives:  
Why can they not see?

Are we going to let them die this way  
when we have the cure they need?  
God's word is for sharing with all we know:  
Have we tried to help them see?

Preacher's points – We often express sorrow for those we know that do not see the need for God in their lives or do not follow Him as the Bible teaches. We say that someday, on the Day of Judgment, they will receive a rude awakening when they realize the truth. But if we do not fulfill our duties as Christians and try to show them the light, then *we* may be the ones in store for a rude awakening! May we always strive to teach others and help them see. *“Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins” (James 5:20).*

# **Family News**

Information for our **2008 directory** is on the credenza in the back. Please make needed changes or check that your information is correct.

**Mary Burnett** had a rough week but is doing better.

Updates on the **Fultz** family, especially Barry and Sandlyn, can be found at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/nathanandsandlyn](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/nathanandsandlyn).

**Melissa Gaw** has made it known that they no longer desire to be considered members at Lakeview.

**James Brayden Gruston**, 2-day-old son of friends of Christopher Gertsch, has PFC (related to breathing and oxygen levels) and is on a ventilator. His situation is touch and go.

**James Hunt** died last Monday. His funeral was Wednesday.

**Nancy Read** had a pinched nerve in her neck but is doing better.

The **Smith** family is now an official part of the Lakeview family. Their contact information is 105 Carissa Circle, White House 37188; 672-4440; smith9@comcast.net. Complete info will be in new directory.

**Doma Stewart**, Ame White's 86-year-old aunt, is having shortness of breath and is in a lot of pain. She is in the hospital in Franklin, KY.

**Ashley Welbern**, the 3-year-old daughter of a friend of the White's, is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital with an extreme viral infection that has invaded her nerves, which mimics spinal meningitis.

**Robert Wray** is presently in room 613 at McKendree Hospital but will soon be moving elsewhere.

**Out of town, traveling, or visiting:** David Bansemer (am only).

**New Reports from men we support:** Ron Chaffin (South Africa), Chad Lynn (WV).

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