

# The Lakeview Lamp

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

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### *Loving Christians Attend Worship*

Phil Sanders

Loving Christians want to be at church every time the congregation meets. They love worshipping God and being with others who worship him. They don't allow other activities in their schedule to keep them from attending. They even don't allow out-of-town visitors to keep them from worship. They want to be with Christians in worship even when they are away from home. They try to find a congregation and worship wherever they go.

Why are these people so insistent on going to worship? Here are four reasons:

First, they desire to express their love to God. Worship is one of the means we say to God, "I love you!" When we worship, we are meeting with God. **Matthew 18:20** reminds us that wherever two or three are gathered together, *"there am I in the midst of them."* When the church meets, God meets with them.

Second, they believe being with the church glorifies God. **Psalm 29:2** says, *"Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."* There is a difference between a person who claims to follow Christ and one who publicly meets with his saints. Those who attend show their love and loyalty to the Lord; and those who forsake the assembling give their support to other things.

Third, attending worship is an interactive experience between believers. In **Hebrews 10:24**, the writer encourages us *"to stimulate one another to love and good works."* The example of love shown by other Christians makes our own hearts bolder to love and to do more.

Fourth, worship builds us up in Christ. William Temple said, "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." The more we give our hearts to God, the more we grow in faith and love, the more we become like God, and the more we are willing to serve God before other.

Let's determine to be loving Christians and attend worship at every opportunity.

### *Challenges of Our Times*

Some Answers for Young Christians

We have a new book entitled *Challenges of Our Times: Some Answers for Young Christians* in the library here. It is the 2008 lecture book from the annual lectures at Florida College.

The front jacket of the book says, "As in Paul's day (**2 Cor 10:3-5**), we today are engaged in a great battle of ideas. Systems of thought that are part of our culture are posing serious threats to those who hold to a biblical world view. Walking by faith becomes increasingly difficult in face of these challenges. Young Christians, especially, often find themselves facing difficult questions regarding their faith and are looking for help with their answers...The lessons in this series examine common challenges to the faith of

Christians—especially young Christians. Some of these challenges have to do with the authority and integrity of the Bible, the uniqueness of Christianity, ethics and morality, and intellectual and social tensions of our culture. The speakers have provided some valuable help in dealing with these challenges.”

Three of the lectures contain the following titles:

- Challenges of Our Times
- Why Right Is Right and Wrong Is Wrong
- Truth and Certainty in an Age of Doubt

The rest of the lectures answer the following questions:

- How Can I Be Sure the Bible Doesn't Contain Mistakes?
- How Can I Be Sure the Bible Includes the Right Books?
- Why Should I Follow the Bible?
- What Is the Difference between Them and Us?
- Where Do I Draw the Line?
- Are There Moral Dilemmas in the Bible?
- How Can I Be an Honest Person?
- What Can I Do Now That I've Messed Up?
- Are All Religions Equal?
- How Can I Deal with Social Pressure?
- How Should I Regard Modern Science?
- Can I Get a College Education Without Compromising My Faith?

These are questions we all may either have ourselves or have others ask us. Check out the book for help in providing biblical answers to them.

*“Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.” – Psalm  
105:4*

# ***News and Notes***

There will be a **singing** tonight after worship at the **Moore** home.

**Ken and Vicki Berry** have decided to place their membership with the church here. If you have not yet gotten to know them, then please arrange an occasion to do so.

**Connie Cobern** is home from the hospital and plans to be here today.

**Barry Fultz** went to Minnesota for an exam and discovered he had a stroke. More details are available at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/nathanandsandlyn](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/nathanandsandlyn)

**Robert Jenkins** has kidney stones.

**Fran Pickens** is doing about the same and sleeping around 18 hours a day.

**Cotton Read** went to the doctor with his breathing but didn't get any real help.

**Nancy Read** got the stitches removed from her eye, which eliminated the pain, but she still can't see any better.

**Ethan Smith** has a mildly herniated disk.

**Joyce Werner** is doing better and goes back to the doctor on Thursday.

**Out of town, Visiting:** Jerry Jenkins family, Ken and Rhonda Hull (PM).

**New Reports from men we support:** Allen Malone (Indonesia).

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