

"Ourd you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

#### **Welcome Visitors**

We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

### **Prayer Request**

Linzie Otwell
Jason Rowell
John Combs
Daniel Lanier
Sarah Stapler
Troy Stapler
Barbara McElroy
Kimberly Payne
Sharon Estvanko
Kenny Laminack
Katlyn Huddleston
Inez Bush
Deborah Finnell
Teddy Cauthen
Betty Boswell Family

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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Inez Bush	1
Steve Cole	16
Jeremy & Candace Isabell	28
Wayne & Diane Aldridge	29

# "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"

"On a dark, stormy, night, when the waves rolled like mountains, and not a star was to be seen, a boat, rocking and plunging, neared the Cleveland harbor. "Are you sure this is Cleveland?" asked the captain, seeing only one light from the light-house. "Quite sure, sir," replied the pilot. "Where are the lower lights?" "Gone out, sir." "Can you make the harbor?" "We must, or perish, sir!"

And with a strong hand and a brave heart, the old pilot turned the wheel. But alas, in the dark- ness he missed the channel, and with a crash upon the rocks the boat was shivered, and many a life lost in a watery grave. The Master will take care of the great light-house: let us keep the lower lights burning!" -D. L. Moody.

Nautically speaking the "lower lights" are lights apart from the lighthouse that illumine the water line. They're the various lights from our windows, street lamps, and businesses that enable vessels to come into the harbor at night, through a narrow channel of the harbor's mouth.

Spiritually speaking the "lower lights" are lights from individual followers of Christ who allow the light of Christ to shine through them; their words, actions, and deeds. When we, as believers, allow the life changing message of Christ to wane in our lives or behave in a manner that does not glorify Him our flame flickers. If it goes completely unchecked our light can burn out. We don't want to bring disgrace or further the darkness but rather we want to honor the One "who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (Col. 1:13)."

Today the Almighty God of the universe has called us to let our light shine... to EVANGELIZE, and share the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! May we do our part to see that

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#### God's Plan of Salvation

- I. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
- 2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
- 3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
- 5. Baptism (1Peter 3:2; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
- 6. After the above five steps, faithful Christian living (1 Peter 2:11-12; Rev. 2:10)

#### This Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:

Announcements Kelly Cauthen

Song Leader Harel Otwell

Opening Prayer Alan Wilkerson

Table Tony Hotalen

Jeremy Isabell

Assisting Troy Stapler

Korbin Cauthen

Closing Prayer Carlos Payne

**Sunday Evening:** 

Announcements Joe Mallory

Song Leader Caden Mallory

Opening Prayer/Table Kenny Laminack

Closing Prayer Jeremy Isabell

### **Next Week Leading Worship:**

Sunday Morning:

Announcements Harel Otwell

Song Leader Cory Payne

Opening Prayer Kelly Cauthen

Table Cody Payne

Kenny Laminack

Assisting Brennan Mallory

Caden Mallory

Closing Prayer Tony Hotalen

**Sunday Evening:** 

Announcements Jeremy Isabell

Song Leader Harel Otwell

Opening Prayer/Table Joe Mallory

Closing Prayer Carlos Payne

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the "lower lights" burn brightly providing a lighted path for "some poor, fainting, struggling seaman, [that] we may rescue, we may save"!

Joe Mallory

# **Notes:**

## Reminders:

Check bulletin board in foyer

Widowhood Ministry VR, April 25, 11:30 AM

Area wide singing here, April 27, 7PM

Oxford COC youth day May 5

Bremen COC Gospel Meeting 4/29-5/3

Bremen Youth Day May 12

Fellowship Day John Tanner May 12 5:30pm

VBS Fisher of Men June 15-16





Sunday Bible study: 10AM Sunday Worship: 11AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 5PM Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

Joe Mallory, Minister

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Cory Payne, Bulletin

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