



## TANNER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# MARK'S MESSAGE

## BETTER INFLUENCE AM I A SOURCE OF LIGHT?

In Science we learn about light. We not only learn about the sources of light, but we also learn about properties of light as well. Something that produces light is said to be **luminous**. Examples of this are the sun, stars, and light bulbs. These however are not the only sources of light there are. The moon and the planets also give off light, but they do so by reflecting it, therefore they are **non luminous**. Luminous objects are seen by the light they emit, while the light they reflect sees non-luminous objects.

We also know about how light interacts with matter. Light that interacts with matter is absorbed, reflected, or transmitted. Weather the surface is smooth or rough the light is reflected off it, but **diffuse reflection** provides light to places that are normally dark. **Transparent materials** allow the light to move through them, allowing all to see what's inside.

In the book of Revelation chapter 21 verses 23 & 24 we read that Jesus is the light, and that the saved should walk in His light. What kind of "surface" are we for this light? Do we absorb it, reflect it, or transmit it? **First** of all we need to absorb the light of Jesus. We need to become like Him, therefore we need to let him come into our lives. **Secondly** we need to reflect the light of Jesus as Jesus said that "we are the light of the world", and that we should "let our light so shine among men" Matt 5:14-16. We need to reflect the light of Jesus to the whole world, and let them see Jesus living in our lives. **Thirdly** we need to transmit our own light. The Apostle Paul wrote "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" Eph 5:8. As Christians we should be transformed into new creatures 2 Cor 5:17, and as new creatures we should have the characteristics of Jesus ourselves. We should be non luminous in the sense that we reflect Christ in our lives, yet we should also be luminous in that we should emit our own light. In other words we become the light ourselves. We should also diffuse reflection by shining the light of Jesus in those dark and hard to reach places Mark 16:15, 16. Last, but not least we need to remember that we are also transparent. Rather we like it or not we are transparent to the world. As Christians, people watch our manner of life, and how we conduct ourselves. We need to make sure that the world is seeing Christ' light in every aspect of our lives. **Am I a source of light to the world?**  
**Do I reflect the light of Jesus in my life?**

Mark

## **A SPECIAL DAY**

### **TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY!**

- ♦ **FOCUS SERVICE** with some of our men leading the worship, then we will have a
- ♦ **FELLOWSHIP MEAL** Good food, Good Fellowship! Enjoy dining to the gospel singing of **Danny Dodson & his acapella group**,
- ♦ **The Melody Makers** as they sing some good ole gospel. We will conclude the day with;
- ♦ **YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING** a short 20 minute period of worship led by our young men.

### **STICK AROUND AND BE BLESSED!**

- Please wear a mask while fixing your food & preparing food
- Please encourage your brethren by your presence & fellowship
- Please encourage our young men by giving them your support

## **BETTER IN 2022** Pick up your program of sermon topics & dates. Let's resolve to be **BETTER** in 2022!

- Today—**BETTER** Influence on Others (Focus Service)
- Next Sunday—**BETTER** Giver to the Church

## **SEMINAR ON CHARITABLE GIVING**

Sunday, Feb 13th, brother Dale Hubbert will be bringing us 2 lessons on Charitable Giving. Dale has preached for several congregations over the years and is currently a member at the Union Church of Christ where he has served as one of the elders. He also works for Investor's Resource and is educated on various investment strategies. He has helped many brethren and other preachers over the years with **GIVING, RETIREMENT, & INVESTMENTS**. He will have both lessons the 13th.

**SUPPORT OUR SEMINAR!**

# Tanner Family Special Concerns

## **CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Melvis Adams Athens Nursing Home & Rehab across from the hospital. His address is 611 W Market, room 43A , Brett Agee, Drew Bennett, Grant Beverly, Jean Bond, Matthew Chandler, Colin Coan, Stephanie Cooper, Caleb Crowe, Faye Davis, Louise Davis, Beverly Haney, Heath Hartley, Freddie Hays, Judy Hogan, Qution Hogan, Ed Hysaw, Gary Hillis, Russ Housman, Adam Howard, Brandon Howard, Adam Jones, Sue Lemay, Tom Lemay, Carol Lewis, Marie Malone, Craig Marshall, Sis Martin, Susan McCluskey, Teresa Mitchell, Debra Patrick, Lynn Patrick, Emmalice Patrick, Ann Poyner, Allison Scroggins, Dana Bailey Shores, Joe Stewart, Philip Taylor, Curtis Trotter, Miranda Turner, Sherri White, Dusty Williams, Rodney Wilson, Bill Bryant, The Kirby family (friends of the Bates), Jose Guerrero (our Hispanic minister), Kim Mills (Andy Shoults step daughter), Chad Carter, Jean Bonds daughter-in-law, Jeanette Stewart

## **In Need of Prayer**

- Ashley Kennedy had covid, but is doing better now
- Kristy Crowe has been sick with covid, but is doing better
- Daniel, Amy, Bryleigh, Curt Bates and Reagan Southers are recovering from covid & doing better
- Melody Eaton is recovering from her knee surgery. She started radiation treatments on a cancerous spot this week
- Rick & Richard Chandler are doing much better after having covid
- Charles Thompson has developed covid phenomena. He is making some improvement.
- Paul & Shearree Jones have covid
- Henry & Paulette Carter have been sick this last week
- Julianna Williams recently had a miscarriage
- Maria Uthaut has been sick this week
- Mike Underwood (Larry's brother) had a successful surgery Wednesday removing part of his lung due to cancer
- Carolyn Williams had a CT scan on her leg Wednesday. Let's be praying for good results
- Additional— \_\_\_\_\_

## **BETTER Influence on others**

Sometimes the Product is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Example of Noah**

1. I can made a difference in my \_\_\_\_\_ like Noah.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

• Solomon teaches us about \_\_\_\_\_

• Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_

2. I can make a difference in the \_\_\_\_\_.

• Jesus said, I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

• Jesus said, \_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

• What does Paul say about you in (Eph 5:8)? \_\_\_\_\_

• What does John say about your fellowship with God in (1 Jn 1:6)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. I can make a difference for \_\_\_\_\_ like Noah

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**WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY! WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AND TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO LIVE THE LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER. WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE WORSHIP TO BE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND COME BACK AND BE WITH US ANYTIME YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN COME ALONG-SIDE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND GET YOU INVOLVED IN WHAT THE LORD IS DOING THROUGH US.**



**Regular Schedule of Services**

Sunday AM Classes.....	9:30
Sunday AM Worship.....	10:30
Wednesday Evening Classes.....	7:00
Sunday Worship/Bible Study @ Summer Manor in Decatur .....	2:00

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**YOU CAN FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT TANNER CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**There you can:**

- **Stay connected to your Church Family**
- **Stay up-to-date on what's going on**
- **View our weekly Classes and Sermons**
- **Get our weekly Bulletin**



**YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING** can be dropped in the plate at the auditorium entrance or mailed to the Church address



The prefilled communion cups are available in the foyer

**Birthdays**

Wilma Lang—30th  
Russ Housman—31st  
Alex Little—31st



**Anniversaries**

