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Light of the World

F. W. Boreham, the famous Australian preacher, had an instructive experience in St. Paul's Cathedral. He and a friend were looking at Holman Hunt's well known painting "The Light of the World." The Savior stands before a closed door with a lantern in His hand, and He is knocking. Boreham said to his friend, "I have never been able to understand why Holman Hunt thought it necessary to put a lantern in the Savior's hand on such a brilliant moonlit night. The whole landscape stands out as vividly as at noonday."

Just then, a stranger interrupted. "You must forgive me," he said, "but it happens that I new Homan Hunt well, and I was with him a good deal when he was working on the painting before you. If you pardon my saying so, you have completely missed one of the main ideas he had in mind. He intended you to gather from the tangle of undergrowth on the ground around the door that the house is standing on the fringe of the wilderness. The Savior is about to leave the open country, bathed in moonlight, and plunge into the shadowed gloom of the thickly wooded wilds. It is in preparation for His gloomy journey through the darksome recesses of the wilderness that He has lighted His lantern. He is knocking at the door, not merely with the hope of being admitted and supping with the members of the household, but in order to unite them to cooperate with Him in His mission by accompanying Him on His otherwise lonely journey."

It is fascinating to have this commentary on that painting, for it reveals the artist was aware of something that Christians tend to forget. He was aware of the fact that Jesus wants to enter the heart's door of the individual, not to love them and leave them, but to love them, save them, and recruit them for the great task of pushing back the darkness with the Gospel of Light.

—Glenn Pease

GATHERING TIMES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY GREENBANK FOOD PANTRY

Thursday Evenings—Doors are open 6:00-7:00 PM

Volunteer Schedule:

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
Thursdays 9:30 AM & 5:30PM
Fridays 9:00 AM

To volunteer contact: Ed or Sue Maynard
302-994-3800

Order of Worship

Home of the Soul—TPH

Welcome

Beyond This Land of Parting—TPH

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand—TPH

Scripture Reading & Prayer

O How I Love Jesus—R455

Communion

Offering

I Feel Good—TPH

"Spiritual Detox"

Holy Spirit Dwell in Me—TPH

Closing Prayer

New Sermon Series

"SPIRITUAL DETOX"

SPIRITUAL DETOX — FEB. 9

DETOX MY MARRIAGE — FEB. 16

DETOX MY MIND — FEB. 23

DETOX MY PRIORITIES — MAR. 1



Help keep our prayer list current
by providing regular updates
on family and friends.

PRAISE! Avion Brasefield went home from the hospital on Tuesday.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

William Holland: house fire last week; **Wuhan, China:** whole city affected by the quarantine; **Paul Linton:** severe injuries from car accident; **Bob Crusco:** significant health concerns; **Sophia Baluk:** liver & spleen issues; **Lorraine Martin:** back & neck pain; **Carleta Underwood:** health concerns; **Christina Steiner:** job search; **Boyd Reed:** recovering from surgery; **Andre Johnson:** battling cancer; **Joann Garvin:** may need to have throat surgery; **Jonathan Mitchell, Jr:** pray for healing; **Marlin Johnson:** surgery on Feb. 18

SHUT-INS: George Adair; Connie Dowds; Joan Gaynor; Agnes Ignudo

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Lucas Kirkland, Monica Green, Andre Verlander, Ed Maynard, Joyce Gamble, Miriam Castro, Marie Difilippo, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, John Arnold, Bud Polk, Evelyn Kline, Emma Green, Gloria Edwards, Daisey Mae Wright, Glenda Schinnerer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Rachel Johnson, Kyle Cox, Heather Abosch, Brent Tucker, Tatiana Vargas, Kristal Moreta, Mackenzie Naseery, Ethan Reed, Prisilla Sanichar, Antonio Sanichar, Adriana Moreta

MISSIONS/MINISTRIES: Ghana Bible College, Samuel Agbeta (Nkwanta, Ghana), Delaware Christian Campus Ministry Foundation; Camp Manatwny; Chad & Amy Westerholm (Mozambique); GriefShare

OUR COUNTRY: Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

GREENBANK NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We have an immediate need for a teacher for our elementary students. Speak with Crystal Reyes today if you are able to fill this opening.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY

It is time to plan fellowship activities for this calendar year. We will meet after our worship service in the "table side" of the blue room. If you would like to join this committee, contact Fern Davis.

WINTERFEST PRE-TRIP MEETING TODAY

All participants and their parents are asked to attend an important meeting this morning in the "chair side" of the blue room immediately following our worship service. See Lisa Reed for more information.

BRASEFIELD BABY SHOWER & LUNCHEON—MARCH 1

We will have a baby shower and luncheon in honor of Marc, Chelsea, and Avion Brasefield immediately after our morning service on Sunday, March 1st. They have a registry at babylist.com. Those who would like to begin building Avion's library can consider purchasing a children's book rather than a card, and sign your name in the book. If you have any questions, please see Janell Anderson.

SINGLES CONFERENCE & MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

If you are interested in helping plan our conferences that are scheduled for later in the year, please contact Crystal Reyes.

FOOD PANTRY—Last week we provided 2,763 meals to 307 people in 120 families. We are in need of extra volunteers who can fill in for our regulars who are out this month. See you on Thursday!

02/09/20		In His Service	02/16/20
<u>Last Week</u>		Worship Leader	W. Johnson
Sunday AM: 147		Scripture & Prayer	M. Brasefield
Contribution: \$5971		Usher	C. Blue
Weekly Average: \$4795		Communion	J. Clark
Budget/Week: \$4800		Offering	D. Mattis
Wednesday PM: 16		Pass	M. Galeano
2020 Baptisms: 2		"	T. DeShields
		"	M. Dickinson
		"	R. Mickowski
		Greeters	Greenwood
		"	W. Holland
		Shepherd's Prayer	J. Friederichsen