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**Sunday:**

Bible Class	9:45am
Morning Worship	10:45am
Evening Worship	5:30pm

**Wednesday:**

Bible Class	7:30pm
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**Sunday:**

**Mitch Stevens of Memphis, TN.**

- \* *Stand up & Stand out: Living Christ's commission.*
- \* *Modesty: A state of mind.*
- \* *Slave Labor: The glory of the State Lottery*

**Monday:**

**Dick Blackford of Jonesboro, AR.**

- \* *Abortion: Slaughter of the Innocents*

**Tuesday:**

**John Mundy of Steele, MO.**

- \* *Honorable in the sight of everyone*

**Wednesday:**

**Dan Richardson of Vanduser, MO.**

- \* *Let marriage be held in honor among all*

**Thursday:**

**Ron Griffin of Paducah, KY.**

- \* *Morality and Humanism*

**Friday:**

**George Hickman of Union City, TN.**

- \* *Dealing with Worldliness and Materialism as a Christian*

# The Lilbourn Light



*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105*



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You are invited to join us for our  
**Summer Gospel Meeting**  
at the  
**Lilbourn Church of Christ**

**Theme:**

***"Morality in the 21st Century"***

**Dates:**

**July 26th—31st**

**Meeting Times:**

**Sunday: 9:45 & 10:40am; 5:30pm**

**Monday– Friday: 7:30pm**

**\*\*See back page for list of topics and speakers!\*\***

## Tell the Truth!

Rather than love, money, or fame, we should desire the truth! Just imagine the difference it would make in our world if that subject was heard as often as the many advertisements we hear for other matters.

Truth is essential to all our interactions. Without truth, no one could communicate. Whether in the classroom, the workplace, the home, or even in government, telling the truth builds trust. It's just like we tell our children, "If you tell a lie about one thing, how can we believe you about anything?"

There are many reasons to support the idea that telling the truth is best for us and for society. Many books line the shelves on how to effectively communicate and how to build confidence or trust with others. The most serious and urgent reason for telling the truth, however, is that it honors God. Truth is at the heart of who He is (Ps. 31:5). "You have redeemed

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me, O Lord God of truth." It is how He wants us to communicate with others. That should be enough to cause us to interact accordingly.

Throughout the Proverbs, the standard of truth is held high. We find statements such as these: "He who walks with integrity walks securely" (10:9). "Truthful lips will be established forever" (12:19). "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord" (12:22). "Buy truth, and do not sell it" (23:23).

Truth cannot be refuted. It never grows old. It never has to be taken back or apologized for. It never fails. It is the language of God. There's nothing better for us to do than to tell the truth.

— Shane Williams

## Living up to the Name

Animals are interesting and mostly predictable in their behaviors. You can count on them to behave a certain way based upon

what kind of animal they are. You would be surprised to find a cat who didn't at least swat at a mouse that ran by. You would be surprised if a dog never sniffed around as he went or refused to wag his tail. A chicken would be quite unusual if it walked around during the course of his day never pecking the ground. Animals only do the things that are based upon what they should do. They live up to their name.

God expects His children to do what they were redeemed to do: **Eph. 5:1, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."**

**Eph. 5:2, "walk in love, just as Christ also loved you."**

**Eph. 5:3, "do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints."**

**Eph. 5:8, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."**

**Eph. 5:11, "do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them."**

**Eph. 5:15, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men,**

*but as wise."*

Clearly, living as God's children is not a matter of instinct. We are challenged to remind ourselves daily of who we are because of God's great mercy and grace. Only as we do this consistently and become "imitators of God as beloved children" can we have the

joy of knowing that we please the Lord.

Those who are children of God (Galatians 3:26-27) desire to live up to the family name.

— Shane Williams

## God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Live Faithful (Heb. 10:35-39)

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