



The Lakeview Beacon

we're so glad you're here!

EXPLORE THE HEART OF CHRIST
JOHN 8:12-15

The Light of the World

John 8:12-15 records Jesus' bold declaration "I am the light of the world," spoken during the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. Written by the apostle John as part of his Gospel account, this passage presents the second of Jesus' seven "I Am" statements that echo God's self-revelation to Moses. For Jesus to claim to be the "light of the world" was no small thing. In fact, it is a claim to equality with God. Even further, the Greek of this passage indicates Jesus claims to be "the" light, not merely "a" light. The timing is significant—during this festival, massive lamps would be lit using wicks made from priestly garments, and light was a powerful metaphor in Hebrew thinking representing salvation, knowledge, and goodness. Jesus promises that whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness but will have "the light of life"—meaning not just knowledge but vibrant, transforming spiritual life.

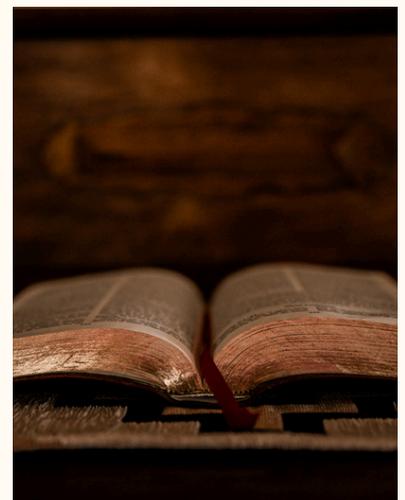


Pastor Brandon
Lead Pastor

What Did Jesus Mean When He Said "I Am the Light of the World"

"I am the light of the world," is rooted in Jesus' relationship with His Father. John Piper states, "Jesus speaks from God and for God and as God." Apart from Jesus, we live in darkness. We have limited capacity to understand who we are or what we see in the world. "The beauty of our humanity is still evident," writes Aimee Joseph, "but ugliness abounds."

[Read more here](#)



The 8:00am Service Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Hymn Sing
- Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Holy Communion
- Benediction
- Response



The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome - Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn - *O Word Of God Incarnate* - #598
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Kyrie* - #2275
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *The Lakeview Choir*
- Scripture Reading - *John 8:12-15* - *Saralee Sickles*
- Offering
- Hymn - *Christ Is The World's Light* - #188
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Bring Forth The Kingdom* - #2190
- *Announcements*
- Benediction & Response - *Shalom to You* - #666
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week;

Ethel Barnes, Nancy Bratton, Caryl Jo Dagro, Jerry Dibble, Roger Dupont, Kay Hardy, Dennis Keany, Sandy Keany, Larry Klein, Maribeth Knuth, BJ Martin, Jereve Miller, Gerry Ellen Sleeth, Amy Woodward

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers! They were felt and appreciated. **Thank you, Al & Judy Houdek**

SHARE YOUR HEART: SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

We believe in the power of prayer and the comfort it brings. If you or someone you know is in need of support, we invite you to share your prayer request with us. Whether it's for guidance, healing, or thanksgiving, your request will be held in love and lifted up in prayer by our community. You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

Celebrate Easter in Full Bloom!

Easter is just around the corner, and what better way to celebrate the joy of the season than by filling our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter lilies and fresh flowers! This is a wonderful tradition that brings life and color to our worship space as we gather together to celebrate the risen Lord.

Joining in is easy – simply bring your Easter lilies or fresh flowers with you on Easter Sunday. However you choose to participate, your contribution helps make our Easter Sunday celebration truly special. Rejoice – the Lord is King!



Discover Your Next Favorite Read

Did you know we have a wonderful library right here in Fellowship Hall? Whether you're looking to deepen your faith, explore church history, or simply find a great Christian read, our library has something for everyone. With a collection of books and DVDs covering Christian living, theology, church history, and so much more, there's always something new to discover – and with fresh material arriving daily, every visit brings something new.

The library is open Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM and is free for all church members to enjoy. Next time you're in the building, stop in, browse the shelves, and take something home. You might be surprised what you find!



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY, MARCH 16

8:00am - The Lakeview Wrappers - Smoot Hall

9:00am - Monday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall

9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room

9:30am - Crafters in Action - Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

9:00am - Bible Study, The Bible Recap - Conference Room

9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room

1:00am - Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room

2:00pm - All Stephen Ministers - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:30am - Ladies' Emmaus Group #260 - Library

9:00am - Wednesday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall

9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room

10:00am - Caregiver Support Group - Conference Room

11:30am - Amazing Grays Luncheon - Smoot Hall

12:30pm - Games - Smoot Hall

12:30pm - GriefShare - Conference Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

9:30am - Narcotics Anonymous - Choir Room

4:00pm - Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

5:00pm - Thursday Night Together Dinner - Smoot Hall

6:30pm - Concert Series: "A Musical Journey" - Smoot Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

9:00am - Friday Exercise Class - Smoot Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00am - Worship Service - Chapel / Online

9:30am - Worship Service - Worship Center / Online

9:00 & 10:30am - Fellowship - Smoot Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON

Wednesday March 18th at 11:30am – Prepared by Pastor Stuart and his cook team – Surprise Entree, Salad, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on March 16th.



THURSDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNER

Thursday March 19th at 4:30pm – Crusted Cod, Red Beans & Rice, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Salad, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on March 17th.

[MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS HERE](#)

Someone Is Counting on You This Easter

Picture it: Easter morning, a child's eyes go wide with wonder – and at the center of that joy is a bucket filled with love, put there by you. This Easter, our Easter Bucket Drive gives each of us a beautiful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ for a child who needs to know someone sees them and cares.

It's simple: pick up one (or two!) Easter buckets and fill them with a little magic – colorful candy, small toys, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, and chapter books. The Mission Committee will add a special book about the true meaning of Easter, tie everything up with a bright ribbon, and personally deliver them to children and families at Valley View Food Bank. **Drop your filled buckets off at Smoot Hall by Palm Sunday, March 29th** – and just like that, your small act of generosity becomes a memory a child will carry forever.

Not a shopper? Not a problem. You can donate online or write a check, and we'll make sure every single dollar goes straight to making Easter morning unforgettable for a child who deserves it. However you give, you are making a difference. Don't wait – a child is counting on us.

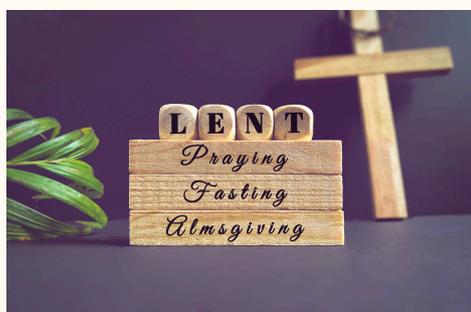


The Desert Blooms

Lent is not a season of punishment – it is an invitation. An invitation to walk into the wilderness, not alone, but with the One who turned forty days of silence into the threshold of the world's redemption. In giving up, we make room. In fasting, we remember hunger – not for bread alone, but for every word that falls from the mouth of God. In quiet, we finally hear what love has been whispering all along.

The Cross does not wait at the end of this road to condemn you. It stands there to catch you – arms stretched wide enough to hold every broken, beautiful, wandering soul who dared to walk the journey home. So walk gently through these forty days. Let the ashes remind you not of death, but of clay – of how tenderly you were made, and how fiercely you are loved.

"Return to me with all your heart..." – Joel 2:12



The Easter Schedule

- March 29 – Psalm Sunday – The Lakeview Choir Cantata
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30pm – Smoot Hall
- April 3 – Good Friday Service – 1:00pm – Chapel
- April 5 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – 6:30am – Courtyard

Donate Altar Flowers – Add Beauty to Our Worship

Flowers have a quiet way of marking life's most meaningful moments – a birthday, an anniversary, a loved one remembered, or simply a heart full of gratitude. Donating altar flowers is an easy and thoughtful way to honor those moments while adding beauty to our shared worship space each Sunday.

The process couldn't be simpler: sign the Flower Chart in the Worship Center Lobby or contact the church office to reserve your date, then bring your flowers in a vase early Sunday morning. After the service, they're yours to take home. Whether you're celebrating a milestone or giving thanks, your gift enhances the sanctuary for the entire congregation. Interested? Reach out to Margo Marque or Linda Rase – they'll be happy to answer any questions and get you signed up.



A Musical Journey: Sun Cities Community Orchestra

There's something truly special about the power of live orchestra music – the way it fills a room, stirs the soul, and transports you somewhere beyond the everyday. On March 19 at 6:30 PM, the Sun Cities Community Orchestra invites you to experience exactly that with an enchanting evening titled A Musical Journey.

From sweeping, moving melodies to triumphant, uplifting crescendos, this performance promises to be an unforgettable night of music that touches the heart and lifts the spirit. Whether you're a lifelong classical music lover or simply looking for a wonderful evening out, this is one event you won't want to miss.

Come See the Sun City Posse in Action!

Join us for our free Annual Open House on **Saturday, March 28 from 1–4 PM** at Posse Headquarters, 10861 Sunland Dr. – featuring live equipment demonstrations from the Posse, MCSO, and Sun City Fire Department, a NASCAR race car on display, plus complimentary popcorn, ice cream, and hot dogs. All Sun City residents and guests are welcome – come meet your community's volunteers and see how we keep Sun City safe!

The Lakeview Cookbook

CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS WITH LIME DRENCH

These lettuce wraps are a SUMMER DREAM. Mountains of crumbled-crisp ground chicken, fluffy quinoa, and/or rice for added satisfaction, and garlicky gingery sautéed veggies in crisp butter lettuce leaves.



[Get the recipe here](#)

Easter Crafts, Good Food & Great Company What's Not to Love?

Your perfect spring Saturday just got even better! **Lakeview's Easter Craft Fair** rolls in on **March 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** – and trust us, you're going to want to clear your morning for this one.

Get ready to discover an incredible lineup of handcrafted goods from local artisans and your very own talented Lakeview members. From stunning jewelry and original artwork to Easter gifts and gorgeous spring home décor, every table is a treasure waiting to be found. Come ready to browse, be inspired, and treat yourself – you've earned it!

Hungry? You're in luck. The beloved **United Methodist Men** are firing up a spread of hot breakfast and lunch, plus homemade baked goods so good they might just steal the show. Grab a plate, pull up a chair, and soak it all in.

Shopping, eating, and celebrating the season with people you love – this is what community looks like. Come join us!



Support for Those Who Give So Much

Caring for a loved one is one of the most meaningful things you can do – and one of the most demanding. The sleepless nights, the emotional weight, the moments when you feel completely alone in it all – we understand, because we've been there too. Our caregiver support group is a safe, judgment-free space where you can breathe, be heard, and connect with others who truly get it. Whether you're caring for a parent, a spouse, a child, or a friend, you deserve support just as much as the person you're caring for.

You don't have to do this alone. Join us and find a community of compassionate people who will walk alongside you – sharing resources, lending an ear, and reminding you that your needs matter too. Taking this one step for yourself isn't selfish; it's essential. We'd love to welcome you. Reach out today to learn more about our next meeting – because you've given so much, and it's time to let others give back to you.

Your Generosity Changes Everything

When you give, you're saying "yes" to God's invitation to be part of something beautiful. Your gift today keeps our ministry strong, our mission moving forward, and our community thriving. Start now and experience the unexpected joy that comes from giving with a full heart.

[Make a donation here](#)