



Lighthouse Beacon

New Mexico Lighthouses of Prayer - April 2002

Can You See It?

Henry Blackaby reminded us of several basic principles in his best-selling book, "Experiencing God." The first principle (Henry called them "Realities") was that "God is always at work around us." But how often do we Christians miss seeing the work of God? How many times have we been so burdened with cares of the world, or so busy with our own priorities that we completely missed out on an opportunity to join God in His work. Henry's third principle is that *God wants us to join Him in His work*, but to do that we must have eyes that can see and ears that can hear our Master's invitation.

Karl Lee, Lighthouse Coordinator for Celebration Baptist Church in Rio Rancho, wrote an article for the *Baptist New Mexican*, sharing his vision of how God wants to use Lighthouses to impact our communities. The following is excerpted from his article —*Thank you Karl!*

A Vision of Light

The next time you are on your way to church, take a good long look at the church building. As you look at the "church," see if you can see what I see... rising up through the roof is another structure and as it rises it takes form and the form is...why, it's a lighthouse. I see the light shining forth, its beam sweeping out across the countryside in a 360-degree circle. The light seems to pulse with life as it sweeps by.

Look closely at the beams as they sweep by you. Yes, there is



something in the light! The Word is in the light, "*I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*" Here comes another beam of light, "*I am the way, the truth, and he life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me.*"

Oh, look at the next one! "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*"

Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" 2 Kings 2:17

Each time the light sweeps over the countryside it sends out messages of hope. Just like the lighthouses that dot our shorelines send out their light to warn mariners of danger and guide them to safe harbor; so our church lighthouse sends out its light to warn of spiritual danger and guide lost souls to eternal safety.

And can you see God's people in the church building and out on the walk and in the parking lot. Do you see them glowing like living lighthouses? Can you see the beams of light shooting out from them? "*Ye are the light of the*



world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "*Ye are all children of the light...*" I see each one of these "living lighthouses" going back home or on vacation or business trips taking their light with them. Shining brightly in a dark world.

Do you see your church as a lighthouse for your community? Better yet, can you see yourself as a "living lighthouse"—a living testimony to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer. Christians will be gathering together in many locations across our nation for a time of prayer and worship of the true King of Kings. In Albuquerque, the local NDOP committee is sponsoring a prayer time from 12 noon until 1PM at the Civic Plaza. There will be prayer for our own police, rescue workers, fireman, and military as well as for our city, state, and nation. Please come and join with other members of the Bride of Christ for a special time of worship and prayer.

Remembrance Project



Thousands of the "Fallen But Not Forgotten" evangelism brochures were distributed by churches across New Mexico (and millions more throughout our nation) this past Easter. Some were mailed, some were carried into the communities, and many more were given away at Easter services. With the ongoing interest in the 911 tragedy, they can be used all year long and in many different settings. Call LightShine Ministries at 293-0743 or go to www.911recovery.com for more information.

New Resource:

LightShine Ministries has a new seminar titled "Fruit That Glorifies." It is a study based upon John 15, focusing on God's desire to produce abundant fruit in the lives of His children. It incorporates teachings from Bruce Wilkinson's "Secrets of the Vine," and several other well known Bible scholars. Contact LightShine Ministries at 293-0743 for more information or to schedule a presentation.

"Let your light shine so that others may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven." Matt 5:16