

Own It – Light of the World

Martin Luther said, “God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.”

I am afraid that the world is much more aware of our political views and the things to which we object, than the reason for the hope within us.

- The mission given to us by Jesus is to shine light in the world so that people can see the way out of the darkness.
- I believe that we truly desire to spread the love of Jesus to our community.

Matthew 5:14-16 14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

We do not have inherent light.

Jesus said in John 8:12 I am the Light of the world!

We are to be reflecting his light

As we behold the glory of God, we reflect it!

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NLT) Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. 25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

3 Truths that will help us be rich in good deeds.

1. My good deeds are pointers to God, not myself.

- a. The same hands that I use to worship God in this house.
- b. Same as the mirror.

2. My good deeds are samples of Jesus

We just give them a sample of the goodness of God.

- a. The goal is to get them to want the whole thing!

3. My good deeds are invitations.

- a. Both to Church and to God
- b. As a community of Cornerstone Church it is up to us to reach our community of Chillicothe or Trenton or Broofield or wherever you live.