



# The Planter

"The seed is the word of God", Luke 8:11



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## Be Someone's Light

When I was a pre-teen, not quite sure of the age, two other kids and I decided we would explore a cave in the woods. Now, we were ready a flashlight and a Three Musketeers bar.

We had no idea what we would find or how long we would be in the cave. All we knew was it was different, and it was an adventure. The opening was small, but we were kids and squeezed right in.

I am not sure how long we were in the cave before we realized that we had no idea where the entrance was. I don't think we panicked, but two were crying.

I don't know who said it but, what he said was something like, "lets stay together and we will just walk and watch for the sunlight coming in. That made sense, and that is what we did.

Of course, we had good luck and found the light and the way out. The thing was it was not the opening where we came into the cave. It was much larger and let in much more light. That was a blessing!

In a previous article, I mentioned walking in the light, I John 1:7 and isn't that where we need to be. Note with me a few other verses about the light.

Psalms 89:15, "How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance.

Isaiah 2:5, "Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

John 8:12, "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

John 12:35-36, "Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. "While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light."

So, as we live day-by-day don't you find it interesting that each of us is referred to as light in such passages as, Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Or again we have this thought from Ephesians 5:8, "For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light."

Thinking about a real light because of the curvature of the earth, about 3.1 miles is the limit. If the earth were flat or you were on a high mountain a light could be seen 100 miles away. Even a candle could be seen 30 miles away if the earth were flat. (Preparedness Advice, Posted January 5, 2014)

Now while those facts are interesting, we are very seldom that far away from anybody, even the 3.1 miles. We are in contact with people all the time, every day. And as a Christian you know many are watching to see what you will say or what you will do. Be ready with a word of encouragement and a helping hand.

So, let us remember not only are we to walk in the light, we are the light for many. It could be you are the only light.

Be ready to share and show the way out of the darkness.

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**April 5, 2026**

Sunday Morning  
Opening Prayer Kevin Hayes  
Closing Prayer Payton Payne

Scripture Reading Jerry Reaves

Sunday Evening  
Opening Prayer Dan Logan  
Closing Prayer Dylan Gary

**Remember in prayer:**

Amanda Fletcher will have a biopsy on her left lung tomorrow. Please pray for her and her family.

Luke Keller, Jill Spears, Wally Booker, Joan Henry, Norene O'Kelly, Don Duncan, Joe Chambers, Bill and Billie Nolen, Stefan Hognlund, Sammy Wyers.

**Oak View Nursing Home:** Betty Floyd.

Our monthly **Fellowship Meal** will be next Sunday after our morning services.

**Jerry Reaves** will preach tonight.

**Worship Assignments for April**

Announcements: Adam Cordell  
Lord's Supper:

Dan Logan: Weeks 1 & 2

Tim Hester: Weeks 3 & 4

Eldon Alexander, Jim Warnock, Rhyhan Dishroom

**Men's Breakfast**, this Saturday, April 11, 9am.  
Speaker: Rob Berghorst; Topic: Balance.  
The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin Board.

Record for the week of March 29, 2026

10 am	11 am	5 pm	Wed	Contribution
81	76	55	78	\$3694.11

**Keep Your Flame Lit**

The Olympics has a very long and illustrious history. For thousands of years, some of the most talented people in the world have displayed their abilities. Over such time, several events have come and gone. One such event was a Greek race with a strange objective. Each person was given a torch, but the goal wasn't to win. The goal was to simply finish the entire race with your torch still lit (J. Stowell, Fan The Flame, Moody, 1986, p. 32).

The Christian life is often compared to a race (Hebrews 12:1; Galatians 5:7; 2 Timothy 4:7). It's not a sprint. The point isn't to get to heaven the fastest. The goal is simply to make it to the finish with our spiritual torches still aflame.

Satan would like nothing more than to see us fail this race. Far too many storms and difficulties threaten to blow out our spiritual flames. We must endure (James 1:12; Romans 5:3-4; Hebrews 10:36).

So, keep going. Keep pressing on. Keep your eye on the prize. Don't give up. Let's assist each other. Let's support each other. Let's help each other get to heaven. Then, at long last, we will be rewarded with that prize, the crown of life, for finishing the race (Revelation 2:10).

No matter what, keep your spiritual flame going and finish this race!

**Elders:**

Steve Fletcher, Hugh Glaze, Dan Logan, Tim York

**Deacons:** Justin Glaze, Carter Logan, Adam Morgan, Jerry Reaves

**Minister:** Hugh Glaze

**Song Leader:** Adam Morgan