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AM Aaron Cozort  
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**Daily Bible Reading:** 9/11 Ezek. 37-39, 9/12 Ezek. 40-42, 9/13 Ezek. 43-45,  
9/14 Ezek. 46-48, 9/15 Dan. 1-3, 9/16 Dan. 4-6, 9/17 Dan. 7-9

# Collierville church of CHRIST

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**Sunday:**

9:30 AM - Bible Study  
10:30 AM - AM Worship  
1:30 PM Service

**Wednesday:**

7:00 PM - Bible Study



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He who loves his brother abides in the light,  
and there is no cause for stumbling in him. "But he  
who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in  
darkness, and does not know where he is going,  
because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1 John 2:10-11

## A Burning And Shining Light (Part 3)

By: Louis Rushmore

“He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light” (John 5:35). This statement was made by Jesus Christ about John the Baptist. However, Jesus essentially applied the same frame of reference as well to all who would be his disciples.

### HOW CAN CHRISTIANS LET THEIR LIGHTS SHINE?

The **practical application** of any assessment of the do’s and don’ts of religion (or any other field of inquiry) is essential, without which the value of one’s study is greatly diminished. So, “How can Christians let their lights shine?”

1. Reflect only light emanating from the divine source (heaven, the Father, Christ, the Word of God).
2. Reflect all of the light radiating from the divine source (Acts 20:27).
3. Allow no darkness a place in one to overshadow or dim the light of the Gospel. “No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. **Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.** If thy whole body therefore be full of light, **having no part dark**, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light” (Luke 11:33-36).
4. Putting away unholy things. “Do all things **without murmurings and disputings**: That ye may be **blameless and harmless**, the sons of God, **without rebuke**, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom **ye shine as lights in the world**; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain” (Philippians 2:14-16).
5. Seeking only that which is holy. “**Ye are all the children of light**, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. **But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation**” (1 Thessalonians 5:5-8).
6. Put on the armor of light. “The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light**. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying” (Romans 13:12-13).
7. Finally, let us hold forth the Word of God (Philippians 2:14-16). “. . . ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life . . .” See also Philippians 1:17 and Jude 3.

### CONCLUSION

Light reproves sin and darkness (John 3:19-21; Ephesians 5:13), and the light of the Gospel is the only means by which one can avoid stumbling as if walking in the night (John 11:9-10). Men can walk in light or darkness, not both and not in between (1 John 2:8-11). Only by walking in the light can one enjoy fellowship with God and the forgiveness of sins (1 John 1:5-7). May each Christian determine to be “a burning and shining light” (John 5:35).

There is a distinct difference between the light of righteousness and the darkness of sin. Won’t you be led by the light of the Gospel today? Erring Christians can be rekindled (Acts 8:22). Others can begin their walk in the light by being immersed in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 John 1:7).

**Original Article:** <https://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/1999/a-burning-and-shining-light/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIBLE STUDY at 9:30 AM and AM WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM**

Live Stream: [www.colliervillecoc.org](http://www.colliervillecoc.org) and  
<https://www.facebook.com/colliervillecoc>

**FOR CONNECTING BY PHONE STEP 1 – CALL 312-626-6799  
STEP 2 – ENTER THE MEETING ID: 8724480418##  
STEP 3 – 618024#**

**MEN’S BUSINESS MTG TODAY. Ladies will NOT be meeting today for card signing.**

**JUSTIN’S MONTHLY MSOP letter** is on the board.

**THYATIRA COC GOSPEL MEETING-** Sept 24-27. See bulletin board for details.

**OAKLAND LADIES DAY-** Sept. 30 with Speaker: Sharon Kea. See flyer on the board.

**NESBIT COC -**Creation Evidence Seminars with speaker Paden Reed – Oct. 6-8. See flyer on the board.

**POTTER C. H. PANTRY ITEM** for September is **egg noodles**.

**NATIONWIDE GOSPEL MEETING CALL – Thursday nights** at 9 pm. Call 857-216-6700 code 328497 or 602-610-2077 code 219702

**MSOP ONGOING SPIRITUAL TRAINING FALL SEMESTER –** Signup info flyer is on the board.

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 9/27 POTLUCK/SINGING 10/29/23**

**DON’T FORGET to tune in daily to TRUTH.FM!**

**REMEMBER Rudell Wilson family, Leola Cox family and the Treadway family in their recent losses.**

### OUR SICK:

**Janie Marlin, Charlie Springer**

**Sylvia Pass –** address: Jordan River Health Campus, 10001 Crooked Creek Rd, Rm 120, Collierville, TN

**Bryan Noland** has an appt. scheduled in Cleveland for surgery.

**Dylan Moore** recovering from gun shot.

**Jack Ray**, Sherry’s stepdad is now in Methodist Hospice Residence. He is 93 and has Parkinson’s disease.

**Jerry Dilliard-** fractured hip, **Jenny Sanderson –** Strep throat, **Becky Posner -** COVID

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE:

#### Those Battling Cancer

#### Homebound/Assisted

#### Living

James Luna, Celeste  
Moore & Brenda Bruce,  
Rudell Wilson

#### Hospice Care

Jim Redden  
Jack Ray

Leroy Fisher, Lynn Guillot,  
Julee Adams, Hattie Shell, Skip Wyse, Tish Clarke,  
Michael Stack’s Uncle Ronnie, Amos Soli, Cheryl Hill,  
Amy Weddle, Rachel Strickland,  
Jack Etheridge, Linda Guillot, Rick Stacks

**MISSIONARIES: Louis & Martha Rushmore  
Marlon & Jacky Retana**

#### Physical Problems

Don Robertson, Eddie Grimes,  
Sasha & Natasha Maluga  
Kristi Springer, Monica Jordan,  
Jerry Dilliard, Denise Montgomery,  
Bryan Noland, Fred Nations,  
Christy Clausel, Martin Wiseman,  
Dylan Moore, Delisa Laster,

### WORSHIP LEADERS

**AM Worship**  
**Song Leader:** Zach Clemmons  
**Opening Prayer:** Joe Cason  
**Closing Prayer:** Terry Sanderson

**PM Worship**  
Aaron Cozort  
Eric Halverson  
Phillip Gooch

**Wednesday Night**  
**Song Leader:** Tommy Laster/ Joe Cason  
**Dev:** Aaron Cozort  
**Closing Prayer:** Terry Whitley