

A Friendly Church with a Vital Message

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Blinded by the Light?

What blinded Saul on the road to Damascus? For as long as I can remember, I have believed and taught that Saul, who later became known as Paul, was made blind by a bright light (Acts 9, 22, and 27). This week, I came to a better understanding.

We read of the events experienced by Saul and a "light" three times in the book of Acts: "a light" (9:3), "a great light" (22:6), and "a light from heaven, brighter than the sun" (26:13). While the light was bright enough to surround him even amid the noonday's sun, it was not the light that blinded Saul.

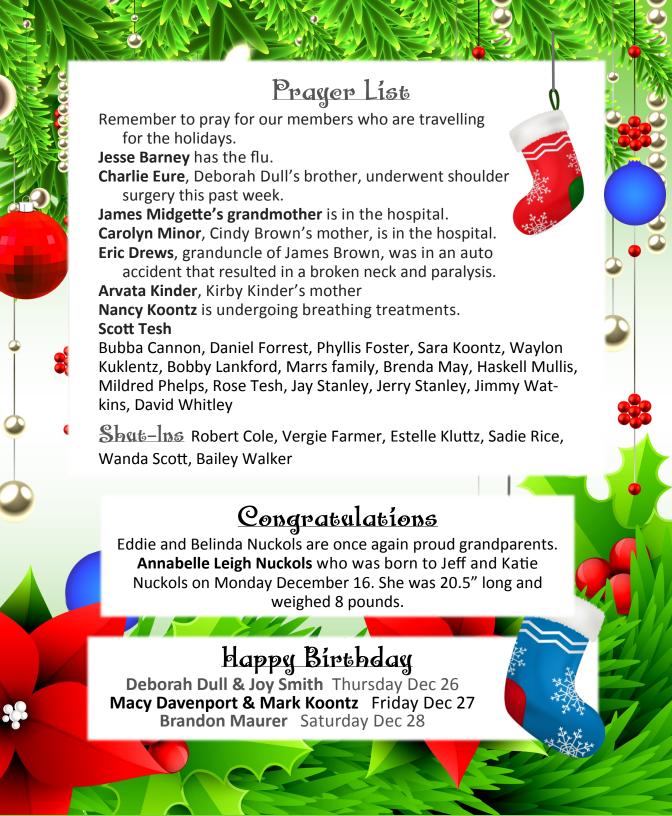
Paul tells us in Acts 22:11, "since I could not see for the glory of that light." Did you catch that? What was it that blinded him? What prevented him from seeing? Others witnessed the brightness of the light (Acts 22:9), but the "glory of that light" blinded only Saul. That "glory" was Christ and His divine nature (Rom. 1:23): His radiance, honor, magnificence and majesty, which not only appeared to Saul but blinded him. The indescribable glory of Christ is far brighter than any light could ever be.

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PRIVELEDGED TO SERVE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader Phil Forrest
Announcements Rick Brown
Opening Prayer Matt Maurer
Lord's Table Tom Davenport

Edgar Markman John Davenport Mark Koontz

Scripture Reading Matthew Forrest Preacher Matt Langfield

Closing Prayer John Davenport

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Opening Prayer Eddie Nuckols
Preacher Matt Langfield
Lord's Table Phil Forrest
Closing Prayer Jimmy Snow

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader Gary Dull

COMMUNION

Preparation The Langfields Bread Terri Maurer

LAST WEEKS NUMBERS

Sunday Bible Class **52**Sunday Morning Worship **78**Sunday Evening Worship **51**Wednesday Bible Study **42**Offering **\$1935**Weekly Budget **\$2200**

SCHEDULE of SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Class 10am Morning Worship 11am

Evening Worship 5pm WEDNESDAY

Bible Class 7pm

PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17
Believe in Jesus, God's Son
Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6
Repent of Sin Acts 17:30-31
Confess Jesus as God's Son
before Men

Acts 8:36-37, Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized (immersed) Acts 2:38 **Live Faithfully** 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

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