Dear Lexie,

Light Bearers

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Upcoming Events
This Sabbath:
September 5, 2015

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Pastor Don McFarlane
"Jacob Chose Rachel But God Chose Leah"

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Rodrigo Paiva, guitarist

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- Prayer Gathering (every Wednesday night @ 7PM)

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As I sat there, like millions around the globe watching the events unfold, all I could say was, “What is this world coming to?” Maybe the better question would be, “what has this world come to?” There was a time when these kinds of reports were isolated to the war infested places of the world but now they are appearing to be almost commonplace occurrences in the USA. In many ways it feels as though our country and, yes, our world, has been engulfed with darkness and that there is little sign of light to be found.

But it is in the midst of this darkness that the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:14 ring loudly in my ears, “You are the light of the world.” When you read the subsequent verses it becomes clear that the message that Jesus intends to convey is that as his disciples he expects us to be his representatives, bearers of his light, to a world that is currently living in darkness. When Jesus’ followers asked him to show them the Father, his response to them was, “If you have seen me, you have already seen the Father.” Oh, if the same could be said of us. When the world asks us to show them the Christ about whom we teach and preach so much in our churches, wouldn’t it be great if our response could be, “If you have seen us, you have already seen Christ.”

If we could possess the light of God’s love and grace to the extent that others would see Jesus in us, it may not completely change the nature of this dark world in which we live, but it would shine a light of hope into the lives of many who are currently engulfed by darkness, because wherever there is light, there is hope.