

Our Influence

Sometimes, things happen that give you a warm feeling inside and just make life worthwhile. Steve shared an e-mail with us last week which is one of those things.

It seems there was a family who was with us for a short period of time during the 1989-'90 timeframe. They expressed how the influence of the Karns congregation and the elders had made such an impact on their lives. Their faith was made stronger by being with us even though it was for a short period of time. The writer is now an elder at the church of Christ in one of the southwestern states.

We know our lives should be an example by having a strong faith and following the word of God. Matthew 5:14-16 states, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 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."

Our example is not to be confined within the walls of our building but should be visible throughout our entire lives in everything we do and say. We never know if our conduct is having any kind of influence on someone or not, but we should always conduct ourselves in a godly manner. We have a wonderful family at Karns and it's good to know we do have a good influence. May we always trust in God, be strong in the faith, and love one another.

For the elders,
Don Wagner