**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven. Matt 5:16**

 Just a week ago, First Baptist Church hosted a beautiful memorial service for Eric Burkhart, church member and beloved husband of our Church Secretary, Julie.

 Our little church was filed with people who came to pay their respects to Eric, and to his family. One of the things I observed was the wide variety of ways that people were connected to Eric.

 There were people there from the family into which he was born.

 There was his wife, Julie, his children, and grandchildren.

 There were folks from First Baptist Church.

 There were neighbors.

 There were fellow sports enthusiasts...both Raider fans and not!

 There were folks who had been his friends for decades.

 There were his co-workers who came en masse.

 There were fellow Christians.

 There were some who entered who entered without Christ as Savior but left that day as brand-new Christians.

 Each of those attending loved and respected Eric and acknowledged that he that he was humble and kind, that he ‘let his light shine’, and that his life ‘glorified his Father in Heaven.’

 Don’t each of us have spheres of influence where we need to let our light shine? We have family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, fellow hobbyists, and

people we interact with throughout our days.

 Let’s get out there and shine those lights, by living our lives to glorify our Father in Heaven.

 Respectfully submitted by

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