

#### IV. **COMMIT** TO GOD'S WORK

*“18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”* Matthew 28:18-20

*“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ,...”*  
II Corinthians 5:20a

*“13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”  
14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?  
15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:  
“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”* Romans 10:13-15

#### **MAKE YOUR WORLD BRIGHTER!**

*“Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.”* Daniel 12:3

**SHINE**  
**Arise, Shine!**  
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#### **INTRODUCTION**

##### **A.** What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

*“23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

*24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.*

*25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.*

*26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.*

*27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”* Acts 14:23-27

##### **B.** The theme of our 2015 Global Missions Focus is “SHINE”.

*“Arise, shine; For your light has come!....”* Isaiah 60:1a

##### **C.** In SHINE, we will be challenged to make the world brighter through Jesus Christ. This six part series features the following messages:

TODAY	Arise, Shine!
July 19	Shine By Obeying
July 26	Shine By Evangelizing
August 2	Shine By Worshipping
August 9	Shine By Engaging
August 16	Shine By Serving

##### **D.** **TEXT:** Isaiah 60:1-2 (Pew Bible/Pg. 669/Old Testament)

## ARISE, SHINE!

### I. CONNECT WITH CHRIST

*“9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.*

*10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.”* Matthew 2:9-10

*“78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;*

*79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

Luke 1:78-79

*“30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation*

*31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,*

*32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”* Luke 2:30-32

*“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”* II Corinthians 4:6

*“11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”*

*12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”* John 8:11-12

*“41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”*

*42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.”* Mark 5:41-42

### II. CONSUME GOD’S WORD

*“The entrance of Your words gives light;...”*

Psalm 119-:130a

*“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.”* Jeremiah 15:16

### III. CULTIVATE RIGHTEOUS LIVING

*“But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”*

Proverbs 4:18

*“8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*

*9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),*

*10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*

*11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

*12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.*

*13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.*

*14 Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”* Ephesians 5:8-14

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Matthew 5:16