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And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

This year, I've had many occasions to see and experience God's glory shining through His people. Once God convinced me that it was pride that was preventing me from seeing His glory, I asked for prayer in the bulletin. I became the grateful recipient of prayers, cards, phone calls, e-mails, texts, and offers of transportation. I was experiencing God's glory shining through His people! I was unable to be in church for several Sundays, so visitors came to me. They prayed with me and shared verses from the Bible.

One visitor brought a beautiful shawl that had been knitted by someone in the Prayer Shawl ministry. My visitor told me that each shawl is prayed over by the members before it's sent on its way. My very own Stephen Minister arrived with a listening ear and kind words. Again, God was glorified through His people.

Presently, the encouragement continues through the Senior Ministry. When I've called to make a reservation for an event, the kind words continue and God is glorified through His people.

God is also being glorified through Women in the Word. The leadership, Bible study discussions, the food lovingly prepared, and my sisters in Christ who also attend, have brought much joy to my heart.

The Deacons who greet me with a smile, a kind word, or a hug and the people who bring and serve food for the Memorial Services are also glorifying God.

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for those who glorify You and are visible gifts to us. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of Jesus, I pray, that I, and we, would be transformed into His image and be a light to our troubled world. Amen.

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