



Lytle Light

**You Are The Light Of
The World.**

- Matthew 5:14a

Believers are ap-
pointed to be a light-
house to others;
a cheering lamp,
a shining star,
a loving guide.

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Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM – Bible Study | 10:45AM – Worship

12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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THE RESURRECTION & LIFE

John, in his gospel, writes that Jesus was close to the family of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. When Lazarus became very ill, the sisters sent word to Jesus that He should come quickly but when He received the letter, Jesus stated that, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (John 11:4). Our Lord then deliberately stayed away for a couple more days, knowing that His friend Lazarus would be dead when He arrived. John next recounts that Jesus' intent was clearly stated: “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples, as seems to be the case more often than not, misunderstood. They thought He was talking about literal sleep, so Jesus clarified: “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him” (vv. 14-15).

There appear to be two primary purposes in these verses for Jesus' intent to raise up Lazarus: first, for the glory of God and the Son, and second, so that people may believe. This happens to coincide with the purpose of the Gospel of John overall: the signs are recorded “so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). Jesus came to give life in His name, and what better example of His ability to do so than to raise a man who had died?

As we read further, by the time Jesus arrived at Bethany, a town about two miles from Jerusalem, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Martha met Jesus before he entered the town and affirmed that had He been there, He could have prevented the death. Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again,” to which she replied that she knew that would happen “at the last day.” Jesus then made the amazing claim: “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.



WELCOME VISITOR!

If You're Visiting Today, We Welcome Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly (approximately) Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, Usually On The 4th or 5th Sunday approximately every other month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium So That We May Have A Record Of Your Visit With Us Today. Thank You!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship
- Announcements
- Scripture Reading
- Opening Prayer
- 59 – *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*
- 142 – *Tell Me The Story Of Jesus*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 143 – *Low In The Grave He Lay*
- 150 – *We Saw Thee Not*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – *See Right Column For Outline*
- 141 – *Into The Heart Of Jesus*
- Final Announcements
- 103 – *I Will Sing Of My Redeemer*
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – LOVE

2026 FELLOWSHIPS (UPCOMING*)

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – Potluck (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – Thanksgiving Meal

* Dates May Be Subtracted Or Other Dates Added As Our Ladies Decide To Do So.

SERMON

• THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS

• *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

Luke 24:1–12; Matthew 28:1–8; Mark 16:1–8; John 20:1-10

• *SERMON OUTLINE*

INTRODUCTION - (1) Eyewitness Story Of The Gospels (2) Jesus Born With A Mission (3) His Ministry Began At His Baptism [a] Covered About 33 Years [b] His Final Week Well Documented

- I. Sunday – A. Jesus Enters Jerusalem B. Jesus Predicts His Death C. Jesus Visits The Temple
 - II. Monday – A. Jesus Curses A Fig Tree B. Jesus Cleanses The Temple
 - III. Tuesday – A. The Lesson From The Fig Tree B. Controversies In The Temple C. Jesus Predicts The Future
 - IV. Wednesday – A. Continues Teaching In The Temple B. The Sanhedrin Plot
 - V. Thursday – A. The Passover Preparation B. Eating The Passover Meal C. Washing The disciples' Feet D. To The Mount Of Olives E. Predicts Peter's Denials F. To Gethsemane
 - VI. Friday – A. The Betrayal B. The Trials C. Jesus Is Crucified D. Joseph Of Arimathea Buries Him
 - VII. Saturday – The Tomb
 - VIII. Sunday – A. The Empty Tomb B. The Reactions
- CONCLUSION - (1) Seeking And Saving The Lost (2) Salvation Through Obedience*

• *INVITATION*

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he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (vv. 25-26)

After Martha returned to her sister Mary in town, the two went to where Jesus had met Martha. From there, they went toward the tomb where Jesus wept showing at once His humanity and empathy. Once there, Jesus told them to take away the stone but there was concern about odor since Lazarus had been

dead four days, to which Jesus responded, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" He then prayed to the Father, stating that

He said what He did for the sake of the people, "that they may believe that you sent me." He commanded that Lazarus come out of the tomb and told them to unbind him. Lazarus lived! Some believed while others reported it to the Pharisees and wondered what to do next. The plot to put Jesus to death thickened because they feared they would lose their power over the people because of Him.

John began his gospel account by affirming Jesus as the Creator: "¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." (John 1:1-4). John then includes signs that demonstrate this claim. Jesus claims to be the light of the world, then heals a blind man (ch. 9). He claims to be the resurrection and life, then raises a dead man (ch. 11). The result was, as stated, glory to God and cause to believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that we may have life.

Death came into this world because of the rebellion of sin (Romans 5:12). When we reject the God of all life, all that is left is death. Because sin is a rejection of God, the wage it pays is death

(Romans 6:23). Fortunately, our God did not leave it at that. By His grace, He set in motion the plan that would defeat death and bring new life to those who believe and trust Him.

To accomplish this plan, death was unfortunately necessary, but it would take more than death - if death is to be defeated, it takes resurrection. And while Jesus showed He can defeat death through this miracle of raising Lazarus, He would

Himself taste death and thereby defeat it thoroughly through His own resurrection. Peter's sermon on Pentecost emphasized this point: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Naz-

areth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know - this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it" (Acts 2:22-24).

The entire message of the gospel centers around Jesus being the resurrection and life. We are told that sin brings the sting of death (1 Corinthians 15:56), but because Jesus defeated death, we can say with Paul, "thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 57). Because of this, we all have a living hope and the assurance that what we do for Him is always worthwhile (v. 58) We're further told that "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). We then too, will one day take part in the resurrection of life as "all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:28-29). **END**





Father, Please Hear Our Prayer

LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUSNESS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *People In The U.S.A. And Around The World Who've Been Affected By Natural Disasters*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers, Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

CURRENT CONCERNS

All Following entries Are By Date Order And Are Alphabetical By Last Name. A *Superscripted Number In Brackets*, I.E., ^[1], At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

APRIL 5

- ◇ Flatequal, Pam - She's been diagnosed with Influenza. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Jackson, April [Watkins' friend] - She had a procedure on Friday, April 3 to have several places on her esophagus "banded" for a condition called varices vein esophageal syndrome. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Pillows, Darlene [Watkins' friend] - She goes in to surgery on her back to have several vertebrae fused on Friday, April 24. ^[NEW]

MARCH 29

- ◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - *Praise To GOD!* A scan showed the cancer has NOT moved into her brain! She's been on oral (rather than IV) chemo for close to a month so has a little over 2 more months. ^[01]

- ◇ Bingo [Ronda Spicer's dog] - He's down in his hind legs and unable to move them. Ronda is concerned. ^[01]
- ◇ Bippert, Cheryl [Roger Smoot's cousin] - She fell recently, breaking her arm and hip. In addition, she suffers from Parkinson's. ^[01]
- ◇ Cook, Karen [Pam Flatequal's friend] - She is in need of a hip replacement. Nothing has been scheduled yet. ^[01]
- ◇ Drake, Paul & Lynn [Tom Woodard's friends since Paul & Tom were in preaching school over 50 years ago] - He's been diagnosed with untreatable prostate cancer. His wife Lynn had a stroke about nine years ago and has grown quite feeble over time. In addition, she's nearly blind. ^[01]
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's friend] - He fell while visiting friends in Colorado and broke his left hip and he was just getting over having broken his right hip, also in Colorado. Let us pray for him to ... stay away from that particular part of the country. ^[01]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah - She's been diagnosed with

severe osteoporosis in her spine plus she had a pulmonary function test this past Thursday, March 26. ^[01]

◇ Turner, Sarah Family - The entire family has tested positive for Influenza Type-A. ^[01]

MARCH 22

◇ Dolbeare, Robert [Son of a friend of the Watkins] - Has some severe health issues not the least of which is breathing difficulties. ^[02]

◇ Jackson, Ella [Ronda Spicer's granddaughter] - **Praise To God!** She just got her real driver license (not a permit) ^[02]

◇ Smoots, Roger & Deborah - **Praise To God!** They don't have to pay income tax this year! ^[02]

MARCH 15

◇ Moore, Michael & Michelle [Tom Woodard's son-in-law & daughter] - They've bought some land and are planning to build something in which to live. ^[03]

◇ Renninger, Ruane - She's been experiencing pain all over her body. ^[03]

◇ Stepanovich Family [Tom Woodard's granddaughter Elizabeth] - She delivered a healthy baby girl, **Praise To GOD!**, Thursday, March 12 at 2:06PM, Mila (pronounced MEE-la) Eleanor Stepanovich weighing 8lbs, 11.5oz and "height" of 20.5 inches. ^[03]

MARCH 8

◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] - He's suffering from health issues. ^[04]

◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[04]

◇ Dzierzanowski, Kayla - **Praise to GOD!** She passed her driver test and now has her learner's permit! ^[04]

◇ Flatequal, Pam - She saw her eye doctor and learned she has a small mole behind her eye which seems to be what's causing her problems. She will now see another specialist to determine a plan of action. ^[04]

◇ Keese, Bob & Katheryn [Betty Smith's brother-in-law and sister] - They are both experiencing health issues. Bob recently had surgery to replace a defective pacemaker (he's in his 90's). ^[04]

◇ Watkins, Betsy - She's been experiencing blood pressure issues, mainly too high pressure or very high upper number but low bottom number. ^[04]

MARCH 1

◇ Last Name Unknown, Irene [Billy Strunks friend] - She has several health issues and will undergoing surgery sometime soon. ^[05]

◇ Morgan, Mitzy Family [Pam Flatequal's friend] - Mitzy (55yo) passed into eternity recently. ^[05]

FEBRUARY 15

◇ Dwyer, Meagan [Betty Smith's granddaughter] - She's been experiencing health issues. ^[06]

◇ McMeans, Melanie - She's been experiencing at least one migraine a month. ^[06]

◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] - Her cancer has spread to her liver and has been upgraded from slow growing to fast growing. ^[06]

◇ Smoot, Beth [Smoot's granddaughter] - Her sister who was living in Haiti passed into eternity Tuesday, February 10. She has also started nursing school. ^[06]

◇ Strunk, Billy - He was released feeling a little better after his bout with obstructed bowel. ^[06]

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ONGOING CONCERNS

All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 26TH Week. If Someone Is Moved Off This Ongoing List And You Believe They Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Roy ^[19]; Bradley Family ^[16]; Bridge-water, Larry ^[11]; Brown, Colton family ^[11]; Brown, Diane Family ^[20]; Coombs, Derek ^[10]; Duncan, Roberta ^[16]; Dygart, Harold Family ^[08]; Fintel, Rick ^[17]; Flatequal Family ^[17]; Flores, Carlos ^[17]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[20]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[08]; Lester, Bob ^[20]; McMeans, Wendell ^[13]; Moore, Jennifer ^[12]; Moore, Perry ^[10]; Mr. Lowe ^[15]; Persat, Diana ^[20]; Price, Jennifer ^[14]; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[14]; Schilling, Ina ^[15]; Sims, Linda ^[12]; Smith, Betty ^[20]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[18]; Smoot, Bailey ^[12]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[16]; Smoot, Max ^[09]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[18]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[11]; Spicer, Ronda ^[19]; Street, Cris ^[17]; Vierling, Gene ^[07]; Vierling, Scott ^[19]; Villereal, Douglas Family ^[07]; Walker, Tony Family ^[19]; Watkins, Mitch ^[09]; Weisel, Michelle ^[15]; White, Linda ^[10]

LYTLE FRIENDSHIP ART CLUB ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE



- April 11 | 8:30AM To 2:00PM -
In Front Of The Church House

If You Have Any Items You'd Like To Donate, Please Bring Them In!

See Melanie McMeans For Further Details

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

MATTHEW 28:1-6

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified." ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Abby Brown	Mar 23	Birthday
Phoenix Brown	Apr 10	Birthday
Darrell Ranne	Apr 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	Apr 16	Birthday
Cris Street	Apr 27	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And April 30th And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

----- CHURCH STUFF ----- CHURCH STUFF ----- CHURCH STUFF -----

Generally - 4th Or 5th Sun, Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - *Next Lunch: May 31*
 Every Other Month Approximately 12:00PM - 2:00PM
 Every Thursday Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM - 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly



Sun - Apr 12  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Our Forgiving God* see searchtv.com for local time and channel
 Sun - Apr 19  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Power In The Blood*
 Thu - Apr 23  Area-Wide Singing @ The Hondo CoC @ 6:00PM (for more details - see sign in front hall)
 Sun - Apr 26  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Transforming Grace*

----- NON-CHURCH STUFF ----- NON-CHURCH STUFF ----- NON-CHURCH STUFF -----

Every Tue Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM
 Every 3rd Mon VFW Auxiliary - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 6:30PM
 Sun - Apr 5 Easter & National ¹Deep Dish Pizza And ²Caramel And ³Peeps And ⁴Baked Ham With Pineapple Days
 Mon - Apr 6 National ¹Library And ²Caramel Popcorn And ³Carbonara And ⁴Twinkie And ⁵Fresh Tomatoes Days
 Tue - Apr 7 National ¹No Housework Day And ²Coffee Cake Days
 Wed - Apr 8 National ¹Zoo Lovers And ²Empanada Days
 Thu - Apr 9 Support Teen Literature Day & National ¹Former Prisoner Of War Recognition And ²Chinese Almond Cookie Days
 Fri - Apr 10 National ¹Siblings And ²Bookmobile And ³Cinnamon Crescent Days
 Sat - Apr 11 Barbershop Quartet Day & Day Of Silence & Global Day To End Child Sexual Abuse & National Cheese Fondue Day
 Sun - Apr 12 International Day For Human Spaceflight & National ¹Grilled Cheese And ²Licorice Days

⁴ . . . two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! . . ." - Luke 24:4-6

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD? ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN — Day 99 - 1 Sam 1-3; Luk 12:1-34

MON — Day 100 - 1 Sam 4-6; Luk 12:35-59

TUE — Day 101 - 1 Sam 7-9; Luk 13:1-21

WED — Day 102 - 1 Sam 10-12; Luk 13:22-35

THU — Day 103 - 1 Sam 13-14; Luk 14:1-24

FRI — Day 104 - 1 Sam 15-16; Luk 14:25-35

SAT — Day 105 - 1 Sam 17-18; Luk 15:1-10

Sam = Samuel | Luk = Luke

[Days Listed Are NOT Days Of The Year But Days Of The Plan]

WANT TO BE

Part Of This Local Family Of Christ Jesus?

To be identified with our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Please fill out a Visitor’s Card, making sure to check the box on front that says, “Wish To Serve In This Congregation.” Please place the completed card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

READ ALONG WITH TOM

Sunday	4/5/2026	Resurrection
Monday	4/6/2026	Acts 1
Tuesday	4/7/2026	Acts 2
Wednesday	4/8/2026	Acts 3
Thursday	4/9/2026	Acts 4
Friday	4/10/2026	Acts 5
Saturday	4/11/2026	Acts 6

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Matthew 20:17-19 - ¹⁷ Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, ¹⁸ “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹ and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

Matthew 28:1-3; 5-6 - ¹ Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ... ⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.