



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

March 29, 2026

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SUNSHINE IN MY SOUL –

THE JOY THAT DOESN'T DEPEND ON THE WEATHER

Many of us grew up singing the hymn, “There is sunshine in my soul today.” We're going to sing it today. It's a simple sentence, yet it captures a profound biblical truth: in Christ, we can experience an inner brightness – an internal luminance – that no storm can dim. The world's happiness rises and falls with circumstances, but the joy Jesus gives is steady and enduring. Jesus Himself said, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11).

Scripture teaches that true joy is not something we manufacture; it is something God produces within us as we walk with Him. Paul famously wrote, “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4), and he wrote those words from prison. His circumstances were dark and dreary, but his soul was full of light because Christ was with him. The Bible consistently shows that joy is the natural fruit of a heart anchored in Christ (Galatians 5:22).

This “sunshine in the soul” is not loud or showy – it doesn't razzle and dazzle. It is the quiet confidence that God is faithful (1 Corinthians 1:9). It is the peace that settles in when we cast our cares on Him (1 Peter 5:7).

It is the hope that rises each morning because Christ has risen (1 Peter 1:3). Even when life brings grief or uncertainty, the Christian can say, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” (Psalm 27:1). That is the

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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
- 299 – *There Is Sunshine In My Soul*
- 348 – *Nearer My God To Thee*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 350 – *More Holiness Give Me*
- 369 – *More About Jesus*
- 318 – *There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – *See Right Column For Outline*
- 464 – *More Love To Thee*
- Final Announcements
- 210 – *'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – Grace

2026 FELLOWSHIPS (UPCOMING*)

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)

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

SERMON

• THEY CRUCIFIED THE LORD

• *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

Acts 2:14-24; 1:5-8; John 18:38-19:6; Luke 2:49; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 22:47-53; Luke 23:34; Luke 19:10

• *SERMON OUTLINE*

INTRODUCTION - (1) The Day Of Pentecost (2) Looking Back To The Cross (3) Who Were The Players?

- I. The Man Jesus
 - A. Peter's Main Theme
 - B. The Man Approved Of God
 - C. The Miracle Of God
- II. The Man And His Plan
 - A. The Cross: Not An Afterthought
 - B. The Mission In Prophecy
 - C. The Big Announcement
 - D. Good News For Us
- III. The Meanest Of Men
 - A. Christ, A Common Criminal
 - B. How Bad Was The Beating?
 - C. The Prophecies Fulfilled
 - D. A Man Of Forgiveness

CONCLUSION - (1) Seeking And Saving The Lost (2) Salvation Through Obedience

• *INVITATION*



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kind of joy the world cannot take away (John 16:22).

Our peace and hope is rooted in Jesus Christ – It is a light that never fades.

The peace Christ gives is not the absence of trouble but the presence of assurance. Jesus told His disciples plainly, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33). Our peace is not built on perfect circumstances but on a perfect Savior. When we follow His teachings, seek His will, and trust His promises, we discover a peace that “surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7).

Hope is also part of this inner sunshine. Christians are people of hope – not wishful thinking, but confident expectation grounded in God’s promises. Scripture reminds us that “this hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast” (Hebrews 6:19). Our hope is rooted in the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20–22), in the promise of Christ’s return (Acts 1:11), and in the assurance that He is preparing a place for His people (John 14:1–3). The Church of Christ has always emphasized living with eternity in view, and that perspective

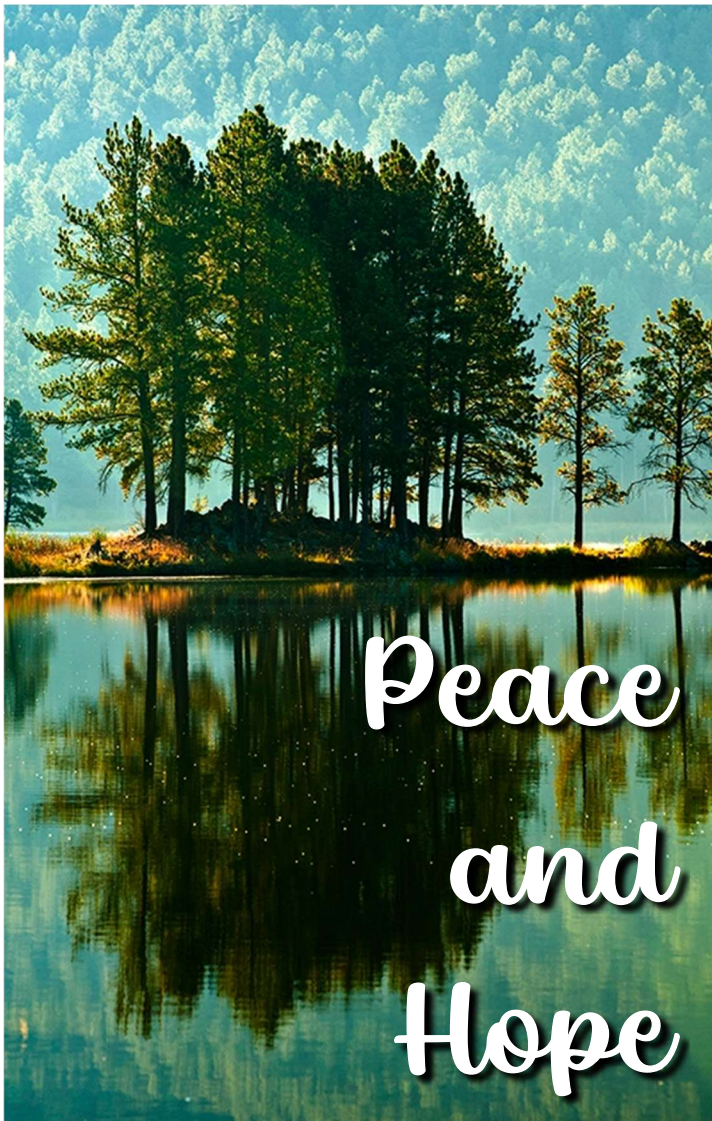
fills the heart with a brightness that daily struggles cannot or at least should not overshadow. We’re told in Colossians 3:1–2: “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.”² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

So, when we speak of “sunshine in my soul,” we are not pretending everything is fine for we all know that everything is often not fine in this old fallen world. What we’re talking about is the real, enduring joy, peace, and hope that come from belonging to Jesus. It is the light of Christ shining within us – guiding us (Psalm 119:105), comforting us (2 Corinthians 1:3–4), and reminding us that no matter what we face,

we are never alone (Hebrews 13:5–6).

Brethren, my hope is that this week finds us walking in that light, carrying Christ’s sunshine into every conversation, every challenge, and every moment! **END**

In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. – John 14:2





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.

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. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Bingo [Ronda Spicer's dog] - He's down in his hind legs and unable to move them. Ronda is concerned. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Bippert, Cheryl [Roger Smoot's cousin] - She fell recently, breaking her arm and hip. In addition, she suffers from Parkinson's. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Cook, Karen [Pam Flatequal's friend] - She is in need of a hip replacement. Nothing has been scheduled yet. ^[NEW]
- ◇ 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. ^[NEW]

- ◇ 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. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah - She's been diagnosed with severe osteoporosis in her spine plus she had a pulmonary function test this past Thursday, March 26. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Turner, Sarah Family - The entire family has tested positive for Influenza Type-A. ^[NEW]

MARCH 22

- ◇ Dolbeare, Robert [Son of a friend of the Watkins] - Has some severe health issues not the least of which is breathing difficulties. ^[01]
- ◇ Jackson, Ella [Ronda Spicer's granddaughter] - *Praise To God!* She just got her real driver license (not a permit) ^[01]

◇ Smoots, Roger & Deborah – *Praise To God!*
They don't have to pay income tax this year!
[01]

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. [02]

◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's been experiencing pain all over her body. [02]

◇ 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. [02]

MARCH 8

◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] – He's suffering from health issues. [03]

◇ Cashion, Corena – Continued concerns due to her cancer. [03]

◇ Dzierzanowski, Kayla – *Praise to GOD!* She passed her driver test and now has her learner's permit! [03]

◇ 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. [03]

◇ 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). [03]

◇ Watkins, Betsy – She's been experiencing

blood pressure issues, mainly too high pressure or very high upper number but low bottom number. [03]

MARCH 1

◇ Last Name Unknown, Irene [Billy Strunks friend] – She has several health issues and will undergo surgery sometime soon. [04]

◇ Morgan, Mitzy Family [Pam Flatequal's friend] – Mitzy (55yo) passed into eternity recently. [04]

FEBRUARY 15

◇ Dwyer, Meagan [Betty Smith's granddaughter] – She's been experiencing health issues. [05]

◇ McMeans, Melanie – She's been experiencing at least one migraine a month. [05]

◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] – Her cancer has spread to her liver and has been upgraded from slow growing to fast growing. [05]

◇ Smoot, Beth [Smoot's granddaughter] – Her sister who was living in Haiti passed into eternity Tuesday, February 10. She has also started nursing school. [05]

◇ Strunk, Billy – He was released feeling a little better after his bout with obstructed bowel. [05]

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.

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⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

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Alderman, Roy ^[18]; Bradley Family ^[15]; Bridge-water, Larry ^[10]; Brown, Colton family ^[10]; Brown, Diane Family ^[19]; Coombs, Derek ^[09]; Duncan, Roberta ^[15]; Dygert, Harold Family ^[07]; Fintel, Rick ^[16]; Flatequal Family ^[16]; Flores, Carlos ^[16]; Gingerella, Ed ^[20]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[19]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[07]; Lassen, Peter ^[20]; Lester, Bob ^[19]; Ashley Family ^[20]; McMeans, Wendell ^[12]; Moore, Jennifer ^[11]; Moore, Perry ^[09]; Mr. Lowe ^[14]; Persat, Diana ^[19]; Price, Jennifer ^[13]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[20]; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[13]; Schilling, Ina ^[14]; Sims, Linda ^[11]; Smith, Betty ^[19]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[17]; Smoot, Bailey ^[11]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[15]; Smoot, Max ^[08]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[17]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[10]; Spicer, Ronda ^[18]; Street, Cris ^[16]; Vierling, Gene ^[06]; Vierling, Scott ^[18]; Villereal, Douglas Family ^[06]; Walker, Tony Family ^[18]; Watkins, Mitch ^[08]; Weisel, Michelle ^[14]; White, Linda ^[09]

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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

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

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CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Statements Ending 12/31/2025

CHURCH CHECKING

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3,082.25
5 Credits:	\$ 7,275.00
14 Debits:	\$ 3,504.14
Ending Balance:	\$ 6,853.11

CHURCH SAVINGS

Beginning Balance:	\$29,747.27
Interest Earned:	\$ 5.07
0 Credits:	\$ 0.00
0 Debits:	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance:	\$29,863.34

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 - 4 th Or 5 th Sun, Every Other Month Every Thursday	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately 12:00PM - 2:00PM	<i>Next Lunch:</i> <i>May 31</i>	
	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 5	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Jesus Saves Sinners</i>	see searchtv.com for local time and channel
Sun - Apr 12	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Our Forgiving God</i>	
Sun - Apr 23	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Power In The Blood</i>	
Thu - Apr 23	Area-Wide Singing @ The Hondo CoC @ 6:00PM (for more details - see sign in front hall)	

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

Every Tue	Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM
Every 3 rd Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 6:30PM
Sun - Mar 29	National Mom & Pop Business Owners And National Vietnam War Veterans Day
Mon - Mar 30	World Bipolar Awareness Day & Take A Walk In The Park Day & National Spicy Fried Chicken Day
Tue - Mar 31	Crayola Crayon Day & National ¹ Farm Workers Day And ² Tator Days
Wed - Apr 1	April Fools' Day & 72 nd Birthday Of The Air Force Academy & Reading Is Fun Day & National Sourdough Bread Day
Thu - Apr 2	World Autism Awareness Day & National ¹ Peanut Butter And Jelly Day And ² Burrito Days
Fri - Apr 3	National ¹ Find A Rainbow And ² Chocolate Mousse Days
Sat - Apr 4	International Carrot Day & National ¹ Cordon Bleu And ² Sweet Potato And ³ Ramen Noodle Days
Sun - Apr 5	Easter & National ¹ Deep Dish Pizza And ² Caramel And ³ Peeps And ⁴ Baked Ham With Pineapple Days



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- Psalm 119:105

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 92 - Jud 8-9; Luk 8:22-56

MON — Day 93 - Jud 10-11; Luk 9:1-36

TUE — Day 94 - Jud 12-14; Luk 9:37-62

WED — Day 95 - Jud 15-17; Luk 10:1-24

THU — Day 96 - Jud 18-19; Luk 10:25-42

FRI — Day 97 - Jud 20-21; Luk 11:1-28

SAT — Day 98 - Rth 1-4; Luk 11:29-54

Jud = Judges | Rut = Ruth | 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	3/29/2026	} SEE TOM'S HANDOUT
Monday	3/30/2026	
Tuesday	3/31/2026	
Wednesday	4/1/2026	
Thursday	4/2/2026	
Friday	4/3/2026	
Saturday	4/5/2026	



MEMORIZE Scripture —

Scripture Verses

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

1 Peter 5:6-7 - ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Hebrews 13:5-6 - Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”