



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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A BIT O'HISTORY - THE MACEDONIAN CALL

This Sunday morning, we will sing/have sung "Send the Light" by Charles H. Gabriel. In the second verse, it says, "We have heard the Macedonian call today: Send the light! Send the light!" Ever wonder what exactly is the "Macedonian call?"

Well, the term "Macedonian Call" refers to the God-given vision that directed the route Paul took on his second missionary journey (Acts 15:39-18:22). Paul's plan was to visit and strengthen the churches he had planted in the Asian province of Galatia during his first journey. After that he hoped to take the gospel to unchurched regions. Paul and his companions, Silas and Timothy, had plans to head directly west, but they were "kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia" (Acts 16:6-8).

While it isn't known exactly what caused Paul and his team to shift their plans, somehow the Spirit made it plain to them that they were not to go to the southwest portion of Asia Minor. They next tried heading north to Bithynia, located along the southern coast of the Black Sea, but, again, "the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to" (Acts 16:6-7). So, the missionaries skirted the region of Mysia and came to the seaport city of Troas.

It's evident that these early missionaries were sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit; the route they took relied heavily on the direction of the Spirit and on prayer. Had they followed their original plans, their work would have been confined to Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). But, as the Spirit closed doors, the missionaries

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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 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
227 – We Have Heard The Joyful Sound
55 – Again, The Lord Of Light And Life
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
217 – Send The Light
- Offertory Prayer
303 – Heavenly Sunlight
174 – The Lord's Supper
Lord's Supper
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline
300 – Sunlight
- Final Announcements
250 – Let The Lower Lights Be Burning
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – Faith – Part Two

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

• THE PREACHER'S OBSERVATIONS – PT 2

• SERMON SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiastes 5:1-6:12; 1Samuel 3:9-10; Acts 17:11;
Luke 6:46; Judges 11:30-35; Mark 6:23-26;
John 1:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:10

• SERMON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION - (1) "Under The Sun" Is Vanity? (2) Review Chapters 3 And 4 (3) Wisdom For Living "Under The Sun" (4) Chapters 5 And 6, More Wisdom "Under The Sun"

- I. Counsel Regarding Worship
 - A. Proper Worship Is Important
 - B. How To Worship God
- II. Comfort Regarding Oppression
 - A. Oppression Occurs
 - B. Do Not Marvel
- III. Caution Regarding Riches
 - A. Riches Are Vanity
 - B. The Preacher On Riches

CONCLUSION - (1) Questions To Ask (2) The Answers Are By Turning To God

• INVITATION



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 continued to seek direction for their journey.

After being redirected twice, Paul was at a standstill in Troas, on the eastern coast of the Aegean Sea. There Paul received the Macedonian Call: “During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and beg-

aries. Some believe that Luke was the “man of Macedonia” that Paul had previously seen in his dream and that, once Paul met him, he knew beyond a doubt that he was to accompany Luke on a western voyage; but this is speculation.

What we do know is that Paul obeyed the vision. If the Macedonians needed help, then



ging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us’” (Acts 16:9). This vision was the clear direction they needed. “After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them” (Acts 16:10).

An interesting change of perspective occurs between Acts 16:8 and Acts 16:10. In verse 8 the narrative is written in the third person (“they”). But in verse 10, the first person (“we”) is used – the narrator includes himself in the action. From this we can deduce that Luke, the author of Acts, met Paul in Troas and joined the company of mission-

they would go to Macedonia (the northern and central parts of modern-day Greece). The Macedonian Call resulted in Paul and his companions’ sailing from Troas to Neapolis, stopping for the night on the island of Samothrace. From Neapolis, they continued on to the Roman colony of Philippi, the leading city of that district of Macedonia (Acts 16:11-12). This area is still known as the gateway to Europe. Up to that point in history, the gospel had been limited to Asia, and many historians credit Paul’s heeding the Macedonian Call with the spread of Christianity into Eu-

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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 Sickneses
- 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 22

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

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

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

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. ^[01]

◇ Renninger, Ruane - She's been experiencing

pain all over her body. ^[01]

◇ 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. ^[01]

◇ Vierling, Carlene - She's caught Carol's head-cold. ^[01]

◇ Vierling, Carol - She's feeling better after battling a head cold. ^[01]

MARCH 8

◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - She's been on oral (rather than IV) chemo for close to a month so has a little over 2 more months. ^[02]

◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] - He's suffering from health issues. ^[02]

◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[02]

◇ Dzierzanowski, Kayla - ***Praise to GOD!*** She passed her driver test and now has her learner's permit! ^[02]

◇ 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. ^[02]

◇ 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). ^[02]

◇ Watkins, Betsy – She’s been experiencing blood pressure issues, mainly too high pressure or very high upper number but low bottom number. ^[02]

MARCH 1

◇ Last Name Unknown, Irene [Billy Strunks friend] – She has several health issues and will undergoing surgery sometime soon. ^[03]

◇ Morgan, Mitzy Family [Pam Flatequal’s friend] – Mitzy (55yo) passed into eternity recently. ^[03]

FEBRUARY 15

◇ Dwyer, Meagan [Betty Smith’s grand-daughter] – She’s been experiencing health issues. ^[04]

◇ McMeans, Melanie – She’s been experiencing at least one migraine a month. ^[04]

◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans’ sister-in-law] – Her cancer has spread to her liver and has been upgraded from slow growing to fast growing. ^[04]

◇ Smoot, Beth [Smoot’s granddaughter] – Her sister who was living in Haiti passed into eternity Tuesday, February 10. She has also started nursing school. ^[04]

◇ Strunk, Billy – He was released feeling a little better after his bout with obstructed bowel. ^[04]

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, Kelly ^[20]; Alderman, Roy ^[17]; Andrews, Dale ^[21]; Bradley Family ^[14]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[09]; Brown, Colton family ^[09]; Brown, Diane Family ^[18]; Coombs, Derek ^[08]; Duncan, Roberta ^[14]; Dygert, Harold Family ^[06]; Fintel, Rick ^[15]; Flatequal Family ^[15]; Flores, Carlos ^[15]; Gabehart, Tom ^[21]; Gingerella, Ed ^[19]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[18]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[06]; Lassen, Peter ^[19]; Lester, Bob ^[18]; Ashley Family ^[19]; McMeans, Wendell ^[11]; Moore, Jennifer ^[10]; Moore, Perry ^[08]; Mr. Lowe ^[13]; Persat, Diana ^[18]; Price, Jennifer ^[12]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[19]; Renninger, Ruane’s granddaughter-in-law ^[12]; Schilling, Gene ^[20]; Schilling, Ina ^[13]; Sims, Linda ^[10]; Smith, Betty ^[18]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[16]; Smoot, Bailey ^[10]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[14]; Smoot, Max ^[07]; Smoot, Roger ^[21]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[16]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[09]; Spicer, Ronda ^[17]; Street, Cris ^[15]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[20]; Vierling, Gene ^[05]; Vierling, Scott ^[17]; Villereal, Douglas Family ^[05]; Walker, Tony Family ^[17]; Watkins, Mitch ^[07]; Weisel, Michelle ^[13]; White, Linda ^[08]

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⁶ And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7



ADDITIONAL PEOPLE & SITUATIONS For Which To Pray :

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rope and the Western world.

Much happened in Macedonia: Lydia's conversion (Acts 16:14-15), the deliverance of a fortune-telling slave girl (Acts 16:16-18), Paul and Silas' imprisonment in Philippi (Acts 16:16-28), the conversion of the jailer and his household (Acts 16:29-34), and Paul's preaching in the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:16-34).

Paul planted several churches in response to the Macedonian Call. Local bodies of believers were established in Philippi (Acts 16:40) and Thessalonica (Acts 17:4) in Macedonia, and in Corinth in nearby Achaia (Acts 18:1-11). These churches were important in the growth of the early church and enjoyed a long-term relationship with the apostles. As a matter of fact, five of the New Testament Epistles were written to these three churches.

What we do know is that the history of the church - and of the world - forever changed because of the God-given dream known as the Macedonian Call. **END**

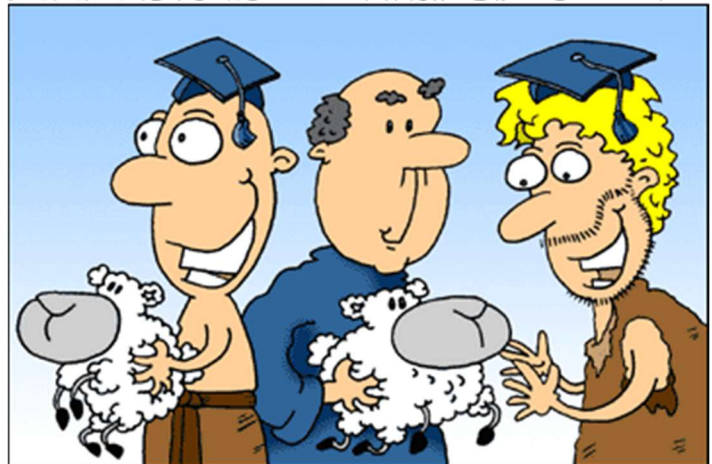
SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ACTS 20:24

But I do not *account* my *life* of any *value* nor as *precious* to *myself*, if *only* I may *finish* my *course* and the *ministry* that I *received* from the *Lord Jesus*, to *testify* to the *gospel* of the *grace* of *God*.

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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	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - 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 - Mar 22 In Search Of The Lord's Way - *The Church Matters*

Sun - Mar 29  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Things Jesus Didn't Say*

Sun - Apr 5 In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Jesus Saves Sinners*

Sun - Apr 12 In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Our Forgiving God*

Thu - Apr 23 Area-Wide Singing @ The Hondo CoC @ 6:00PM (for more details - see sign in front hall)

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for local time
and channel

----- 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 - Mar 22 Daffodil Day & Bavarian Crepes Day & Talk Like ¹William Shatner And/Or ²William Shakespeare Days

Mon - Mar 23 Chips & Dips Day & National Tamale Day

Tue - Mar 24 World Tuberculosis Awareness Day & National ¹Cheesecake And ²Chocolate Raisin Days

Wed - Mar 25 American Diabetes Alert Day & International Waffle Day

Thu - Mar 26 American Red Cross Giving Day & National Spinach Day & Whole Grain Sampling Day

Fri - Mar 27 Major League Baseball Opening Day & National Spanish Paella Day

Sat - Mar 28 National ¹Black Forest Cake And ²Something On A Stick Days

Sun - Mar 29 National Mom & Pop Business Owners And National Vietnam War Veterans Day

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."
- Matthew 9:37-38

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 85 - Jos 16-18; Luk 5:1-16

MON — Day 86 - Jos 19-20; Luk 5:17-39

TUE — Day 87 - Jos 21-22; Luk 6:1-26

WED — Day 88 - Jos 23-24; Luk 6:27-49

THU — Day 89 - Jud 1-2; Luk 7:1-30

FRI — Day 90 - Jud 3-5; Luk 7:31-50

SAT — Day 91 - Jud 6-7; Luk 8:1-21

Jos = Joshua | 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	3/22/2026	Genesis 50
Monday	3/23/2026	TBA
Tuesday	3/24/2026	TBA
Wednesday	3/25/2026	TBA
Thursday	3/26/2026	TBA
Friday	3/27/2026	TBA
Saturday	3/28/2026	TBA



MEMORIZE Scripture —

Scripture Verses

Isaiah 6:8 - ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Luke 4:8 - ⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

Acts 1:8 - ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 5:42 - ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.