



# Lytle Light

You Are The Light Of  
The World.

– Matthew 5:14a

Believers are  
appointed to be a  
lighthouse to others;  
a cheering lamp,  
a shining star,  
a loving guide.

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## bulletin of the CHURCH of CHRIST in Lytle, Texas

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

12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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### INDIFFERENCE – A DEVILISH PLAN – PART ONE

The problems facing the body of Christ are many and varied as the devil opposes us with persecutions, false doctrines, and all kinds of fleshly temptations. But one of his most successful devices is apathy – an attitude of indifference which afflicts Christians and eats away their zeal like a cancer. It is highly contagious and, if unchecked, can be fatal to the souls of men and women. Sadly, in far too many areas, it has now reached epidemic proportions.

The word “apathy” itself is an interesting word, coming from the Greek “apatheia” (ἀπάθεια) which means “impassibility” or “freedom from emotion” or “without feeling.” It is formed from the word “a” (ἀ) meaning “without” or “not” and the word “pathos” (πάθος) meaning “anything that befalls one, emotion, passion or suffering.” In stoic philosophy from ancient Greece, this was a desirable state of equanimity where one was not disturbed by external events or passions. In the 16th and 17th century the word came to mean either “freedom from suffering” or “passionless existence.” It wasn’t until about 1733 that the definition shifted to mean the more negative “indolence of mind” meaning an indifference to matters that should excite a person. So, apathy means without feeling; no passion; without fervent spirit. The simple meaning is well expressed by the phrase “who cares”?

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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
- 99 – *Praise Him! Praise Him!*
- 298 – *There Stands A Rock*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 311 – *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*
- 458 – *Rock Of Ages*
- Offertory Prayer
- Not In Song Book – *Come, Share The Lord*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline
- 324 – *Shelter In The Time Of Storm*
- Final Announcements
- Not In Song Book – *Hiding In Thee*
- Closing Prayer

<sup>41</sup> Who provides food for the raven, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food? – Job 38:41

## SERMON

### CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD OTHER CHRISTIANS

#### • SERMON SCRIPTURES

Matthew 25:31-40; John 13:1-16; Matthew 7:12; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 3; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Timothy 4:12; Matthew 7:1-3; Mark 11:25; Galatians 6:1

#### • SERMON OUTLINE

*INTRODUCTION* - (1) We Must Help Others (2) Christian Equals Christ-Like (3) It Is Not All About Me

#### I. Responsibility To Other Christians

- A. Love Serving Christians
- B. The Golden Rule
- C. Build Through Worship
- D. Promote Their Happiness
- E. Troublesome Times

#### II. Miscellaneous Duties To All

- A. Consistent Love
- B. Produce A Good Example
- C. Handling Imperfections
- D. Heart Of Forgiveness
- E. Restoring The Fallen

*CONCLUSION* - (1) Christians Do Not Live In A Vacuum (2) Our Lives Affect Many (3) Make It The Best You Can

#### • INVITATION



# WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – REDEMPTION PART ONE

## 2026 FELLOWSHIPS\*

### • MARCH 7 – Saturday – Picnic On The Grounds

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – Potluck (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – Thanksgiving Meal
- DECEMBER 27 – New Years “Eve”

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

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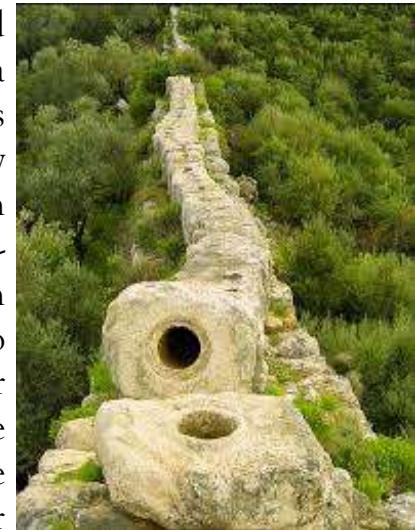
I do not believe the Lord is pleased with apathy. As a matter of fact, Christ had rather we were hot or cold rather than existing in that nauseating middle of being lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-17). Indifference was the problem with the church in Laodicea. To that

  
dead congregation, Jesus said, “I know your works, that you are neither cold or hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth” (Revelation 3:15-16). How many churches of Christ are in that same condition today?

But before we go further, I’d like to address Christ’s statement that he wishes the Laodiceans were hot or cold. I’ve always understood that hot means for God and that cold was against God. I always wondered why Jesus would rather any congregation be cold, as in against his Father. Since, I’ve found that, based on the original Greek, the terms translated as “hot” and “cold” were two distinct, useful and positive states of service.

The metaphor used by John may actually hinge on the water supply in the Lycus Valley where Laodicea was located.

Nearby Hierapolis was known for its hot, mineral-rich springs which were used for therapeutic healing and bathing. This means that “hot” could very well mean a “on fire,” zealous and spiritually active Christian who brings healing, restoration and vitality to others. Also near Laodicea was the town Colossae was famous for its cold, pure mountain water, which was refreshing to drink, particularly in the hot climate. “Cold” then could represent a “refreshing” and effective service to the Kingdom, providing spiritual sustenance, comfort and nourishment. Laodicea did not have its own water supply; water was brought in via aqueducts which resulted in the water arriving lukewarm – neither hot enough to heal nor cold enough to refresh, but tepid, mineral-laden and distasteful. Lukewarm then would represent a complacent, self-sufficient and ineffective congregation; one that had lost its “usefulness” to the Kingdom. Therefore, Jesus states that he would rather have the Loadiceans be “hot” (healing) or “cold” (refreshing) instead of “lukewarm” (useless). **CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**





# Father, Please Hear Our Prayer

## CURRENT 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 Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries
- Additional People/Situations For Which To Pray :

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

## JANUARY 25

- ◊ Coombs, Derek [Sarah Turner's 16-year-old cousin] - He's had swelling behind his eye and seizures. He's been in the hospital and has had surgery. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Moore, Perry [Melanie McMeans' brother] - He was sent home with home health care Monday, January 5, after his time in the hospital due to stroke. He's waiting for PT to begin. He's been trying to use a traditional rollator but with one hand not functioning he's had difficulty controlling the walking aide and has actually fallen a few times. He's going to see about a different rollator. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Smoot, Max [Roger Smoot's cousin] - He is scheduled for heart surgery Friday, January 30 because his pace maker isn't functioning as it should. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - He was scheduled to see a couple of doctors this past week - his cardiologist (no new news as of this printing) and his gastroenterologist where he's been diagnosed with Esophagogastric Junction (EGJ). <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Strunk, Billy - He will be admitted to the hospital on Thursday, January 29 for pre-op tests and will undergo a heart procedure to determine why he's often unstable and passes out from time-to-time on Friday, January 30. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Vierling, Gene - He saw his doctor concerning his back pain on Monday, January 19. His doctor referred him to a

neurosurgeon. He has a CAT-Scan on Wednesday, February 4. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

◊ Villereal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] - Doug (71) has lost a great deal of weight and is very weak due to the chemotherapy treatments for his stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasized to several some of his bones. In addition he fell and broke his right hip for which he had surgery. He's been receiving radiation on his left hip. The hospital will not discharge him until he's able to walk. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

◊ Watkins, Mitch - He's now been diagnosed with to mid-line hernias which will require surgery to correct. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

## JANUARY 18

◊ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - She was discharged from the hospital and before she commences her chemo for 3 months. She was to see her oncologist Tuesday, January 20 and was to have a biopsy Friday, January 23. <sup>[01]</sup>

◊ PT Completed - Ronda Spicer & Carlene Vierling have finished, ***Praise To GOD!*** <sup>[01]</sup>

◊ Renninger, Ruane - She had several tests to clear her for a back surgery she's scheduled to have on February 4 - she passed all of them but will probably have a few more before the surgery. <sup>[01]</sup>

◊ Smoot, Deborah - She's been having some bad days with excessive coughing and sinus drainage. <sup>[01]</sup>

◊ Woodard, Pat - She's finally feeling better after her bout with "punying." <sup>[01]</sup>

## JANUARY 11

◊ Bridgewater, Larry [Watkins' brother-in-law] - He's still dealing with the aftermath of the amputation of his left leg at just below the knee. <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Brown Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix & Atraes)

- Prayers <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Sims, Linda [Pam Flatequal's friend] - She is having health issues - low count of red blood cells and pain. Doctors will perform a bone marrow test to help determine cause. <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Smoot, Bailey [Smoot's granddaughter] - She was headed back to Kono, Hawaii to regroup with her missionary team, then on to South Africa where she will be a team lead this go around. <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ White, Linda [Melanie McMeans' sister] - ***Praise To GOD!***, she will not have to have her gall bladder removed and she doesn't have pneumonia as suspected. She has had severe vertigo which doctors suspect is caused by the ear infection. <sup>[02]</sup>

## JANUARY 4

◊ Last Name Unknown, Missy [Pam Flatequal's friend] - Besides her brain cancer having recurred, she had to be hospitalized with fluid on her brain. <sup>[03]</sup>

◊ Moore, Jennifer [Melanie McMeans' niece] - She is with child but it could be a risky pregnancy because she lost her last baby to a miscarriage. <sup>[03]</sup>

◊ Sparks, Lane & Ashley [Tom's grandson and granddaughter-in-law] - Ashley is pregnant with what will be Tom Woodard's 15<sup>th</sup> great grandchild! She had issues during her last pregnancy so we're praying for a noneventful gestation. <sup>[03]</sup>

## ONGOING CONCERNs

*All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier*

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But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 <sup>[12]</sup>; Alderman, Roy <sup>[09]</sup>; Andrews, Dale <sup>[13]</sup>; Balderrama, Matthew <sup>[06]</sup>; Bradley Family <sup>[07]</sup>; Brown, Diane Family <sup>[11]</sup>; Brown, Jane <sup>[18]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[15]</sup>; Carter, Emily Family <sup>[05]</sup>; Cashion, Corina <sup>[13]</sup>; Clendenning, Carol <sup>[19]</sup>; Coughran, Brett <sup>[18]</sup>; Duncan, Roberta <sup>[06]</sup>; Fintel, Rick <sup>[07]</sup>; Flatequal Family <sup>[07]</sup>; Flores, Carlos <sup>[07]</sup>; Gabehart, Tom <sup>[13]</sup>; Garay, Mary <sup>[16]</sup>; Gardner, Jim <sup>[20]</sup>; Gingerella, Ed <sup>[11]</sup>; Gonzalez, Joel <sup>[11]</sup>; Jackson, April <sup>[18]</sup>; Keese, Robert <sup>[18]</sup>; Lassen, Peter <sup>[12]</sup>; Lester, Bob <sup>[11]</sup>; Ashley Family <sup>[12]</sup>; McMeans, Wendell <sup>[04]</sup>; Moore, Michael <sup>[18]</sup>; Moore, Sherry <sup>[06]</sup>; Mr. Lowe <sup>[06]</sup>; Persat, Diana <sup>[11]</sup>; Price, Jennifer <sup>[05]</sup>; Rasmussen, Linda <sup>[12]</sup>; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law <sup>[05]</sup>; Schilling, Gene <sup>[13]</sup>; Schilling, Ina <sup>[05]</sup>; Sisters of Oliver Flores <sup>[18]</sup>; Smith, Betty <sup>[11]</sup>; Smith, Jimmie (JD) <sup>[08]</sup>; Smoot, Bailey <sup>[13]</sup>; Smoot, Cody & Emily <sup>[07]</sup>; Smoot, Roger <sup>[15]</sup>; Smoot, Tiffany <sup>[10]</sup>; Spicer, Ronda <sup>[11]</sup>; Street, Cris <sup>[09]</sup>; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn <sup>[14]</sup>; Vierling, Gene <sup>[15]</sup>; Vierling, Scott <sup>[11]</sup>; Walker, Tony Family <sup>[11]</sup>; Weisel, Michelle <sup>[07]</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

— Luke 12:24



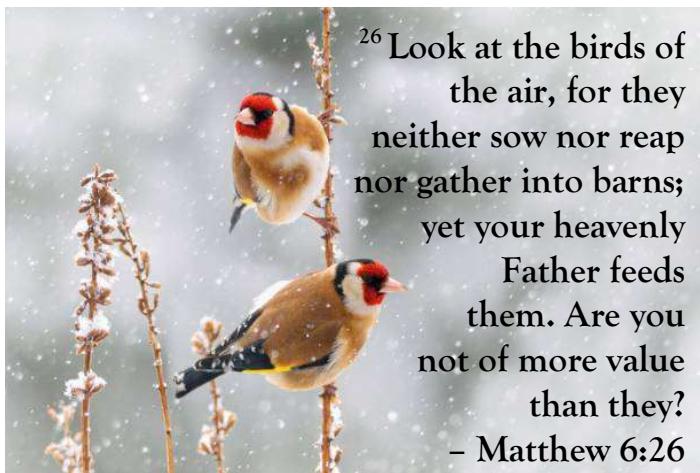
## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ZEPHANIAH 1:12-13

<sup>12</sup> “And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil.’ <sup>13</sup> Therefore their goods shall become booty, and their houses a desolation; they shall build houses, but not inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine.”

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<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?  
— Matthew 6:26



# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Dan Orr	Jan 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	Jan 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	Jan 30	Birthday
Rick Fintel	Feb 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	Feb 22	Anniversary
Pam Flatequal	Feb 22	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And February 28<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Or 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun, Every Other Sun	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately Noon To Two	
Every Thursday	Sewing Sisters (ALL Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From Noon To 2 For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly	
Sun - Jan 18	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>How Jesus Endured</i>	
Sun - Jan 25	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Do Not Grow Weary</i>	
Sun - Feb 1	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>You Can Trust Scripture</i>	
Sun - Feb 8	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>God Is Faithful</i>	
----- 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 <sup>RD</sup> Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM	
Sun - Jan 25	National <sup>1</sup> Fish Taco And <sup>2</sup> Irish Coffee Days & A Room Of One's Own Day & Observe The Weather Day	
Mon - Jan 26	National <sup>1</sup> Green Juice And <sup>2</sup> Peanut Brittle And <sup>3</sup> Spouse's Days	
Tue - Jan 27	Auschwitz Liberation Day & International Holocaust Remembrance Day & Vietnam Peace Day & Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day & National Chocolate Cake Day	
Wed - Jan 28	Global Community Engagement Day & National <sup>1</sup> Kazoo And <sup>2</sup> LEGO And <sup>3</sup> Pediatrician Appreciation And <sup>4</sup> Blueberry Pancake Days	
Thu - Jan 29	National <sup>1</sup> Carnation And <sup>2</sup> Puzzle And <sup>3</sup> Corn Chip Days	
Fri - Jan 30	School Day Of Non-Violence & Peace & National Croissant Day	
Sat - Jan 31	Inspire Your Heart With The Arts Day & National Hot Chocolate Day	
Sun - Feb 1	GI Joe Day & National <sup>1</sup> Baked Alaska And <sup>2</sup> Ice Cream For Breakfast And <sup>3</sup> Texas (Not Texas Independence) And <sup>4</sup> Freedom Days & Take Your Child To The Library Day	

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## 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](http://video.wvbs.org/spotlight)

### DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



## OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New  
Testaments

**SUN** — Day 29 - Exo 19-21; Mat 20:1-16

**MON** — Day 30 - Exo 22-24; Mat 20:17-34

**TUE** — Day 31 - Exo 25-26; Mat 21:1-22

**WED** — Day 32 - Exo 27-28; Mat 21:23-46

**THU** — Day 33 - Exo 29-30; Mat 22:1-22

**FRI** — Day 34 - Exo 31-33; Mat 22:23-46

**SAT** — Day 35 - Exo 34-36; Mat 23:1-22

Exo = Exodus | Mat = Matthew

## 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.

## TOM'S DAILY Bible Reading

Sunday	01/25/26	Matthew 22
Monday	01/26/26	Matthew 23
Tuesday	01/27/26	Matthew 24
Wednesday	01/28/26	Matthew 25
Thursday	01/29/26	Matthew 26
Friday	01/30/26	Matthew 27
Saturday	01/31/26	Matthew 28

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### Scripture Verses

**Matthew 5:16** — <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Romans 12:10-11** — <sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

**Galatians 2:20** — <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**1 Peter 2:9** — <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**1 Peter 4:10** — <sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.