



# The Lytle Light

## You Are The Light Of The World.

– Matthew 5:14a [NKJV]

Believers are appointed to be a lighthouse 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 (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

**Wednesday Schedule:** 4PM – Bible Study

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## PATIENCE

Patience is a virtue that is often tested in our daily lives. Whether it be waiting in line at the grocery store, dealing with difficult coworkers, or facing challenging circumstances, patience is a quality that is essential for our growth as individuals. In the Bible, God frequently calls on us to practice patience in various situations.

The first verse that comes to mind is found in James 5:7-8, which says, “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.” Just as a farmer must wait patiently for the harvest, we also must wait for the fulfillment of God’s promises in our lives. It can be easy to become discouraged or impatient when we don’t see immediate results, but God calls on us to trust in

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# 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!

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 (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) 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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship •
- Announcements •
- Scripture Reading •
- Opening Prayer •

664 – O, Come, All Ye Faithful  
Not In Book – O Holy Night!

- Minister's Intercessory Prayer •

Song 39 – Be Not Dismayed What'er Betide  
Psalm 19 [Sung To Tune: Faith Of Our Fathers]  
Not In Book – Come, Share The Lord



- Lord's Supper •

Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •

187 – In Heavenly Love Abiding

- Final Announcements •

429 – God Be With You

- Closing Prayer •

• Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •



## SERMON

### – THE PREACHER'S SEARCH FOR MEANING PART 1 –

#### • SERMON SCRIPTURES •

Ecclesiastes 1:4-18; 1 Kings 3:9-12; 4:29-34;  
James 1:5; Proverbs 2:1-9; Proverbs 3:13-18;  
1 Corinthians 1:31

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

*INTRODUCTION* - (1) Questions We Ask (2) What Our First Lesson Saw (3) Solomonic Conclusion: Futility

- I. In The Cycles Of Life
  - A. Nothing Seems To Change
  - B. Nothing Seems To Satisfy
  - C. Nothing Is New Under The Sun
- II. Human Wisdom
  - A. Solomon's Search
  - B. God-Given Wisdom
  - C. Conclusion About Human Wisdom

*CONCLUSION* - (1) Solomon Began With Wisdom (2) All Wisdom Is Not Harmful (3) Exercise Caution With "Human Wisdom"

#### • INVITATION •

## WED NIGHT STUDY

4 PM In Fellowship Room (Rear Doors)  
— Topic: JOSEPH —

## 2025 FELLOWSHIPS

- DECEMBER 28 – "NEW YEARS EVE" FELLOWSHIP WITH GAMES!

## 2026 FELLOWSHIPS\*

- MARCH 8 – 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"

\* Other Dates May Be Added As Our Ladies decide to do so.

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His timing and remain committed in our faith.

Another verse that shows the importance of patience is Romans 12:12, “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” This verse emphasizes the need for patience, especially during times of trial and difficulty. It can be very hard to remain patient going through hardships and obstacles, but God reminds us to hold onto hope, remain firm in our faith, and trust that He will see us through. By doing this, we grow stronger in our faith and develop a deeper reliance on God’s guidance.

Lastly, Philippians 4:6-7 encourages us to “be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and

supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” What a powerful reminder when we feel anxious or impatient, we can turn to God in prayer and trust that He will provide us with the peace and comfort that we need. By surrendering our worries and concerns to God and seeking His guidance, we can develop a spirit of patience.

When God asks for patience, He’s inviting us to trust in His timing, remain firm in our faith, and seek His guidance in all circumstances. By practicing patience in our daily lives, we can grow closer to God, deepen our faith, and experience His peace and comfort during trials and life’s storms. **END**



## MORE ON PATIENCE

Dictionary.com defines patience as “an ability or willingness to suppress restlessness or annoyance when confronted with delay.” A wise individual once said, “Patience is not the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.” When I came across this quote this past week, a few thoughts came to mind on how this definition applies to our individual relationship with God. My initial thoughts go to the incredible amount of patience our Lord shows with us through all of our flaws and shortcomings. 1 Peter 2:20 says, “<sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.” This scripture reminds us that no matter what we go through, how we handle it, is pretty important to our Lord. How about it? Are we practicing Godly patience in our lives?

James 1:2-4 states, “<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect[mature] and complete, lacking nothing. “ There is no doubt that we all face tests daily. But the more we can live by the definition of patience and God’s example, the stronger our relationship with him can become.

When things don’t happen on our time or the way we envision, how do we react? Psalm 37:7-8 reads, “<sup>7</sup> Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. <sup>8</sup> Cease from anger, and

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# 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 Sickneses
- 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.

## NOVEMBER 30

- ◊ Fintel, Rick - He fell off his porch, landing on his hip and shoulder. ***Praise To GOD!*** nothing was broken but he may have torn something in his shoulder.
- ◊ Flores, Carlos [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] He was to undergo surgery on Sunday, November 23 but doctors decided to perform a scope instead which is to be scheduled in December. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Smoot, Cody & Emily [Smoot's grandson & granddaughter-in-law] - We welcome Madelyn (Maddie) Joy Smoot born November 16. Baby girl weighed 6 lb, 13 oz and was 20". <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - His endoscopy on Friday, November 21 revealed nothing glaringly wrong. More tests to follow. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Strunk, Billy - ***Praise To GOD!*** He's gotten over his cold (for the most part). <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Watkins, Mitchell - He's been diagnosed with a medium-growing prostate cancer which, ***Praise To GOD!*** can be monitored for the next five to seven years if he wishes to go that route but he's considering a CyberKnife (pinpoint radiation) procedure. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◊ Wiesel, Michelle [Homeless] - Pam Flatequal and Deborah Smoot saw her out and about recently. Prayers for her and her situation. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

## NOVEMBER 23

- ◊ Renninger, Ruane - Ruane has not been

feeling all the well lately. Plus, she still has concerns for the health of her canine companion. <sup>[01]</sup>

◊ Vierling, Gene - **Praise To GOD!** Gene's PET scan came back clear and cancer free! <sup>[01]</sup>

## NOVEMBER 16

◊ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] - He had surgery Wednesday, October 29 to remove a melanoma from his elbow. **Praise To GOD!** the surgery went well and the biopsies came back negative!!! <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Street, Cris - She continues to feel poorly off and on and has been over the last few weeks. <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Vierling, Carlene - She had a second fall in as many weeks but **Praise To GOD!** she's incurred no serious injury. <sup>[02]</sup>

## NOVEMBER 9

◊ Smoot, Tiffany [Smoots' daughter] - She's been diagnosed with a hiatal hernia. Doctors took biopsy(s) of her esophagus and duodenum to determine if there is any damage. She expects the test results in about two weeks. <sup>[03]</sup>

## NOVEMBER 2

◊ Gingerella, Ed [Tom Woodard's friend] - **Praise To GOD!** he's been declared cancer free! <sup>[04]</sup>

◊ Lester, Bob [Ruane Renninger's brother] - He has a cancer on his forehead close to his eye. He underwent four hours of treatment Wednesday, October 29. <sup>[04]</sup>

◊ Vierling, Scott [Vierling's son] - He's been diagnosed with A-Fib. He's to be scheduled for a series of tests... They've already shocked his heart a couple/few times. <sup>[04]</sup>

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> Week. If I Move Someone Off This Ongoing List That You Believe Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

Alderman, Kelly <sup>[05]</sup>; Andrews, Dale <sup>[06]</sup>; Bridgewater, Larry <sup>[16]</sup>; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) <sup>[16]</sup>; Brown, Diane Family <sup>[04]</sup>; Brown, Jane <sup>[11]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[08]</sup>; Cashion, Corina <sup>[06]</sup>; Clendenning, Carol <sup>[12]</sup>; Coughran, Brett <sup>[11]</sup>; Dober, Jerry Family <sup>[17]</sup>; Duncan, Roberta <sup>[15]</sup>; Gabehart, Tom <sup>[06]</sup>; Garay, Mary <sup>[09]</sup>; Gardner, Jim <sup>[13]</sup>; Gardner, Laura <sup>[14]</sup>; Gonzalez, Jackson <sup>[17]</sup>; Gonzalez, Joel <sup>[04]</sup>; Greer Family <sup>[15]</sup>; Guzman, Emily <sup>[14]</sup>; Jackson, April <sup>[11]</sup>; Johansen, Charles <sup>[14]</sup>; Keese, Robert <sup>[11]</sup>; Kennedy, Don <sup>[16]</sup>; King, Elizabeth Grace <sup>[16]</sup>; Lassen, Peter <sup>[05]</sup>; Leininger, Ellie <sup>[16]</sup>; Lett, Dale <sup>[14]</sup>; McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family <sup>[05]</sup>; Montelago, Abe <sup>[20]</sup>; Matthews, Cody <sup>[19]</sup>; McMeans, Wendell <sup>[04]</sup>; Melendey, Max Family <sup>[19]</sup>; Moore, Michael <sup>[11]</sup>; Persat, Diana <sup>[04]</sup>; Price, Dylan <sup>[04]</sup>; Rasmussen, Linda <sup>[05]</sup>; Roeder, Gayle <sup>[14]</sup>; Schilling, Gene <sup>[06]</sup>; Segers, Jacob <sup>[18]</sup>; Sisters of Oliver Flores <sup>[11]</sup>; Smith, Betty <sup>[04]</sup>; Smith, Jimmie (JD) <sup>[11]</sup>; Smogur, Joyce Family <sup>[17]</sup>; Smoot, Bailey <sup>[06]</sup>; Smoot, Dani'el <sup>[16]</sup>; Smoot, Deborah <sup>[16]</sup>; Smoot, Roger <sup>[08]</sup>; Spicer, Ronda <sup>[04]</sup>; Sprute, Juanita <sup>[16]</sup>; Street, Cris <sup>[12]</sup>; Strunk, Billie <sup>[09]</sup>; Strunk, Lea Family <sup>[19]</sup>; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn <sup>[07]</sup>; Vela, Cheryl <sup>[17]</sup>; Vela, Maeve <sup>[17]</sup>; Vela, Olivia <sup>[17]</sup>; Vierling, Carlene <sup>[16]</sup>; Vierling, Gene <sup>[08]</sup>; Wade, John <sup>[14]</sup>; Walker, Tony Family <sup>[04]</sup>



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forsake wrath; do not fret – it only causes harm.” Are you waiting patiently on what God has in store for you, or are you leaning toward your own wants and desires?

Our heavenly father is the ultimate provider! Philippians 4:6-7 emphatically states, “<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” We’re to go talk to God and be thankful for how he provides for us.

I would encourage us all (Yes, that means me too!) to try to practice patience; to turn our burdens over to our Heavenly Father so that we can find peace through any troubles. In the book of John, Jesus tells us how to find peace by coming to him. John 16:33, Jesus

says, “<sup>33</sup> 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.” Let’s rest in the knowledge that we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37) and we will be blessed with the strength to practice patience. I pray this article encourages you to draw nearer to God as you walk through life this week; indeed, every week that our Father sees fit to give you! **END**

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### ROMANS 8:35-37

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” <sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

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# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Corina Cashion	Dec 3	Birthday
Abby Vierling	Dec 11	Birthday
Roger & Deborah Smoot	Dec 21	Anniversary
Joey & Gaylia Dzielzanowski	Dec 29	Anniversary
Dan Orr	Jan 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	Jan 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	Jan 30	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And January 30<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 - Dec 7	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>The Church Of Christ</i>	
Sun - Dec 14	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Battle For Your Soul</i>	
Sun - Dec 21	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Jesus &amp; His Promises</i>	
Sun - Dec 28	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>God Of The Bible</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 - Nov 30	Day Of Remembrance For All Victims Of Chemical Warfate & National <sup>1</sup> Mason Jar And <sup>2</sup> Mousse Days	
Mon - Dec 1	Cyber Monday & Rosa Parks Day & Prisoners For Peace Day & National <sup>1</sup> Pie (All Kinds) And <sup>2</sup> Peppermint Bark And <sup>3</sup> Cookie Cutter Days	
Tue - Dec 2	Giving Tuesday & National 1Build Joy And 2Fritters Days & World Computer Literacy Day	
Wed - Dec 3	Coats & Toys For Kids Day & National Green Bean Casserole Day	
Thu - Dec 4	National <sup>1</sup> Cookie And <sup>2</sup> Shortbread And <sup>3</sup> Hugging Days	
Fri - Dec 5	National Communicate With Your Kids Day	
Sat - Dec 6	Mitten Tree Day & National <sup>1</sup> Gazpacho Day And <sup>2</sup> Day Of Remembrance & Action On Violence Against Women	
Sun - Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day & National <sup>1</sup> Cotton Candy And <sup>2</sup> Letter Writing Days	

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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 —



## THE BIBLE IN “90” —

Read The Entire Bible Through In “90” Days (88 Plus Two Grace Days) = 4 Times Thru This Year!

**SUN** — Nov 30 — Eze 23:40 - Eze 35:15

**MON** — Dec 1 — Eze 36:1 - Eze 47:12

**TUE** — Dec 2 — Eze 47:13 - Dan 8:27

**WED** — Dec 3 — Dan 9:1 - Hos 13:6

**THU** — Dec 4 — Hos 13:7 - Amo 9:10

**FRI** — Dec 5 — Amo 9:11 - Nah 3:19

**SAT** — Dec 6 — Hab 1:1 - Zec 10:12

Eze = Ezekiel | Dan = Daniel

Hos = Hosea | Amo = Amos | Nah = Nahum

Hab = Habakkuk | Zec = Zechariah

## 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.

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

Scripture Verses About Patience

**Romans 12:10-12** — <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; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.

**Galatians 6:9** — <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

**Ephesians 4:1-2** — <sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love.

**James 5:7-8** — <sup>7</sup> Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. <sup>8</sup> You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**Romans 5:3-4** — <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope.