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

- Matthew 5:14a

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Searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help? We may be the place for you.

Bulletin of the CHURCH of CHRIST in Lytle, Texas

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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JUST EAT THE FROG!

This Tuesday past came around and I was wondering what topic I might write about. Betsy told me that she'd just read a post in a facebook group to which she belongs – 5 Minute Christian Devotions. Here's what was written by Lina Pirtle (from her notes), Estes CoC, Henderson, TN.

A while back, when we were visiting Sycamore Church of Christ in Cookeville, Tennessee where my daughter worships, the preacher, Steve Reeder, put a big green frog on the screen with the title: “Just Eat the Frog.” Naturally, my mind went straight to the Bible. Frogs? The only place I could think of was the plague in Egypt (Exodus 6). And as far as I knew, nobody was eating them. But his point stuck.

He said, “If you eat a live frog first thing in the morning, nothing else the rest of the day will be as bad as that.”

In other words – do the hard thing first. Stop putting it off.

The Danger of “Later” – Procrastination *sounds* harmless, but Scripture treats it as some-thing far more serious. It's rarely a flat-out “no” to God – it's

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WELCOME VISITOR!

We Welcome You To Our Worship Services! • Please Stay A Bit After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! • Also, Please Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, Usually On The 4th or 5th Sunday. • Please 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 late 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!*
 - 32 – *Praise To God, Immortal Praise*
 - Offertory Prayer
 - 4 – *We Praise Thee, O God*
 - Minister's Intercessory Prayer
 - Not In Book – It Is Good to Sing...*
 - 166 – *One Day!*
 - Lord's Supper
 - Sermon – *Outline To The Right* ➔
 - Not In Book – Oh, For A Thousand...*
 - Final Announcements
 - 385 – *Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims!*
 - Closing Prayer
 - Depart To Serve In Love
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¹ **And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.**
– Ephesians 2:1

SERMON

• CHRISTIANS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

• *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

Ephesians 2:1-7; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22;
1 Corinthians 11:27-29; 1 Peter 4:10;
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Romans 12:6-8

• *SERMON OUTLINE*

INTRODUCTION - (1) Our History In Communion (2) Three Eras To Think Over (3) 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-29

- I. All Of Our Past: vv.1-3 – (A) It's Unpleasant (B) We Walked According To The World (C) The Prince Of Evil Owned Us (D) We Deserved God's Wrath
- II. Everything At Present: vv.4-6 – (A) The Blessed "But" Of Salvation (B) Dead, But Now Alive (C) Heavenward Bound
- III. All Of Our Future: v.7 – (A) Great Blessings Before Us (B) God's Grace Unbounded

CONCLUSION - (1) Past, Present And Future: Motivators (2) You Must Want This Life (3) What Are Your Plans To Acquire It?

• *INVITATION*

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a quiet “not yet.” In Luke 9:59–62, Jesus calls a man to follow Him. The man responds, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” [Some scholars think that:] Most likely, his father wasn’t even dead yet – he was asking for time. Delay. A more “convenient season.” That’s how Satan often works – not by convincing us to reject God, but to postpone obedience. Ecclesiastes 11:4 warns: “He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.” There will always be a reason to wait. Too windy. Too cloudy. Too this. Too that. The conditions will never be perfect.

Faith Acts Now - Contrast that with the people of faith:

- Noah built the ark because God said so (Genesis 6:22).
- Joshua and the spies acted when called (Joshua 2).
- The apostles immediately followed Jesus (Matthew 4:20).
- The Ethiopian eunuch was baptized right away when he understood the truth (Acts 8:36–38).

Faith doesn’t stall. Faith moves.

The Illusion of Tomorrow – One of the greatest lies we believe is that we have time. James 4:13–14 says, “You do not know what will happen tomorrow... For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” A vapor doesn’t linger. It disappears quickly

– and often unnoticed until it’s gone. We say things like:

- “I’ll deal with that later.”
- “I’ll get serious about my faith when I retire.”
- “I need to get my life in order first.”
- “I’ll become a Christian later.”

But James removes all the gray areas: “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). The problem isn’t ignorance. We know what we should do. The problem is delay.

Felix: The Tragedy of “Convenient Time” – In Acts 24:24–27, Felix listens to Paul speak about righteousness, self-control, and judgment. The text says Felix trembled. He believed enough to be afraid. But he said: “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time, I will call for you.” As far as we know, that convenient time never came. He called for Paul often – but not to obey. Just to listen. Just to delay.

Everyone Has a Frog – Everyone has something they’re putting off:

- A sin that needs to be confessed.
- A relationship that needs to be repaired.
- A step of obedience they’ve been avoiding.
- A commitment to the Lord they keep delaying.

And here’s the truth: it won’t fix itself. Days turn into months. Months turn into years. Years turn into a lifetime. And

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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 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.

MAY 3

- ◇ Bailey, Lindsay [Ronda Spicer's niece] - Her cancer numbers are on the rise again. She will be seeing doctors again to determine future treatment. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Melendy Family - They've been experiencing some family issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah - She had a heart attack Monday, April 27 and was admitted to the hospital. She had 2 stints implanted

Tuesday, April 28. Unfortunately, her heart did sustain a small amount of damage but she's otherwise doing well. She's also been diagnosed with severe osteoporosis. ^[NEW]

- ◇ Spicer, Ronda - She is scheduled to see her ophthalmologist on Thursday, May 7 to schedule her cataract surgery. ^[NEW]

- ◇ Woodard, June [Tom Woodard's sister-in-law] - She's experiencing health issues. ^[NEW]

APRIL 26

- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] - Praise To GOD! his hernia surgery Friday, April 17 went well. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Roeder, Gary [Pam Flatequal's brother-in-law] - Doctors have determined he has

undue pressure on his heart so he's been put on medication and will have a follow up soon. ^[NEW]

APRIL 19

- ◇ Busse, Duane [Gene Vierling's friend] - He's having some balance problems and is to undergo a series of tests soon to determine why. ^[01]
- ◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[01]
- ◇ Coronis, Ike [Watkins' nephew-in-law] - He had an auto accident on a slick road and wrecked his new classic corvette as well as his back in three places. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Jackson, Chris [Former member] - He was to have a liver biopsy Thursday, April 16 but it's been rescheduled for this week. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane - She's still been experiencing pain all over her body as well as swelling. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Reoder, Gail [Pam Flatequal's sister] - She fell about 2AM one night and couldn't get up. She was unable to get up by herself nor rouse her husband, Gary, as he takes a nightly sedative due to pain, so she lay there for 5 hours before Gary could get help to get her up. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy - Continued health concerns. ^[NEW]

APRIL 12

- ◇ Allsup, Dylan [Son of one of Tom's teacher acquaintances at Castle Hills] - He suffered a very bad fall and his leg was injured severely. Although valiant efforts to save it were made, he had to have part of his leg amputated Friday, April 10. ^[01]
- ◇ Jackson, April [Watkins' friend] - ***Praise To GOD!*** she didn't have to have any varices in her throat so no procedure! ^[01]
- ◇ Ranne, Darrel's mother - She has several health issues and is not doing very well. ^[01]
- ◇ Sherry Moore [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] - She's having to undergo chemo due to her cancer changing from slow to aggressive. She is also Melanie's brother, Perry's, wife and care giver. ^[01]
- ◇ Smith, Betty - She's been feeling quite under the weather recently. ^[01]
- ◇ Spicer, Bingo's Family [Ronda Spicer's dog] - She had to put him to sleep because he was hit by the UPS man which fractured his hip. ^[01]

APRIL 5

- ◇ Flatequal, Pam - She's caught the flu. ^[02]
- ◇ Pillows, Darlene [Watkins' friend] - She goes into surgery on her back to have several vertebrae fused on Friday, April 24. ^[02]

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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 ^[20]; Balderrama, Matthew ^[05]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[03]; Bradley Family ^[17]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[12]; Brown, Colton family ^[12]; Brown, Diane Family ^[21]; Cook, Karen ^[03]; Coombs, Derek ^[11]; Dolbeare, Robert ^[04]; Drake, Paul & Lynn ^[03]; Duncan, Roberta ^[17]; Dwyer, Meagan ^[07]; Dygert, Harold Family ^[09]; Fintel, Rick ^[18]; Flatequal Family ^[18]; Flatequal, Pam ^[05]; Flores, Carlos ^[18]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[21]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[09]; Keese, Bob & Kathryn ^[05]; Last-Name-Unknown, Irene ^[06]; Lester, Bob ^[21]; McMeans, Melanie ^[07]; McMeans, Wendell ^[14]; Moore, Jennifer ^[13]; Moore, Michael & Michelle ^[05]; Moore, Perry ^[11]; Morgan, Mitzy Family ^[06]; Morris, Barry ^[03]; Mr. Lowe ^[16]; Persat, Diana ^[21]; Price, Jennifer ^[15]; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[15]; Schilling, Ina ^[16]; Sims, Linda ^[13]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[20]; Smoot, Bailey ^[13]; Smoot, Beth ^[07]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[17]; Smoot, Max ^[10]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[19]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[12]; Spicer, Ronda ^[20]; Stepanovich Family ^[05]; Street, Cris ^[18]; Strunk, Billy ^[07]; Vierling, Gene ^[08]; Vierling, Scott ^[20];

Villereal, Douglas Family ^[08]; Walker, Tony Family ^[20]; Watkins, Betsy ^[05]; Watkins, Mitch ^[10]; Weisel, Michelle ^[16]; White, Linda ^[11]

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one day, the vapor is gone.

The Peace on the Other Side - Psalm 32:3-5 gives a powerful picture: "When I kept silent, my bones grew old... For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me... I acknowledged my sin to You... and You forgave." Silence - delay - was crushing David. But confession brought immediate relief. Peace didn't come with time; it came with action. Time does not heal all wounds - obedience does.

Conclusion - Doing the right thing is rarely easy. "Eating the frog" isn't pleasant - but it is freeing. And when it comes to your walk with God, delay is not neutral - it's dangerous. So, whatever you've been putting off... whatever you know you need to do, DO IT! Tomorrow isn't promised, and "later" is one of Satan's most effective tools.

Question: What is the "frog" in your life right now - and what is stopping you from dealing with it today? **END**

¹ Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! ² Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

- Psalm 100:1-2, 4

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Joshua Turner-Pinkney	May 19	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
Hunter Kruger (Dzielzanoski)	May 29	Birthday
Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And May 31st And You Do Not
See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Or 5 <sup>th</sup> Every<br>Other Sunday | Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch<br>Approximately 12PM – 2PM                                                                |  |
| Every Thursday                                           |  Sewing Sisters Approximately 12PM – 2PM |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 10                                             | In Search Of The Lord's Way – No Other God                                                                                | see<br>searchtv.com for<br>local time &<br>channel                                 |
| Sun – May 17                                             | In Search Of The Lord's Way – Your Enemy Satan                                                                            |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 24                                             | In Search Of The Lord's Way – Glorifying God                                                                              |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 31                                             | In Search Of The Lord's Way – Yes, We Need God                                                                            |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 31                                             | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal                                                                                    |                                                                                    |

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| Every Tuesday | Lytle Friendship Art Club 9:30AM |
| Sun – May 3 | National ¹ Chocolate Custard And ² Raspberry Popover Days |
| Mon – May 4 | Star Wars Day & National Orange Juice Day |
| Tue – May 5 | Cinco De Mayo & National Hoagie Day |
| Wed – May 6 | National ¹ Foster Care And ² Nurses Days |
| Thu – May 7 | Bladder Cancer Awareness Day & National ¹ Children's Mental Health Awareness And ² Roast Leg Of Lamb Days |
| Fri – May 8 | World Red Cross Day & National ¹ Military Spouse Appreciation And ² Have A Coke And ³ Coconut Cream Pie Days |
| Sat – May 9 | National Butterscotch Brownie Day |
| Sun – May 10 | Mother's Day & National Shrimp Day |

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 127 - 1 Kng 14-15; Jhn 1:1-28

MON – Day 128 - 1 Kng 16-18; Jhn 1:29-51

TUE – Day 129 - 1 Kng 19-20; Jhn 2

WED – Day 130 - 1 Kng 21-22; Jhn 3:1-21

THU – Day 131 - 2 Kng 1-3; Jhn 3:22-36

FRI – Day 132 - 2 Kng 4-5; Jhn 4:1-30

SAT – Day 133 - 2 Kng 6-8; Jhn 4:31-54

Kng = Kings | Jhn = John

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



THE LYTLE LIGHT

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 W/TOM

Sunday 5/3/2026 Luke 3

Monday 5/4/2026 Luke 4

Tuesday 5/5/2026 Luke 5

Wednesday 5/6/2026 Luke 6

Thursday 5/7/2026 Luke 7

Friday 5/8/2026 Luke 8

Saturday 5/9/2026 Luke 9

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Proverbs 12:24 – ²⁴ The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 20:4 – ⁴ The lazy man will not plow because of winter; he will beg during harvest and have nothing.

Ephesians 5:15 – ⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise.

Galatians 6:9 – ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.



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SUPER SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

JAMES 4:13-15

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; ¹⁴ whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble The Following Words: delay, procrastinate, adjourn, postpone, defer, dally, stall, dawdle, hedge, prevaricate, dither, pause, hesitate; all having to do with putting things off instead of just going ahead and eating the frog!

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