



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 (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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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.

COMMEND, GREET AND WATCH OUT! — PART 3

MITCH WATKINS, BASED ON A SERMON BY STEVE SHEPHERD, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO

In part one, we looked at Romans 16:1-2 in which Paul wishes the Romans, and by extension us, to COMMEND ONE ANOTHER because without such, young people will wilt, marriages may dissolve, employees will wither, leaders become jaded and uncaring, hope dies, and depression and suicide can run rampant. In other words, people die for lack of praise — perhaps not physically but certainly spiritually — and maybe not all at once but certainly a bit at a time. In part two we looked at verses 3-5a of Romans 16. In these verses Paul indicates we need to GREET ALL WHO ARE IN CHRIST. We must be quick to greet, speak, and encourage all the peoples in the church. How we treat each other matters because it shows those not yet in Christ how much we love one another (John 15:9-17).

In this final part, we're going to look at verses 17-18 of Romans 16 where we're told, in no uncertain words: WE MUST WATCH OUT FOR THOSE WHO CAUSE TROUBLE. (“¹⁷Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple”).

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WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every 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 (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 SERVICE

Praise To God, Immortal Praise, Praise To God
From Whom All Blessings Flow! We Think To
Pray To Him That We Might Receive His Blessing
And Rest At His Holy Feet!



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 30—Doxology

Song No. 32 = Praise To God, Immortal Praise

Song No. 404—Ere You Left Your Room This Morning

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 403—A Blessing In Prayer

Song No. 134—Oft We Come Together



- LORD'S SUPPER •



- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 414—Open My Eyes . . .

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 406—I Will Pray

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

NOAH-THE MAN WHO SAVED HUMANITY PART ONE
GENESIS 6:9-18, 22

• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Genesis 6:9-18; 22; Genesis 1:1; James 1:13-15; Genesis 6:5;
Isaiah 59:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16; Hebrews 11:7; Ephesians 6:4;
1 Peter 3:20-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) *Probably The Best-Known Story, Except Jonah* | (2) *More To The Story Than The Ark* | (3) *Valuable Lessons Are Here*

- I. The Design Of God
A. Can We Understand God's Design? | B. Man Was The Crowning Jewel
 - II. The Departure Of Man
A. Man Knew His Will | B. Overcome By Temptation | C. Sin Is Progressive
 - III. The Depth Of Sin
A. Cain's Influence | B. Wretchedness Of Sin
- Next Week:
- IV. The Disappointment Of God
A. Contrast Genesis 1 & 2 | B. Man's God-Like Image Marred | C. Today Is No Different
 - V. The Determination Of Noah
A. Noah Found Grace | B. It Was Difficult | C. Dedication Won The Day
 - VI. The Demand On Us
A. There Is No Excuse | B. Who Can Save Humanity

CONCLUSION — (1) *We Have A Huge Burden* | (2) *Are We Up To The Task?*

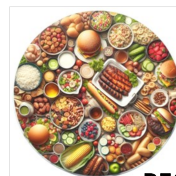
• INVITATION •

WED NIGHT STUDY

5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)

Problems The Church Faced - Part 9 —

“TABLE” FELLOWSHIP



OPPORTUNITIES

— SEPTEMBER 29TH —

- REGULAR FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK MEAL •

after morning service

— NOVEMBER 24TH —

- THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK MEAL •

after morning service

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When Clyde R. Hoey was governor of North Carolina (1947-51), he visited the far western part of his state and met a country preacher. The usual question about how many members there were in the congregation brought the response "Fifty." When the Governor asked, "How many of them are active?" the preacher said, "They're all active." "My," his excellency, the right honorable Hoey remarked, "You must be an unusual preacher and most excellent orator to have a 100 percent active membership." "Well" the preacher admitted, "Twenty-five are active for me and twenty-five are active against me."

If you ever been in a congregation, or know of one personally, which is split over anything or anyone you know that there will be division and trouble. I've never understood why people don't seem to comprehend that we all need to work toward agreement and accord. Notice I said, "work toward" because make no mistake, it is work. But even though we may disagree, we must learn to disagree without becoming disagreeable (I think there's a lesson for congress there).

Recall the words of Psalm 133:1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Paul reminds us of that same thing in a few places. Romans 14:19 says, "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another." And Ephesians 4:31-32 commands us to "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor [loud quarreling], and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

In watching out for those who cause trouble, remember verse 17 of Romans from a few paragraphs above: "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid

them."

In the following cautionary tale we're reminded of that very thing: A preacher was going over the church's finances and found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. He wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so he called the store to point out its mistake telling the manager, "I'm sorry, but there are no Christians here at (church name withheld to protect the innocent)."

You know, sometimes there are church members who act like they are not Christian. And some of those seem to be interested only in causing division or trouble in a congregation.

There's a list I found of ways to split your church:



**"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are rav-
enous wolves."
— Matthew 7:15**

1. Focus only on your desires.
2. Listen to every criticism you hear.
3. Focus on your preacher's weaknesses, not his strengths. Target his imperfections and shortcomings for constant criticism to undermine morale.
4. Speak the truth or practice love, but never combine the two.
5. Store grievances for future use.
6. Forgive only those who ask you to do so, and only if they deserve it. Placing conditions on your forgiveness is a sure-fire way to kill love between believers.
7. Hide your own sins behind harsh attitudes. Denounce others for sins you secretly struggle with.
8. Do whatever you have to do to win. Twist Scripture out of context to justify your view and methods.
9. Tell others that you are on a mission from God. Avoid accountability and verification to help you dissolve Christian unity.

Obviously, these things are just the opposite of what we've supposed to do. And doing these things will only cause more disagreement and di-

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CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sick-nesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Coun-tries

ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FOR WHOM & 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.,
[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW
MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED
IN THE BULLETIN*

AUGUST 25

- ◇ Alderman, Yolanda [Melanie McMeans' friend] – She's in the hospital needing gall bladder surgery but has major swelling from a recent eyelid surgery and cannot have the gall bladder surgery until the swelling in her face goes down. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Richmond, Craig Family [Craig is Tom Woodard's step-nephew] – He took his life on Friday, August 16 at age 48. ^[NEW]
- ◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] – *Praise To GOD!* Sur-geons were able to operate to repair her brain floor with no additional brain damage and no loss of brain tissue. Her cranial cap is scheduled to be replaced Monday, October 21. Further, her doctors expect that about 90% of total brain function will return. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – *Praise To GOD!* She felt good enough, after her recent knee replacement sur-gery to attend Wednesday Bible study. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She continues to have a great deal of pain in her feet especially when she puts weight on them. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vireling, Gene – The report came in on the biop-sy that was taken of the swollen lymph node but his doctor wanted another test(s) ran on the tissue. His doctor also referred Gene to an on-cologist. ^[NEW]

AUGUST 18

- ◇ Felts, Barbara [Former member] – She's been admitted to the hospital due to contracting Covid. ^[01]
- ◇ Flatequal, Loren (Pam Flatequal's daughter-in-law) – She's been in and out of the hospital since here surgery to correct some kind of an infection ^[01]

- ◇ Neill, Mason [Marble Falls CoC's minister and wife's 20-year-old son] – He had surgery for the Chondro Sarcoma on his shoulder. Doctors believe they removed all of cancer. *Praise To GOD!* Mason is recovering well. ^[01]
- ◇ Ramirez, Arilio Family [Arilio was Tom Woodard's good friend] – He passed into eternity at age 92. ^[01]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – She undergoes her second cataract surgery on Thursday, September 5th. ^[01]
- ◇ Duncan, Roberta [McMeans' neighbor across the street] – She finished her chemo on her brain tumor and now they're starting additional chemo targeting her kidney(s). ^[01]

AUGUST 11

- ◇ Fintel, Rick – He went to the emergency room the evening of Friday, August 2 due to an episode of A-Fib. He was released from the hospital, though doctors ran no tests while Rick was there feeling there was no need. ^[02]
- ◇ Shaw, Nancy [Betsy Watkins' longtime friend] – The infusions for her liver have been wearing her down greatly. Not only do they take 5-1/2 hours which is tired in itself but they leave her drained. ^[02]
- ◇ Strunk, Billy – He just found out from his doctor that he is practically blind in his left eye. ^[02]
- ◇ Wheatly, Tia-Claire [Newborn of Deborah Smoot's niece] – Tia-Claire was born on Thursday, August 1 weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. ^[02]

AUGUST 4

- ◇ Moved To More Recent Date

JULY 28

- ◇ Crump, Megan Family [Tom Woodard's great niece] – Megan was shot in head by her boyfriend and later died at the hospital. She was buried Wednesday, July 24. The boyfriend has been charged with murder. ^[04]
- ◇ Dadd, Jaime [Tom Woodard's co-worker at Castle Hills] – She's just learned that she has breast cancer at age 30. She's in good spirits, posting videos on Facebook, keeping everyone up to

date. ^[04]

- ◇ Rodriguez, Dolores Family [Coworker at Walmart With Jim & Laura Gardner] – Dolores (age 54) was shot and killed by her boyfriend. ^[04]
- ◇ Thorse, Kaye [Deborah Smoot's friend from when she was a nurse] – She had breast cancer but went into remission. Unfortunately, it's back so, she's now undergoing both radiation & chemo. ^[04]

JULY 21

- ◇ Saldana, Dan [The father of Casey Cole, a friend of the Watkinses] – He had his colon cancer surgery Monday, July 8th or Tuesday, July 9th (uncertain of exact date as Dan is currently incarcerated) ^[05]

ONGOING

NOTE: If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Active Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Roy ^[16]; Barron, Pat Family ^[20]; Bonin, Danny ^[17]; Bonin, Donna ^[17]; Bridgewater, Rebecca ^[18]; Brown, Hunter ^[25]; Brown, Jason ^[10]; Brown, Stephanie ^[26]; Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling ^[14]; Burris, Gloria ^[24]; Burris, Joyce ^[21]; Dye Family ^[07]; Families Of Four Camden Teenagers ^[06]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[13]; French, Missae ^[16]; Green, Dori Ann ^[07]; Green, Sonia ^[28]; Haby, Casey ^[18]; Kuehler, Gail's sister ^[10]; Gibbon, Tucker ^[15]; Last-Name-Unknown, Misty ^[11]; Lloyd-Brown Family ^[12]; Lopez, Emily ^[21]; McLay, Carla ^[23]; McLay, Gary ^[24]; McMeans, Velma ^[09]; Meeks, David ^[07]; Montalvo, Louie ^[15]; Orr, Dan ^[10]; Parra, Rudy ^[16]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[25]; Renninger, Ruane ^[06]; Slaughter, Ron ^[16]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[28]; Smith, Betty ^[06]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[28]; Smoot, Bailey ^[16]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[21]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[17]; Smoot, Jeremy ^[16]; Smoot, Randy ^[20]; Sparks, Janice ^[18]; Street, Brian ^[12]; Torres, Donna ^[10]; Vela, Alix ^[07]; Vela, Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia ^[21]; Vela, John & Cheryl ^[18]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[22]; Vierling, Gene ^[16]; Watkins, Betsy ^[16]; Watkins, Mitch ^[16]; Welsby, Chris ^[27]

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vision in the church. We're reminded in Proverbs 26:20: "Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer [gossiper or slanderer], strife ceases." We must never put more wood on fires in the church. Instead, we must try to put them out and often, the best way is not talking about them. The lesson? Stay away from troublemakers and keep from causing more trouble. Be a problem-solver, not a troublemaker.



So, in love we must, according to Paul's letter to the Romans: (1) commend/praise people, (2) greet all who are in Christ, and (3) watch out for those who cause trouble because Galatians 5:13 tells us: "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Brethren, we ALL have a ministry of love to perform. May we all be willing to do such! **E**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it; ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together ⁹ before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

— Psalm 98:7-9

¹ Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. ² Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ³ Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. ⁴ For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶ Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

— Psalm 96:1-6

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 145:1-7

¹ I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵ I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works. ⁶ Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I will declare Your greatness. ⁷ They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness.

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS




Betsy Watkins	August 23	Birthday
Ruane Renninger	September 5	Birthday
Roger Smoot	September 8	Birthday
Ronda Spicer	September 19	Birthday







*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And September 30, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Church Stuff Church Stuff Church Stuff

4th OR 5th Sundays	 "Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)
Every Thursday	 Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.
Sun–Aug 25	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Heaven</i> – for channel & time: searchtv.com
Sun–Sep 1	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Not Yet Posted</i> – for channel & time: searchtv.com
Sun–Sep 8	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Not Yet Posted</i> – for channel & time: searchtv.com
Sun–Sep 15	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Not Yet Posted</i> – for channel & time: searchtv.com
Fri Sat Sun– Sep 27-28-29	Women Of Joy Conference @ San Antonio – Theme: <i>He Must Become Greater; And I Must Become Less</i> Early Bird Rate: \$129 For Entire Conference [womenofjoy.org]

Non-Church Stuff Non-Church Stuff Non-Church Stuff

Every Tuesday	 Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)
3rd Mondays	VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM 
Sun–Aug 25	National ¹ Park Service Founders And ² Banana Split Days 
Mon–Aug 26	National ¹ Dog And ² Susan B. Anthony Days
Wed–Aug 28	National Cherry Turnover Day 
Thu–Aug 29	National ¹ Chop Suey And ² Cherry Popsicle Days 
Fri–Aug 30	National ¹ Toasted Marshmallow And ² Beach And ³ Grief Awareness Days
Sat–Aug 31	National ¹ Trail Mix And ² Eat Outside Days & International Overdose Awareness Day
Sun–Sep 1	National ¹ Tofu And ² Cherry Popover Days & American Chess Day 

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 —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Aug 25 — Lam 1:1-3:36
MON	Aug 26 — Lam 3:37-5:22
TUE	Aug 27 — Eze 1-4
WED	Aug 28 — Eze 5-8
THU	Aug 29 — Eze 9-12
FRI	Aug 30 — Eze 13-15
SAT	Aug 31 — Eze 16-17

Lam = Lamentations | Eze = Ezekiel

WANT TO BE

Part Of The Local Family Of Christ?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SCRIPTURES FROM PSALMS

Psalm 146:1-4 — ¹Praise the Lord, O my soul! ²While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. ⁴His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.

Psalm 148:1-4 — ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! ²Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! ³Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Psalm 148:5-12 — ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. ⁶He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; ⁸fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word; ⁹mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; ¹²both young men and maidens; old men and children.