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– Matthew 5:14a

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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.

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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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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YEAR

As we think about this New Year, there are things that we should remember in order to have a decently good year; the decisions and choices we make will determine the kind of year we will have. Therefore, here's a short list of some suggestions that will help all of us have a good year.

1. Apologize when we do wrong. The three words, “I am sorry” are difficult to say for those filled with pride. If you would, think of the relationships, homes and even congregations that have been destroyed because one who has committed sin, will not humble him/herself to repent (Matthew 5:23-24 – ²³Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.; Matthew 18:15-17 – ¹⁵“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ ¹⁷And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.; Luke 17:3-4 – ³Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you

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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 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
- 20 – *Praise The Lord*
- 541 – *Whispering Hope*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 539 – *There Is A Habitation*
- 525 – *Home Of The Soul*
- 145 – *Nailed To The Cross*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline
- 481 – *Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere*
- Final Announcements
- 471 – *Abide With Me*
- Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.

– 1 John 2:15-16

SERMON

WHY NOT ALL?

• SERMON SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 9:22; Romans 3:23-25;
Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 4:12;
Genesis 3:15; Job 19:25; Isaiah 52:3;
1 Peter 1:18-20; Luke 19:1-10

• SERMON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION - (1) Biblical Basis For Missions (2) Purpose: To Save Some (3) Why Not All?

- I. The Problem Of Sin – Romans 3:23
 - A. We Avoid This Word
 - B. No Remedy Apart From Gospel
- II. The Plan Of Redemption – Romans 3:24-25
 - A. Redemption Announced In Eden
 - B. Job Spoke Of It
 - C. Isaiah Prophesied Redemption
 - D. Peter Pronounced It
 - E. Christ Solved The Problem
 - F. We Cannot Neglect It
- III. The Pleading Of Christ – Matthew 11:28-30
 - A. Jesus Constantly Invited People
 - B. He Still Pleads With Them
 - C. Are We As Mission Minded

CONCLUSION - (1) Are We All Things To All People (2) Have We Exhausted Our Means (3) What Will We Do In 2026?

• INVITATION

WED NIGHT STUDY

TBA

2026 FELLOWSHIPS*

- MARCH 7 - Saturday -
Picnic On The Grounds
- MAY 31 - Potluck (Ladies' Choice)

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

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shall forgive him.).

2. Accept good advice. Wise counsel comes from humility, teachability, long-term thinking, and a focus on truth, leading to growth and better outcomes. Foolish counsel stems from pride, impulsiveness, short-sightedness, and resistance to correction, often resulting in harm, blame, and repeating mistakes. Key differentiators are whether the advice seeks to understand or demand, listen or talk, build up or tear down, and apply truth or ignore it (Psalm 1:1-2 - ¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.; Proverbs 12:15 ¹⁵ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.). Now, certainly we must be able to distinguish between foolish and wise counsel.

3. Avoid conforming to the world. We must all come to terms with the fact that the world is out to mold and shape us into that which the Lord does not want. Thus, when one begins to "love" the world and "live" like the world, we most likely will not have the best year possible. (1 John 2:15-17 - ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father

is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.).

4. Act only after thinking. Some of the greatest problems we have in this life are brought upon ourselves because we forgot to stop and think before we acted or spoke. Therefore, we need to "taste" our words and "weigh" the consequences of our actions before we speak and react (Philippians 4:8 - ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.; Ephesians 4:29 - ²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.; Galatians 5:19-21 - ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.).

5. Adhere to the Word of God. God has given us, through His Word, that which we need in this life (2 Peter 1:2-3 - ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue).

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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 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., ^[1], At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

JANUARY 4

- ◊ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - She is scheduled for surgery to remove the tumor doctors found on her liver. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Last Name Unknown, Missy [Pam Flatequal's friend] - Besides her brain cancer having recurred, she had to be hospitalized with fluid on her brain. ^[NEW]
- ◊ 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. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Moore, Perry [Melanie McMeans' brother] - He had a stroke affecting his left side. He also recently had a severe, sharp pain in his Chest - Tests were run but were inconclusive (Doctors could find nothing wrong). ^[NEW]
- ◊ Renninger, Ruane - She's been diagnosed with a lung infection. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Sparks, Lane & Ashley [Tom's grandson and granddaughter-in-law] - Ashley is pregnant with what will be Tom Woodard's 15th great grandchild! She had issues during her last pregnancy so we're praying for a noneventful gestation. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - His endoscopy on Friday, November 21 revealed nothing glaringly wrong. He was hoping to have the official results this past week. ^[NEW]
- ◊ White, Linda [Melanie McMeans' sister] - She's having a test to determine whether she needs to have her gall bladder removed. She has now been diagnosed with an ear

infection and has developed early onset pneumonia ^[NEW]

DECEMBER 28

- ◊ Bridgewater, Becky & Larry [Mitchell Watkins' sister & brother-in-law] - Their life has been infected with much chaos lately. ^[01]
- ◊ Dygert, Harold [Melanie McMeans' uncle] - He suffered a stroke and has plans to live with his daughter once he's out of the hospital. ^[01]
- ◊ Homburg Family [Norm Homburg is a fellow barbershopper of Mitch Watkins] - Norm's wife, Jimmie, passed into eternity from an infection incurred after a surgery. ^[01]
- ◊ McMeans, Wendell - He had his initial interview with Goodwill and felt all went well. He should have heard something this past week on whether he'll move forward in the interview process. ^[01]

DECEMBER 21

- ◊ Carter, Emily Family [Charlene Carter (Former member)'s granddaughter] - Emily, age 41, passed into eternity from a heart attack. ^[02]
- ◊ Price, Jennifer [Carol Vierling's 70-year-old friend] - She fell and shattered her elbow. ^[02]
- ◊ Ruane Renninger's granddaughter-in-law (no name provided) - She fell and broke her kneecap. To add insult to injury, she is having difficulty getting her insurance company to approve and pay for the surgery she needs. ^[02]
- ◊ Stapanovich, Elizabeth [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] - Praise To GOD! she just graduated from college with a BGS (Bachelor of General Studies, a highly interdisciplinary degree). ^[02]

DECEMBER 14

- ◊ Bailey, Linzy [Ronda's niece] - Some recent blood work showed cancer cells, and more tests revealed she has a 1-1/2" tumor on her liver and was going to Dallas Monday, December 15 to see specialist. ^[03]
- ◊ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] - He's suffering from unknown medical issues. ^[03]
- ◊ Cashion, Corena - Concerns due to her cancer. ^[03]
- ◊ Duncan, Roberta [McMeans' neighbor] - **Praise To GOD!** her brain tumor is gone but her liver tumor is still there though shrunk. She's now wheelchair bound much of the time due to weakness. ^[03]
- ◊ French, Misae - She's developed a bad cough. ^[03]
- ◊ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] - After suffering from tummy issues, she's been diagnosed with stomach cancer. ^[03]
- ◊ Mr. Lowe [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend's 95-year-old grand or great grandfather] - He fell recently and is in the hospital. Unfortunately, things aren't looking good for this nonagenarian. ^[03]
- ◊ Undergoing PT - Carlene (shoulder); Ronda (hip); Ruane (back). ^[03]

DECEMBER 7

- ◊ Bradley Family [Tom's friend Larry's Family] - Larry's wife, Carmen, passed. ^[04]
- ◊ Flatequal Family - We welcome Adonis Flatequal born November 28. Baby boy was 7lb. 1oz, and was 20". ^[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 21ST 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 ^[09]; Alderman, Roy ^[06]; Andrews, Dale ^[10]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[20]; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) ^[20]; Brown, Diane Family ^[08]; Brown, Jane ^[15]; Burris, Joyce ^[12]; Cashion, Corina ^[10]; Clendenning, Carol ^[16]; Coughran, Brett ^[15]; Duncan, Roberta ^[19]; Fintel, Rick ^[04]; Flores, Carlos ^[04]; Gabehart, Tom ^[10]; Garay, Mary ^[13]; Gardner, Jim ^[17]; Gardner, Laura ^[18]; Gingerella, Ed ^[08]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[08]; Greer Family ^[19]; Guzman, Emily ^[18]; Jackson, April ^[15]; Johansen, Charles ^[18]; Keese, Robert ^[15]; Kennedy, Don ^[20]; King, Elizabeth Grace ^[20]; Lassen, Peter ^[09]; Leininger, Ellie ^[20]; Lester, Bob ^[08]; Lett, Dale ^[18]; McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family ^[09]; McMeans, Wendell ^[08]; Moore, Michael ^[15]; Persat, Diana ^[08]; Price, Dylan ^[18]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[09]; Renninger, Ruane ^[05]; Roeder, Gayle ^[18]; Schilling, Gene ^[10]; Sisters of Oliver Flores ^[15]; Smith, Betty ^[08]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[05]; Smoot, Bailey ^[10]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[04]; Smoot, Dani'el ^[20]; Smoot, Deborah ^[20]; Smoot, Roger ^[12]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[07]; Spicer, Ronda ^[08]; Sprute, Juanita ^[20]; Street, Cris ^[06]; Strunk, Billie ^[13]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[11]; Vierling, Carlene ^[20]; Vierling, Gene ^[12]; Vierling, Scott ^[08]; Wade, John ^[18]; Walker, Tony Family ^[08]; Watkins, Mitchell ^[04]; Weisel, Michelle ^[04]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ROMANS 12:2

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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Hence, it is the Scriptures that provides and is profitable for our spiritual well-being (2 Timothy 3:16-17 – ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.). Therefore, as we apply the Word of God to our lives, we are providing the means by which we can have a “good year” and ultimately a home in Heaven.

Appreciate God. Without God in our lives, it is impossible to have a “good year” as He desires and demands. Thus, if we do appreciate and reverence God as we should, then it will be seen in our life (Ecclesiastes 12:13 – ¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.). **END**



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Joey & Gaylia Dzielzanowski	Dec 29	Anniversary
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 28th 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 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 11	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Do Works Matter?</i>	
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>TBA</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 RD Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM	
Sun - Jan 4	National ¹ CanDo And ² Spaghetti Days & Earth At Perihelion (Earth Closest To The Sun It's Entire Orbit)	
Mon - Jan 5	National ¹ Bird And ² Whipped Creams Days	
Tue - Jan 6	Apple Tree Day & National ¹ Bean And ² Shortbread And ³ Technology Days & World Day For War Orphans	
Wed - Jan 7	National ¹ Bobblehead And ² Tempura Days And ³ Keto & Old Rock Day (Celebrating All This Geological)	
Thu - Jan 8	War On Poverty Day & National ¹ English Toffee And ² Bubblebath Days	
Fri - Jan 9	National ¹ Law Enforcement Appreciation And ² Apricot Days	
Sat - Jan 10	National ¹ Cut Your Energy Costs And ² Peculiar People And ³ Oysters Rockefeller and ⁴ Bittersweet Chocolate Days	
Sun - Jan 11	National ¹ Human Trafficing Awareness And ² Vision Board And ³ Milk Days & International Thank-You 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

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN — Day 8 - Gen 20-22; Mat 7

MON — Day 9 - Gen 23-24; Mat 8

TUE — Day 10 - Gen 25-26; Mat 9:1-17

WED — Day 11 - Gen 27-28; Mat 9:18-38

THU — Day 12 - Gen 29-30; Mat 10:1-23

FRI — Day 13 - Gen 31-32; Mat 10:24-42

SAT — Day 14 - Gen 33-35; Mat 11

Gen = Genesis | 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.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Scripture Verses

Psalm 51:10 — ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 — ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

2 Corinthians 5:17 — ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Ephesians 2:1-2 — ¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.

Colossians 3:2 — ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

James 4:4 — ⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.