



Lytle Light

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

- Matthew 5:14a

Believers are ap-
pointed to be a light-
house 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: 4PM – Bible Study

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GOD IS LOVE

As I was reading this week from 1 John, I came across the following: “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1 John 4:8). John goes on to expound on this theme and then in verse 16b he culminates in the following statement: “God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.” We could deduce from these statements and others in Scripture that God's love is the greatest love of all. In 1986, Whitney Houston globally popularized a 1977 hit song recorded earlier by George Benson, “The Greatest Love Of All.” In this song, it is claimed that the greatest love of all, is easy to achieve; and that learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all. Of course, it should come as no surprise that the Bible's definition is very different: “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).

We know that love is best seen in its actions, not in words (1 Corinthians 13; Romans 12:9ff). When speaking of the love that God demands, the Bible writers use the Greek word “agape.” That love is a deep and constant affection for another without regard to character of the one who is the object of love. This love is actively selfless and sacrificial. It is an act of the mind and will, as well as the emotions (Titus 2:3-4). “Agape” is selfless, other-directed; it is never self-centered (Philippians 2:3-4).

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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!

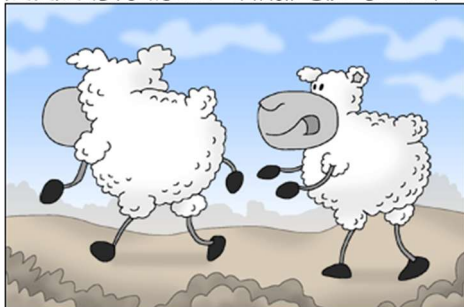
Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

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!
- 92 – He Lifted Me
- 88 – Wonderful Grace Of Jesus
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 27 – To God Be The Glory
- 473 – Break Thou The Bread Of Life
- Lord's Supper
- Offertory Prayer
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline
- 20 – Praise The Lord
- Final Announcements
- 471 – Abide With Me
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

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(See Isaiah 53:6) 12-01-2014
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE ASTRAY ...
CAN WE PLEASE STOP AND ASK FOR
DIRECTIONS?

SERMON

• THE CROSS IS THE CURE

• SERMON SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

• SERMON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION - (1) The Cross And A Troubled Church (2) Met Where We Live

- I. The Cross Cures Division – V 10-18
 - A. Corinth Follows After Man
 - B. Paul Removed Himself From Attention
 - C. Faith Focused On The Cross
 - D. Divisions Become Petty
 - E. Calvary Should End Division
- II. The Cross Is The Cure For Dying – V 18
 - A. It's Message Seems Foolish
 - B. Many Religions Are Perishing
 - C. Receiving The Message Profits
 - D. Are We Pursuing Salvation
- III. The Cross Is The Cure For Doubt – V 19-25
 - A. There Are Many Doubters
 - B. Wisdom Fails When Stacked Against Christ
 - C. We Must Investigate Honestly

CONCLUSION - (1) Unity Focuses On Christ (2) Believers Focus On Christ (3) Sinners Come To Christ

• INVITATION



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Unlike human love, God's love is not influenced by externals. What God loves does not have to be "loveable." The person God loves does not have to be deserving of His love (Deuteronomy 7:7-8). Paul was the chief of sinners, yet God's love reached down even to him. Even though a murderer and one who violently opposed everything Christ stood for, Paul could be reached by the love of God.



God's love reached down to pluck Zacchaeus, a tax-collector and hated man, from a tree. A professional Philippian jailer on the brink of suicide rejoiced with a new purpose in life once he learned about God's Son. A Samaritan con-artist, Simon the sorcerer, was raised from the gall of bitterness and found God's love; unfortunately, Simon believed he could purchase the power of God and was rebuked by Peter. There are more examples, but we should know that the love of God can even reach you and me.

God's love is also universal and sacrificial (John 3:16). Peter declared that God did not want anyone to perish but repent and live (2

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – Faith – Part Two

2026 FELLOWSHIPS*

- 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.

Peter 3:9). In His desire for man's salvation, the love of God is universal. The New Testament teaches that God is no respecter of persons. His offer is for anyone who will come to Him!

God's love is great and infinite (Ephesians 2:4). His love is without self-interest and is not dependent on one having earned it (Romans 5:8). God loved His Son (John 15:9-10) and the whole world (John 3:16). He loves His followers, the ones who have believed in His Son, the cheerful givers and those who love truth, righteousness and justice (John 16:27; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Psalm 45:7).

But God's love for us demands certain things from those of us whom He loves. As recipients of God's love, what then, should we be doing? We must love God since He has loved us first (1 John 4:19). Because of God's great love of us, in return we must love God with a singular commitment: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment" (Mark 12:30). And we must love Jesus, the Son of God and keep His commandments (John 14:15). Nor are His commandments burdensome; in fact, they are for

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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.

MARCH 15

- ◇ Moore, Michael & Michelle [Tom Woodard's son-in-law & daughter] – They've bought some land and are planning to build so. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's been experiencing pain all over her body. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Stepanovich Family [Tom Woodard's granddaughter Elizabeth] – She delivered a healthy baby girl, **Praise To GOD!**, Thursday, March 12 at 2:06PM, Mila (pronounced MEE-la) Eleanor Stepanovich weighing 8lbs, 11.5oz and "height" of 20.5 inches. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene – She's caught Carol's head-cold. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vierling, Carol – She's feeling better after battling a head cold. ^[NEW]

MARCH 8

- ◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] – She's been on oral (rather than IV) chemo for close to a month so has a little over 2 more months. ^[01]
- ◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] – He's suffering from health issues. ^[01]
- ◇ Cashion, Corena – Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[01]
- ◇ Dzierzanowski, Kayla – **Praise to GOD!** She passed her driver test and now has her learner's permit! ^[01]
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam – She saw her eye doctor and learned she has a small mole behind her eye which seems to be what's causing her problems. She will now see another specialist to determine a plan of action. ^[01]
- ◇ Keese, Bob & Katheryn [Betty Smith's brother-in-law and sister] – They are both experiencing health issues. Bob recently had surgery to replace a defective pacemaker (he's in his 90's). ^[01]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – She's been experiencing

blood pressure issues, mainly too high pressure or very high upper number but low bottom number. ^[01]

MARCH 1

- ◇ Last Name Unknown, Irene [Billy Strunks friend] – She has several health issues and will undergoing surgery sometime soon. ^[02]
- ◇ Morgan, Mitzy Family [Pam Flatequal’s friend] – Mitzy (55yo) passed into eternity recently. ^[02]

FEBRUARY 15

- ◇ Dwyer, Meagan [Betty Smith’s grand-daughter] – She’s been experiencing heath issues. ^[03]
- ◇ McMeans, Melanie – She’s been experiencing at least one migraine a month. ^[03]
- ◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans’ sister-in-law] – Her cancer has spread to her liver and has been upgraded from slow growing to fast growing. ^[03]
- ◇ Smoot, Beth [Smoot’s granddaughter] – Her sister who was living in Haiti passed into eternity Tuesday, February 10. She has also started nursing school. ^[03]
- ◇ Strunk, Billy – He was released feeling a little better after his bout with obstructed bowel. ^[03]

ONGOING CONCERNS

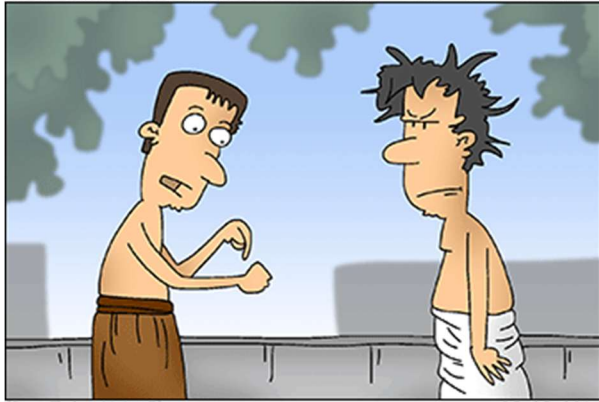
All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 21ST Week. If Someone Is Moved Off This Ongoing List And You Believe They Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Kelly ^[19]; Alderman, Roy ^[16]; Andrews, Dale ^[20]; Bradley Family ^[13]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[08]; Brown, Colton family ^[08]; Brown, Diane Family ^[17]; Coombs, Derek ^[07]; Duncan,

Roberta ^[13]; Dygert, Harold Family ^[05]; Fintel, Rick ^[14]; Flatequal Family ^[14]; Flores, Carlos ^[14]; Gabehart, Tom ^[20]; Gingerella, Ed ^[18]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[17]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[05]; Lassen, Peter ^[18]; Lester, Bob ^[17]; Ashley Family ^[18]; McMeans, Wendell ^[10]; Moore, Jennifer ^[09]; Moore, Perry ^[07]; Mr. Lowe ^[12]; Persat, Diana ^[17]; Price, Jennifer ^[11]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[18]; Renninger, Ruane’s granddaughter-in-law ^[11]; Schilling, Gene ^[19]; Schilling, Ina ^[12]; Sims, Linda ^[09]; Smith, Betty ^[17]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[15]; Smoot, Bailey ^[09]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[13]; Smoot, Max ^[06]; Smoot, Roger ^[20]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[15]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[08]; Spicer, Ronda ^[16]; Street, Cris ^[14]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[19]; Vierling, Gene ^[04]; Vierling, Scott ^[16]; Villereal, Douglas Family ^[04]; Walker, Tony Family ^[16]; Watkins, Mitch ^[06]; Weisel, Michelle ^[12]; White, Linda ^[07]

ADDITIONAL PEOPLE & SITUATIONS For Which To Pray :

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(See John 11:1-45) 09-29-2014

WELCOME BACK, LAZARUS, AND THANKS FOR THINKING OF ME IN YOUR WILL ... OH LOOK AT THE TIME I HAVE TO RUN

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our own good (1 John 5:3). It is not a matter of agreeing with God or seeing His reason, but a matter of loving Him enough to do what He says without question or rebellion.

As the sons of a loving God, we are obligated to love. Husbands must love their wives (Ephesians 5:22-23). Christians must love their neighbors as themselves (Matthew 19:19). Like God, we are to love those who are not only the followers of God and even their enemies (1 John 3:14; Matthew 5:43-48).

So, if we understand, appreciate and live in agreement with the knowledge that our God is a God of love, then we need to ask ourselves some tough questions. Why do we grumble, show discontent or question the circumstances in which we have been placed? Why are we ever distrustful of God's dealings with us? Why do we allow ourselves to grow cold, ritualistic, or half-hearted in service to a God who loves us... love me... love you... so deeply? Why do we allow our loyalties to be divided so that God does not have all our heart? Brethren, we must ask ourselves: would anyone in or outside of Christ observe the quality of the love in our life and learn anything about the greatness of God's love?

END

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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(See Matthew 6:19-21) 10-20-2014

FAN OF ONLINE BANKING? MAY I RECOMMEND LAYING UP ALL YOUR ASSETS IN THE CLOUD?

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

– Romans 5:8

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Cecilia Dzierzanowski	Mar 6	Birthday
Dana Cashion	Mar 11	Birthday
Joyce Burris	Mar 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	Mar 12	Birthday
Abby Brown	Mar 23	Birthday
Phoenix Brown	Apr 10	Birthday
Darrell Ranne	Apr 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	Apr 16	Birthday
Cris Street	Apr 27	Birthday





If Your Special Day Is Between Today And April 30th 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 Month	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately 12:00PM - 2:00PM	
Every Thursday	 Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM - 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly	

Sun - Mar 22 In Search Of The Lord's Way - *The Church Matters*

Sun - Mar 29  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Things Jesus Didn't Say*

Sun - Apr 5  In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Jesus Saves Sinners*

Sun - Apr 12 In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Our Forgiving God*

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for local time
and channel

----- 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 - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 6:30PM
Sun - Mar 15	Ides Of March & National ¹ Peanut Lovers And ² Quilting Days
Mon - Mar 16	National ¹ Panda And ² Articoke And ³ Corn Dog Days
Tue - Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day & National Corn Beef & Cabbage Day
Wed - Mar 18	National Sloppy Joe Day
Thu - Mar 19	Certified Nurses Day & National ¹ Let's Laugh ² Chocolate Caramel & Days
Fri - Mar 20	International Day Of Happiness & Won't You Be My Neighbor Day & National ¹ Macaron And ² Ravioli Days
Sat - Mar 21	National ¹ Crunchy Taco And ² California Strawberry And ³ French Bread Days And ⁴ Preschool Teachers Appreciation Days
Sun - Mar 22	Daffodil Day & Bavarian Crepes Day & Talk Like ¹ William Shatner And/Or ² William Shakespeare Days

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 78 - Deu 33-34; Luk 1:24-56

MON — Day 79 - Jos 1-3; Luk 1:57-80

TUE — Day 80 - Jos 4-6; Luk 2:1-24

WED — Day 81 - Jos 7-8; Luk 2:25-52

THU — Day 82 - Jos 9-10; Luk 3

FRI — Day 83 - Jos 11-13; Luk 4:1-32

SAT — Day 84 - Jos 14-15; Luk 4:33-44

Deu = Deuteronomy | Jos = Joshua
Luk = Luke

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

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	3/15/2026	Genesis 43
Monday	3/16/2026	Genesis 44
Tuesday	3/17/2026	Genesis 45
Wednesday	3/18/2026	Genesis 46
Thursday	3/19/2026	Genesis 47
Friday	3/20/2026	Genesis 48
Saturday	3/21/2026	Genesis 49



MEMORIZE Scripture —

Scripture Verses

Zephaniah 3:17 - ¹⁷ The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

Romans 8:37-39 - ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:4-5 - ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).