



# THE LYTLE LIGHT

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;  
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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**Current Sunday Schedule:** 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship

~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal

~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal

**Current 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.*

## STANDING ON THE PROMISES — PART TWO

Last week, one of the songs we sang was “Standing On The Promises” so, I thought I'd write a little about what this means for us as Christians. We could say that we're actually standing upon God's faithfulness for 2 Peter 1:3-4 reminds us, “<sup>3</sup> Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> For by these **He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises**, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.” [emphasis mine]. So, last week we looked at the biblical definition of what a promise is. The New Testament word is *epaggelia* (eh-PAWG-gah-Lee-ah); It means an announcement (for information, assent, or pledge; especially a divine assurance of good). In Biblical usage, a “promise” contains the elements of covenant, contract, and pledge, with blessings in store to the beneficiary. In a sense, a promise is a prophecy, the fulfill-

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Song No. 58—A Wonderful Savior

Not In Book—O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Song No. 288—Only In Thee

Song No. 406—I Will Pray

## • MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 403—A Blessing In Prayer

Song No. 175—The Lord's Supper

## • LORD'S SUPPER •

## • SERMON •

## — GLORY OF SALVATION —

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 6:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:8;

Hebrews 10:29; Ephesians 5:6; Exodus 19:9;

John 17:22; James 1:12; Ephesians 2:3; Psalm 34:3

### SERMON OUTLINE:

**INTRODUCTION** — (1) Last Week's Review (4:17-25);  
(2) Paul Talks Of Joy That Comes  
From Faith; (3) He Contrasts Sinful  
Adam With Sinless Christ

- I. Our Justification — Paul Lists Five Results Of  
Divine Justification In Verses 1-11 Of Ch. 5
  - A. Peace With God, Accomplished Through  
Christ (5:1)
  - B. Access To God Gives Us Confidence & Joy  
For The Future (5:2)
  - C. Assurance From God (5:3-4)
  - D. Indwelling Of God (5:5)
  - E. Believer Preserved In God (5:6-11)
    1. Christ's Work On The Cross (5:6-8)
    2. Christ Is At God's Right Hand (9-11)
- II. Avoiding Condemnation — Paul Contrasts The  
Work Of Adam/Christ In Verses 12-21 Of Ch. 5

**CONCLUSION** — (1) Seeking God like David; (2) Wes-  
ley's Hymn "O For A Thousand  
Tongues To Sing."

Invitation Song No. 283—I'll Be Listening

## • FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 293—Yield Not To Temptation

## • CLOSING PRAYER—OFFERING & CLOSING

## • DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

# UPCOMING STUDY- WEDNESDAY NIGHT

July 20, 2022 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

If You're Unable To Attend To Watch The Videos,  
You May Read The Following To Keep Up:

*Revelation 5:1-12 & Revelation 5:13-6:10*

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL



JULY 31  
POTLUCK

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ment of which is to be expected.

Next, let's look at **THE VALUE OF A PROMISE:** We are called upon to believe promises every day. Car salesmen make promises, teachers make promises; our political leaders make promises; your spouse and children make promises; how many of these promises do you believe? Maybe not all of them? Why not and why then should we believe the promises of God?

The value of a promise to be believed is based on three things: 1) the integrity of the one who promises; 2) the ability of the one who promises to keep the promise; and 3) the past record of the one who promises. Let's look at each of these:



**1. The integrity of the one who promised:**  
How does God rate here?  
It is the absolute integrity of God that is the as-

surance of His promises. The scriptures consistently argue for the trustworthiness of God:

"God is faithful, by whom you were called into

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the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians. 1:9); “He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:24); “But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one” (2 Thessalonians 3:3); “If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.” (2 Timothy 2:13).

The Hebrew writer calls on Christians to lay hold on the hope presented to them in the counsel of God because it is impossible for God to lie. (Hebrews 6:13-20 – It’s there, I promise... look it up when you have the opportunity!)



**2. The ability of the one who promises:** I may make you a promise and you might be inclined to believe it because you believe that I’m an honest

person. But if it is something I cannot control, then I may have to break my promise. For instance, a grandfather may make a promise to his grandchildren to go fishing when they next come visit, but then it rains or the wind blows, and the promise has to be broken (There’s a lesson about making promises here but that’s for another time). God is not hampered in the fulfillment of His promises. He is omnipotent:

When God revealed himself to the patriarchs and made promises on which they were to trust, He made Himself known as “El Shaddai” (God Almighty). When God appeared to Abram to reaffirm the promise of a son in his old age, He came to Abram and said, “I am God Almighty [El Shaddai]; walk before Me, and be blameless (Genesis 17:1). The promise was assured because God was Almighty. Again, the scriptures show God’s mighty power:

“Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. (Jeremiah 32:17); “For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37).

The promises of the New Testament were confirmed in the power of the resurrection – Acts 17:31 says, “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”



**3. The past record of the One who has promised:** We hear and receive promises all the

time! I’ll pay you back next month; I’ll never hit you again; I won’t raise your taxes; etc. But has God ever failed to keep His promises? The unequivocal answer to that question is, “NO!” This absolute constancy and fidelity is often referred to in scripture as God’s faithfulness: “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” (Deuteronomy 7:9)

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE) points out that this characteristic is one aspect of His truth and unchangeableness. “God is true not only because He is really God in contrast to all that is not God, and because He realizes the idea of Godhead, but also because He is constant or faithful in keeping His promises, and therefore is worthy of trust. The scripture often connects this unchangeableness with God’s goodness and mercy and also with His constancy in reference to His covenant promises, and this is what the Old Testament means by the Faithfulness of God.

Often the Old Testament scriptures use the term “rock” to refer to this character trait, as it is His faithfulness to His words that provide true security for His people. Psalm 18:2 tells us, “The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

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On-Going Concerns Is

**7/3/2022**

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## CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, Be Done
- 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
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & *Mass Shootings*
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

ALL ENTRIES BY DATE ORDER & ALPHABETICAL

## JULY 17TH

- ♦ *Bailey, Linzi* [Ronda Spicer's niece] — She has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is still awaiting results.
- ♦ *Brown, Colton, Abby and Baby Phoenix* [Ronda Spicer's grandson, Colton's wife & their child] — The whole family ended up contracting Covid but **Praise GOD**, they're all pretty much recovered!
- ♦ *Flatequal, Pam* — Unless her plans have changed, she should be back soon from her two months visiting family in TN!
- ♦ *Geehan, Kieran* [Smoots' daughter, Tiffany's husband] — He has contracted covid.
- ♦ *Geehan, Tom* [Kieran's father] — He was back in

the emergency room this past Monday, experiencing the same symptoms as before. His doctor says he still has an infection but is not certain it's still in his kidneys; his doctor wants him to get a second opinion so, he is scheduled for one at the end of this month.

- ♦ *Johnston, Kay* [Lea Strunk's sister] — She's suffered from Parkinson's Disease for years and now, although she needs kidney surgery, she may not be able to have it due to the progression of her disease.
- ♦ *Lloyd, Linda* [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law, Barbara's mother] — She suffers from kidney disease and is back in the hospital due because she was unable to make two or three scheduled dialyses due to feeling poorly.
- ♦ *Mass Shootings* — All those suffering from the senseless injury, pain, and loss of their loved ones. As of the end of July 14, there have been a grand total of 386 mass shootings with 426 dead and 1,697 wounded! Brethren, that's nearly two separate mass shootings every single day with 2.2 people per day dead and 8.7 people per day wounded!
- ♦ *McCormick, Jenna* [Watkins' tenant] — She's been battling breast cancer for about a year. After chemo, surgery and radiation, she received an all clear report from her doctor Thursday, July 14! **Praise GOD!**
- ♦ *Moore, Michael & Michelle* [Tom Woodard's son-in-law & daughter] — They are travelling to bring back their daughter, *Elizabeth* and Baby *Grayson*, to Arkansas. *Christian*, Elizabeth's husband, will remain at his duty station until his discharge from the service later this year.
- ♦ *Russian-Ukraine Situation* — May God grant peace and mutual understanding to come over the hearts and minds of those responsible for the continued war and cause its end! Brethren, the war's been going on since the invasion on February 24, 2022 — that's 4 months, 3 weeks and 2 days as of July 16th!
- ♦ *Vierling, Carlene* — She had a skin cancer removed from her face this past Wednesday, July



13; it required 15 stitches. She also had some blood work done.

- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — She is scheduled for a spinal nerve block procedure on July 26.
- ◇ Woodard, Tom — He is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Monday, July 25th.

## JULY 10TH

- ◇ Blackledge, Sarah [Tom's granddaughter, living & working in Britain] — She is with child.
- ◇ Bollinger, Lynda [Mother of Laura's nephew, Russ Barron's spouse, Michelle] — Somehow she fell/got pushed off stairs on July 4th and suffered a head injury. She had surgery and was on medical support all week. The support was removed Friday and she is now on hospice care.
- ◇ Bonin, Donna [Watkins' friend] — She's going through a very stressful time with her son's acrimonious divorce and her daughter's & sister's recent diagnoses of cancer.
- ◇ Bonin, Stephen [Watkins' friend, Donna Bonin's son] — He's been going through a very messy divorce affecting his 2 children and Donna's pocketbook.
- ◇ Gardner, Jim — He's completed his PT (meant to help his balance). Now if he'll continue with home exercise, he may not bounce off any more walls!
- ◇ Gardner, Laura — She continues to have good days (makes her happy) and bad days (makes her not so happy) concerning her chronic pain.
- ◇ Horton, Barbara [Watkins' friend] — Her incision from her back surgery is finally healing the way it should (**Praise GOD!**) and she'll finally be able to start PT next week.
- ◇ Keck, Reidal (ree-DALE) [Watkins' friend, Donna Bonin's sister] — She's been diagnosed with Stage 3 ovarian cancer.
- ◇ Orr, Lori — Her recent tests at M.D. Anderson reveal that her counts are low, that the tumor has shrunk and that there appears to be no spreading of the cancer (**Praise GOD!**) so, the meds are working! Now there's the surgery to

remove the tumor and then whatever else the doctors believe she'll need (corrective surgery, chemo, and/or radiation).

- ◇ Ruple, Todd [4-year-old Son of Nick & Alisha (Nick preached Joshua Moore's funeral)] — He passed into eternity from amoebic meningitis.
- ◇ Street, Cris — She had a better week than last week and her doctor's nurse gave her several things to do which may help with her cough.
- ◇ Zaruba, Stephanie [Donna Bonin's daughter] — She's been diagnosed with early stage esophagus cancer.

## JULY 3RD

- ◇ Brown, Ronda — Continued healing and strength for her wrist.
- ◇ Burris, Joyce — She suffers from chronic pain.
- ◇ Kennedy Don & Kathy — Kathy's [Tom Woodard's friend from High School] knee replacement isn't healing as fast as she'd like and Don's [Kathy's husband] dementia is worsening.
- ◇ King, Doug [Tom Woodard's step-son] — His gall bladder surgery Thursday, June 30, was successful (**Praise GOD!**) and he's doing well.
- ◇ **Praise to GOD** for the Supreme Court reversing Roe vs Wade, removing the **federal** constitutional right to abortion. Let us pray for our states to follow suit!

## JUNE 26TH

- ◇ Barron, Bill & Emily [Laura Gardner's brother and sister-in-law] — Bill has seen a little improvement. Emily is healed but is restricted from putting any weight on her right side for now.
- ◇ Jackson, April [Watkins' friend] — More lumps were found in her throat. They've been banded and now she's awaiting the pathology report.
- ◇ Rascon, Jamie [Former member & Betty Smith's daughter] — Her doctor is pleased with the healing progress of her foot which had fractured and doesn't believe surgery will be necessary.
- ◇ Reeves, Mike [Tom Woodard's son-in-law, Tim Sparks' uncle, age 60] — He passed into eternity after being removed from the ventilator.

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My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

It is God’s unwavering commitment to keep His promises that elicit the praise and worship of His people. Psalm 89:5-8 says, “And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. <sup>6</sup> For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? <sup>7</sup> God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him. <sup>8</sup> O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.” Psalm 36:5 declares, “Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.” And Isaiah 25:1 proclaims, “Lord, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.”

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Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. — Luke 6:38

# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## ACTS 20:32-35 — BYE TO EPHESIAN ELDERS

<sup>32</sup> Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. <sup>35</sup> In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

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# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Wendell & Melanie McMeans	July 20th	Anniversary
Pam Fintel	July 27th	Birthday
Tom Woodard	August 1	Birthday
Olivia Rodriguez	August 6	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And 08/06/2022,  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <b>Fellowship Potluck Lunch –</b> <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Every 4th Sunday Of Every Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday
Every Monday	 <b>Sewing Sisters –</b> Meet In The Fellowship Room From 1:00PM To 3:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff For The Needy.
Every Tuesday	 <b>Lytle Friendship Art Club –</b> Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)
3rd Mondays	 <b>VFW Auxiliary –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM
4th Tuesdays	 <b>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM
MONTH OF JULY	National Beans, Corn, Ice Cream, Hot Dog, and Lasagna Month; Bereaved Parents Awareness Month; Hitchhiking and Fishing Month; National Bison Month; National Family Reunion, Picnic, and Grilling Month
TODAY	National Ice Cream Day 
Wed- Jul 20	 International Chess Day
Thu-Jul 21	National Junk Food Day 
Fri-Jul 22	 National Hammock Day
Sat-Jul 23	National Gorgeous Grandma Day 
Sun-Jul 24	 53rd Anniversary Of The Moon Landing & National Drive-Thru Day & Parents' Day & Cousins Day
Sun-Jul 17	<b>* IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>God Answers Prayer</i></b>
Oct 13-15	<b>"Man Up" – San Antonio Area Churches Of Christ Men's Retreat @ Corpus Christi –</b> Embassy Suites @ \$119.95 Per Room & No Retreat Fee – See Bulletin Board For More Info

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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

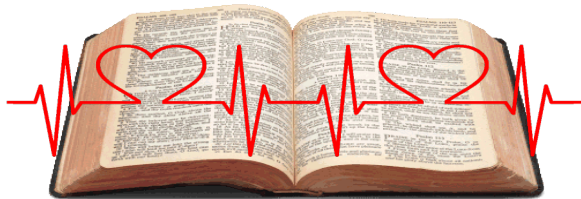
ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?  
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

## 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 —



### Old & New Testaments In 365 — One Passage Old & New Each Day

SUN	Psalm 22-24; Acts 20:1-16
MON	Psalm 25-27; Acts 20:17-38
TUE	Psalm 28-30; Acts 21:1-14
WED	Psalm 31-33; Acts 21:15-40
THU	Psalm 34-35; Acts 22
FRI	Psalm 36-37; Acts 23:1-11
SAT	Psalm 38-40; Acts 23:12-35

## WANT TO BE

### Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka "place membership"):

- ◇ Fill out the *front and back* of 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

- ◇ Place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### ACTS 20:7-12 — EUTYCHUS RAISED

<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. <sup>9</sup> Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. <sup>10</sup> Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" <sup>11</sup> Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. <sup>12</sup> The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

