

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.

THE BIBLE

I ran across an article which started with the following quote concerning the Holy Scriptures: "This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe in it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."

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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



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

Psalm 8:1-9

Song No. 666—Angels We Have Heard On High

Song No. 176—Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

- LORD'S SUPPER •

Psalm 89:1-4

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •
Song No. 535—Sing To Me Of Heaven
- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 118—I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 659—Joy To The World

PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING

- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

SERMON

— REJOICE ALWAYS —

• SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

1 Thessalonians 5:16; James 1:17; Isaiah 59:1-2; Matthew 15:7-18; Revelation 21:8; James 2:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19; Psalm 51:12; Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 89:15-16

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) "Rejoice Always" (2) Do We Fall Short In This? (3) Why Does This Happen?

- I. "JOY" Defined
 - (A) Most Common Greek Word, "CHARA"
 - (B) Joy And Gift
 - (C) Applying The Principle To Christians
- II. The Magnitude Of Sin
 - (A) What Sin Does
 - (B) What This Means
- III. The Magnitude Of Our Gift
 - (A) Christ's Sacrifice
 - (B) What This Means
- IV. Overreacting Emotionalism
 - (A) The Danger Of Emotionalism
 - (B) The Other Extreme
 - (C) We Can Have Both In Worship



CONCLUSION — (1) Entering Worship With Enthusiasm (2) We Should Do Better |A| Spend Time With God |B| Called Out Sin |C| Remember Our Relationship With God (3) Joy Will Become A Natural Reaction And A Blessing

• INVITATION •

WED NIGHT STUDY

NOVEMBER 29 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

— *1 Corinthians 3:18-4:13* —



— DECEMBER 31 —

5th Sunday New Years Eve - After Morning Worship

THEME: TRADITIONAL POTLUCK

— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC



Truck Route Supplies Requested:

Oreos



Potato Chip Variety Packs



Spaghetti Sauce



Refried Beans



Pickup: Dec 12-13, 2023

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Now, this quote has been attributed to the February 28, 1957 issue of the Gospel Advocate by several web sites I perused in attempting to find it, but no matter how hard I tried, I could not find the actual article from the Advocate nor the original article's author. The one site on which I thought I'd found what I was looking for was the Restoration History Archive Library of Tennessee Bible College. Unfortunately, they only had the years 1894 to 1930. I find this quite sad as I'd liked to have been able to read the entire article.

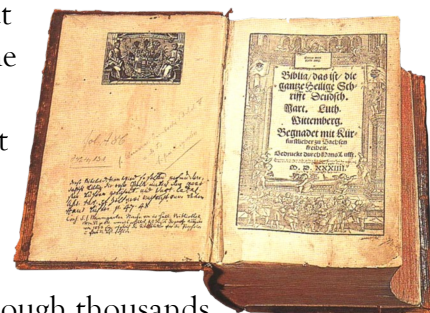
There are many passages from the Bible which indicate that the unknown author of the excerpt I've quoted was very familiar with the Bible:

- Psalm 119:105 — Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
- Isaiah 40:8 — The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 — All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- Hebrews 4:12 — For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- James 1:22 — Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

With this in mind, shouldn't it behoove us all to study diligently so we can be just as knowledgeable of the Bible as the writer of the quote at the beginning of this article?

The impact of the Bible in the history of man is remarkable. Most books from the ancient past are hardly ever read.



Yet, the Bible, though thousands of years old, remains at the top of the list of best sellers each year. As a matter of fact, the Bible, well, the New Testament, has been a best seller since September 21, 1522 when between 3,000 and 5,000 copies of Martin Luther's German New Testament translation was printed and sold at the annual book fair in Leipzig. This fact alone should help us marvel and definitely make us sad that our educational system has removed it from our classrooms. In many places, a teacher cannot even have a copy of it on his/her desk. What a tragic mistake!

Each year, an estimated 100,000,000 copies of the Bible are sold or given away freely in our world. As of 2023 statistics, of the approximate 7,394 spoken languages in the world, it has been translated into 736 languages. The New Testament has been translated into 1,658 languages

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- ◇ Last-Name-Unknown, Nancy [Strunks' Neighbor] — She's been diagnosed with a brain tumor. ^[3]
- ◇ Lloyd, Linda — She was released from the hospital after her heart ablation Wednesday night, November 1 and is now at home. ^[3]

NOVEMBER 5

- ◇ Davis Family [Mitch Watkins' best friend from the Navy] — His mother passed into eternity Wednesday a week ago. ^[4]
- ◇ Dye, Joyce [Melanie's sister-in-law's mother] — She has lived 10 years since her first diagnosis of cancer, having been told she only had a year or two. Her cancer has returned and the outlook is two months. ^[4]
- ◇ Moore, Michael & Michelle [Tom Woodard's son-in-law & daughter] — November 1st was the 10th anniversary of Joshua's passing. ^[4]
- ◇ Woodard, Sue [The late, great, Bubba Woodard's wife & Tom Woodard's sister-in-law] — She's at home and is recovering nicely from her back surgery. ^[4]

OCTOBER 29

- ◇ Montalvo, Louie [Laura Gardner's son's best friend] — He was in and out of the hospital again this past week. He suffers from several health issues, mostly heart and diabetes. He appreciates our prayers and asks that they continue. ^[5]

OCTOBER 22

- ◇ Brock Family [Isaac Brock, Pat Woodard's great nephew] — He passed into eternity. He committed suicide — special prayers for the family, please. ^[6]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — She's doing better, *Praise GOD!* She's still having issues with retaining fluids but her cardiologist is waiting to see how efficacious the new diuretic she was put on in the hospital is doing before making any adjustments. ^[6]
- ◇ Woodard, Pat — Her leg is healing slowly, but it is healing from her surgery to remove the mela-

nomas. ^[6]

- ◇ Woodard, Tom — *Praise GOD!* He received a good report on his knee from his orthopedic surgeon and doesn't have to return for a follow up for two years! ^[6]

OCTOBER 15

- ◇ Noble Family [David, San Pedro CoC members] — David passed into eternity after his battle with pancreatic cancer. ^[7]
- ◇ Smith, Betty — She's been feeling fairly poorly, off and on, as of late. ^[7]

OCTOBER 8

- ◇ Brown, Scott [Wendell McMeans' friend] — *Praise GOD!* He's discontinued some meds he was taking and he's now feeling much better. ^[8]
- ◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans' aunt] — She was treated for a UTI and has gone back to the nursing home. ^[8]
- ◇ Slaughter, Ron [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] — He had a heart attack Wednesday. Fortunately, *Praise GOD!* They found the clot and were able to implant a stint. He was to stay in the hospital for several days for observation. ^[8]



OCTOBER 1 & OLDER

Barron, Pat ^[15]; Brock, Jim ^[15]; Buchheit Family ^[9]; Clemetson, Allie ^[15]; Cook, Daisy ^[15]; Davis Family ^[9]; Farris Family ^[14]; Haass Family ^[17]; Halverson Family ^[9]; Hoover, Herb ^[15]; Lester, Kathy ^[18]; Orr, Myrna ^[17]; Orr & Burris Families ^[12]; Parra, Rudy ^[9]; Renninger, Ruane ^[14]; Shelton, Judy ^[15]; Smith, Philip ^[15]; Smith, Zachary ^[9]; Sparks, Janice ^[17]; Spicer, Ronda ^[12]; Stroud, Brenna & Derrick ^[14]; Stroud, Faith ^[14]; Vierling, Carlene ^[17]; Vierling, Carol ^[12]; Villarreal, Nick ^[12]



SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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and some parts of it (mainly Psalms and Proverbs) have been translated into over 1,264 languages and dialects. Most American homes have at least three copies of the Bible. The precise number of Bibles printed is difficult to ascertain, but it has been calculated that at least 6,001,500,000 Bibles have been printed since Gutenberg printed the first Latin language one in 1455.

Here's some interesting Bible Trivia:

1. The Largest Printed Bible — It was printed in 1930 by Louis Waynai, a member of the church, who used a homemade rubberstamp press and took him 8,700 hours to complete. That Bible is currently in the library at Abilene Christian University. When closed, it is nearly three feet tall and almost four feet wide. It weighs 1,094 pounds and has 8,700 pages.

2. The Smallest Printed Bible — It was produced by the Haifi Institute of Technology using a Focused Ion Beam.” It is 1,514 pages and is printed on a metal plate the size of the head of a pin. It weighs less than one half of an ounce — about the weight of an empty can of soda.

3. The Invisible Bible — What? What's an “invisible” Bible? It is a Bible so “small” that it is impossible to be seen. Its impact is also greater and has more influence than all the Bibles ever printed. Consider these words, “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you” (Psalm 119:11); “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7); “You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” (2 Corinthians 3:3). This Bible is invisible to the eye of any mortal, but is seen daily in the lives of His people.

One final question: Where is your Bible? Hidden in your heart or on a shelf in your home? **E**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Betty Smith	November 13	Birthday
Abbey Vierling	December 11	Birthday (18 Today!)
Roger & Deborah Smoot	December 21	Anniversary
Dan Orr	January 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	January 26	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And January 26, 2023,
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch — <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Every 4th Sunday Of Every Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p>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.</p>
Sun—Dec 3	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Water & Spirit</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Dec 10	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Miraculous Gifts Today</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Dec 17	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>When The Heart Breaks</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Dec 24	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>With Christ</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>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)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary — Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) — Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun—Nov 26	International Cake Day (That Means ICING !!!)
Tue—Nov 28	Get Rid Of That Turkey Leftovers Day National French Toast Day Giving Tuesday
Wed—Nov 29	National Lemon Crème Pie Day Throw All Your Leftovers Day
Thu—Nov 30	National Mousse Day
Fri—Dec 1	National Pie Day National Fried Pie Day National Peppermint Bark Day
Sun—Dec 3	National Apple Pie & Green Bean Casserole & Peppermint Latte 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 —



Immersive — Through OT Once & NT 3 Times

SUN	Dan 8; Dan 9; 2 Thes 2; 2 Thes 3
MON	Dan 10; Dan 11; 1 Tim 1; 1 Tim 2
TUE	Dan 12; Hos 1; 1 Tim 3; 1 Tim 4
WED	Hos 2; Hos 3; 1 Tim 5; 1 Tim 6
THU	Hos 4; Hos 5; 2 Tim 1; 2 Tim 2
FRI	Hos 6; Hos 7; 2 Tim 3; 2 Tim 4
SAT	Hos 8; Hos 9; Titus 1; Titus 2

Dan = Daniel | Thes = Thessalonians | Tim = Timothy
Hos = Hosea

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?



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 —

SELECTED VERSES FROM 1 & 2 TIMOTHY

1 Timothy 1:15-17 — ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 4:1-5 — ¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. ² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. ³ They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. ⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

2 Timothy 3:16 — ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

