# THE LYTLE LIGHT

### YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

- Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

Number 33

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 ONE

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

I once heard someone say that there are two kinds of people: saints and aints. Now we're all supposed to be saints in the church! Unfortunately we sometimes act like aints.

David Lloyd George (Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1916-1922) was addressing a meeting in South Wales when the chairman, thinking to be witty at the chancellor's expense, remarked to the audience that he was a little disappointed in Mr. Lloyd George's appearance. "I had heard so much about Mr. Lloyd George," he said, "that I naturally expected to meet a big man in every sense; but, as you can see for yourselves, he is very small in stature." Many people might have been upset by such an introduction, but not so Lloyd George. He said, "I am grieved to find that your chairman is disappointed in my size, but this is owing to the way you have here of measuring a man. In North Wales we measure a man from his chin up, but you evidently measure him from his chin down!"

How do you measure a person's character or a person's worth? How do you gage or assess a person? By his or her physical stature or appearance? That's the way it is in Hollywood, but not in heaven. 1 Samuel 16:7 tells us, "7 But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at [continued on page 3]

### **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 •

Song No. 99–Praise Him! Praise Him! Song No. 106–All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name! Song No. 107–All Things Praise Thee

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER
   Song No. 27–To God Be The Glory
   Song No. 134–Oft We Come Together
  - Lord's Supper •

• SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song-Psalm 113 (Take My Life & Let It...)

• FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 240–Oh, The Things We May Do

• Prayer: Offering & Closing •

GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE

#### **SERMON**

## DEALING WITH OUR DOUBTS MATTHEW 21:21-22



#### • SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Matthew 21:21-22; Matthew 17:20; John 1:29; Matthew 14:30-31; James 1:3; Matthew 11:2-3; Jeremiah 33:22; John 10:38; Acts 17:30-31; Mark 9:24

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) Faith And Mountains | (2) Explore The Causes And Cures

- Reasons Faith May Change To Doubt
  - A. Separated From People Of Faith
  - B. Seeing The Winds Of War
  - C. Awaiting Christ's Return
  - D. Pressure From Unbelievers.
- II. Dealing With Our Doubts
  - A. Some Things Will Try Our Faith
  - B. Doubt Helps Us Dig Deeper
  - C. Remember Where We Are
  - D. Continue Faithful For His Sake

CONCLUSION — (1) Help Our Unbelief | (2) We Will Be Tested

• INVITATION •

### WED NIGHT STUDY

5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)
Please Join Us When Possible!

— To Be Determined —



- September 29th——
- REGULAR FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK MEAL •
   after morning service
  - —— **N**OVEMBER 24TH ——
- REGULAR FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK MEAL •

oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How searchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?" <sup>36</sup> For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. — Romans 11:33-35

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the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Sometime back I ran into a poem entitled, "The Perfect Church:"

I think that I shall never see A Church that's all it ought to be: A Church whose members never stray Beyond the Straight and Narrow Way: A Church that has no empty pews, Whose Preacher never has the blues. A Church with all its Elders, strong Who have no fear to call out wrong. A Church whose Deacons always deak, And none is proud, and all are meek: Where gossips never peddle lies, Or make complaints or criticize; Where all are always sweet and kind, And all to other's faults are blind. Such perfect Churches there may be, But none of them are known to me. But still, we'll work, and pray and plan, To make our own the best we can.

We need reminded sometimes that the church isn't perfect — mainly because there are no perfect people but we do serve a perfect God. The Lord's people are important because they belong to God

so based solely on that statement, we need to have the right attitude toward people in the church.

Let's consider what Paul said about various people in the Lord's church and how his words apply to us.



WE MUST COM-MEND SOME PEOPLE. Romans 16:1-2 says, "<sup>1</sup>I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, <sup>2</sup> that you may receive her in the Lord in a man-

ner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also."

The Duke of Wellington, the British military leader who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo, was not an easy man to serve under. He was brilliant, demanding, and not one to shower his subordinates with compliments. Yet even Wellington realized that his methods left something to be desired. In his old age a young lady asked him what, if anything, he would do differently if he had his life to live over again. Wellington thought for a moment, then replied. "I'd give more praise," he said.

I think if we had life to do over again we'd probably give more praise! Young people die for lack of praise. Marriages dissolve or die for lack of praise. Employees die from lack of praise. People die for lack of appreciation, perhaps not physically but certainly spiritually — people die for lack of praise, perhaps not all at once but certainly a bit at a time.

Scottish writer, Thomas Carlyle had a very devoted wife who sacrificed everything for his sake, but he never gave her a single expression of appreciation for all she did and sacrificed for him. He withheld that which her heart yearned, as do most (all?) people. She came to regard herself as the most miserable woman in all of London and evidently died of heart-hunger. After her death, Carlyle, reading her diary, realized the truth. A [continued on page 6]



#### **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 Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

# ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

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#### ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY <u>Date Order</u> AND ARE <u>ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME</u>

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 11**

- ♦ <u>Fintel, Rick</u> 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 but there was no diagnosis, although doctors did not run any tests, as they felt no need. [NEW]
- ♦ <u>Shaw, Nancy</u> [Betsy Watkins' longtime friend] The infusions for her liver have been wearing her down greatly. Not only do they take 5-½ hours which is tiring in itself but they leave her drained. [NEW]
- ♦ <u>Spicer</u>, <u>Ronda</u> *Praise To GOD!* Her right knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, August 7 went well. She was to stay over night but was still unable to be released the next day due to low blood pressure and dizziness. [NEW]
- ♦ <u>Strunk, Billy</u> He just found out from his doctor that he is practically blind in his left eye.

  [NEW]
- ♦ <u>Strunk, Lea</u> She continues to have a great deal of pain in her feet especially when she puts weight on them. [NEW]
- ◊ Vireling, Gene A CT was taken of a swollen lymph node. It hadn't decreased in size so a needle biopsy was taken and he is still awaiting results. [NEW]
- ♦ Wheatly, Tia-Claire [Newborn of Deborah Smoot's niece] Tia-Claire was born on Thursday, August 1 weighing 6 lbs 15 oz. [NEW]

#### **AUGUST 4**

♦ <u>Vela, John & Cheryl</u> [Ruane Renninger's son-in-law & daughter] — Travelling between Texas and Colorado helping their son relocate. [01]

#### 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's been charged with murder. [02]
- ◊ <u>Dadd, Jaime</u> [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. [02]
- ♦ <u>Rodriguez</u>, <u>Dolores Family</u> [Coworker at Walmart With Jim & Laura Gardner] Dolores (age 54) was shot and killed by her boyfriend. [02]
- ♦ 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. [02]
- ♦ Woodard, Pat She had the stiches in her head removed several days ago. She's to see her cardiologist on the recommendation of her doctor.
  [02]

### JULY 21

♦ <u>Saldana, Dan</u> [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 in currently incarcerated) [03]

#### JULY 14

- ♦ Families Of Four Camden Teenagers They were involved in a stolen truck accident. Two were treated and released, two had serious injuries (in critical care) and one died. [04]
- McMeans, Cody [Melanie & Wendell McMeans' son] — Still cleaning up after Beryl. [04]
- ♦ <u>Renninger, Ruane</u> She continues to have falls, nearly all at home. [04]
- ♦ <u>Smith, Betty</u> She's been feeling fairly poorly, off and on, as of late. [04]

#### JULY 7

♦ <u>Dye Family</u> [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law's mother, Joyce] — She passed into eternity Friday, June 28 at age 89. [05]

- ♦ <u>Families</u> Affected By A Camden, Arkansas explosion at a weapons facility Wednesday, July 3 Two were injured and one was killed. [05]
- ♦ <u>LaFleur</u>, <u>Miranda</u> [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] — She was supposed to have had the brain floor rebuild this past Wednesday, July 3.<sup>[05]</sup>
- ♦ <u>Meeks, David</u> [Brother of Deanna Glaze, a friend of the Watkinses'] — He's very recently been diagnosed with over 30 separate brain cancer tumors making his cancers inoperable. [05]
- ♦ Neill, Mason [Marble Falls CoC's minister's 20-years-old son] He's very recently been diagnosed with a cancer tumor on his left shoulder. He will have to have surgery as his cancer (Chondro Sarcoma) is a type that is extremely resistant to chemo and radiation. [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 [14]; Barron, Pat Family [18]; Bentley, Sage [14]; Bonin, Danny [15]; Bonin, Donna [15]; Bridgewater, Rebecca [16]; Brown, Hunter [23]; Brown, Jason [08]; <u>Brown</u>, Stephanie [24]; <u>Brown</u>, Tina & Gardner, Sterling [12]; Burris, Gloria [22]; Burris, Joyce [19]; Vela Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia [19]; Flatequal, Fletcher [11]; French, Missae [14]; Green, Dori Ann [05]; Green, Sonia [26]; Haby, Casey [16]; Gail Kuehler's sister [1]; Gibbon, Tucker [13]; Last-Name-Unknown, Misty [09]; Lloyd-Brown Family [10]; Lopez, Emily [19]; McLay, Carla [22]; McLay, Gary [22]; McMeans, Justin [08]; McMeans, Velma [07]; Montalvo, Louie [13]; Orr, Dan [08]; Parra, Rudy [14]; Reilly, Mike Family [23]; Renninger, Ruane [08]; Slaughter, Ron [14]; Smith, Bessie Family [26]; Smith, Zachary Family [26]; Smoot, Bailey [14]; Smoot, Cody & Emily [19]; Smoot, Dan'iel [15]; Smoot, Jeremy [14]; Smoot, Randy [18]; Sparks, Janice [16]; Street, Brian [10]; Torres, Donna [08]; Vela, Alix [05]; Vela, John & Cheryl [16]; Villarreal, Douglas [20]; Vierling, Gene [14]; Watkins, Betsy [14]; Watkins, Mitch [14]; Welsby, Chris [25]

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friend found him at her grave suffering intense remorse and exclaiming, "If I had only known!"



Children never reach their potential in school for lack of praise. Even most adult people never reach their potential in the work field for lack of praise. Remember when Paul tells the Romans

that he was commending Phoebe to them ("1I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea" [Romans 16:1]?

I once heard a story of an old elder in one church who said, "I've been an elder in this church over 30 years and not one person has ever said 'thank you' or said anything good to me." HOW SAD IS THAT? Ephesians 4:29 reminds us, "29 Let no corrupt word [unwholesome talk] proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." And Galatians 6:9-10 tells us, And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." This includes speaking good words; words of commendation and appreciation.

#### PART TWO CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

#### SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ROMANS 12:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the <u>needs</u> of the <u>saints</u>, given to <u>hospitality</u>.

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### ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

s.M.	Tom Woodard	August 1	Birthday
	Carlene Vierling	August 7	Birthday
	Gene & Carlene Vierling	August 8	Anniversary
	Laura Gardner	August 9	Birthday
	Betsy Watkins	August 23	Birthday

If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And August 31, 2024 And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

	——- Church Stuff —— Church Stuff —— Church Stu			
4th OR 5th Sundays	"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch — After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM 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 18	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — The Judgment — for channel: searchtv.com			
Sun-Aug 25	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — Heaven — for channel: searchtv.com			
Sun-Sep 1	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – TBA – for channel: searchtv.com			
Sun-Sep 8	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – TBA – for channel: searchtv.com			
Fri   Sat   Sun— Sep 27-28-29	Women Of Joy Conference @ San Antonio — Theme: He Must Become Greater; And I Must Become Less   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 11	National <sup>1</sup> Raspberry Tart And <sup>2</sup> Panini And <sup>3</sup> Melon Days			
Mon–Aug 12	Victory (VJ) Day   National Julienne Fries Day   Baseball Fans Day			
Wed-Aug 14	National <sup>1</sup> Creamsicle And <sup>2</sup> Navajo Code Talkers Days			
Fri–Aug 16	National <sup>1</sup> Bratwurst And <sup>2</sup> Kool-Aid Days			
Sat-Aug 17	National <sup>1</sup> Nonprofit And <sup>2</sup> Vanilla Custard And <sup>3</sup> Pineapple Juice Days			
Sun-Aug 18	National <sup>1</sup> Fajita And <sup>2</sup> Ice Cream Pie And <sup>3</sup> Never Give Up 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 —



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

SUN	Aug 11 - Jer 14-17
MON	Aug 12 - Jer 18-22
TUE	Aug 13 - Jer 23-25
WED	Aug 14 - Jer 26-29
THU	Aug 15 - Jer 30-31
FRI	Aug 16 - Jer 32-34
SAT	Aug 17 - Jer 35-37

Jer = Jeremaiah

### 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 ROMANS

ROMANS 12:3-4 - For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function

ROMANS 13:8-10 — <sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

ROMANS 14:1-4 — <sup>1</sup> Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. <sup>2</sup> For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.