



# The Lytle Light

You Are The Light Of The World.

– Matthew 5:14a <sup>[NKJV]</sup>

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 (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)  
Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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## THE CONDITION VERSUS THE PLAN OF SALVATION

I have long believed as many of you that perhaps we need to revise our way of teaching about salvation. If you've been in the church for any amount of time, whenever the topic was "The Plan of Salvation," you could almost guarantee that the sermon points would be: 1) Hear, 2) Believe, 3) Repent, 4) Confess, and 5) Be baptized. But is that really the PLAN of salvation?

Before I go any further, I'd like to say for the record that the five-point outline above is perfectly Scriptural! That is EXACTLY what we must do to be saved (cf. Romans 10:17; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:35-38). So, this article is NOT about removing those essential duties from our Christian walk! These things must be taught to every sinner who will listen. I may be playing with semantics but the point I want to make is that these five points are NOT the PLAN of salvation! Instead, these five things are the CONDITIONS of salvation for the alien sinner.

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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!

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.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship •
- Announcements •
- Scripture Reading •
- Opening Prayer •

Not In Book – Come Ye Thankful People, Come  
422 – The Blessed Hour Of Prayer

- Minister's Intercessory Prayer •

15 – God Is The Fountain Whence  
115 – O, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing  
178 – By Christ Redeemed



- Lord's Supper •

- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •

392 – When Upon Life's Billows

- Final Announcements •

475 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

- Closing Prayer •

- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •



## SERMON

– THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST –

### • SERMON SCRIPTURES •

Acts 2:42-47; 1 John 1:3; Luke 10: 41-42;  
1 Corinthians 10:16; Hebrews 10:14-16; John  
13:34-35; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 Timothy 6:17-19;  
Hebrews 13:15; Romans.14:17-19

### • SERMON OUTLINE •

*INTRODUCTION - (1) Jesus Built His Church (2) Peter's First Gospel Sermon Introduced It (3) What Should We Be Like Today?*

- I. Devoted To Apostles' Doctrine
- II. Devoted To Spiritual Fellowship
- III. Devoted To Breaking Bread
- IV. Devoted To Steadfast Prayer
- V. Devoted To Brotherly Love
- VI. Devoted To Daily Service
- VII. Devoted To Purposeful Unity
- VIII. Devoted To Joyful Simplicity
- IX. Devoted To Praising God
- X. Devoted To Pleasing People

*CONCLUSION - (1) God Has Given These Examples Of The Early Church (2) Is That Who We Are?*

### • INVITATION •

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## WED NIGHT STUDY

4 PM In Fellowship Room (Rear Doors)

— Topic: *JOSEPH* —

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## 2025 FELLOWSHIPS

- NOVEMBER 23 – THANKSGIVING REPAST
- DECEMBER 28 – “NEW YEARS EVE” FELLOWSHIP WITH GAMES!



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When we call those five things “the plan of salvation,” we have left out of lot of necessary information – and we’ve misrepresented the true plan of salvation! Will you open your mind and think with me about this?

If I may just get to the point, “The PLAN of Salvation” is Jesus on the cross! Note: “For the message of the CROSS is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being SAVED it is the power of God;” then later, it says, “it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to

SAVE those who believe” (1Corinthians 1:18,21). In other words: without Christ, without the cross, without the shedding of His blood, the five conditions of salvation would be powerless to save anyone! When we stress the conditions, without mentioning their connection to the cross, it should not surprise us when some accuse us of trying to “earn” our salvation by works – because that’s exactly what it sounds like! Keep in mind that I’m talking about others’ perceptions of what we say. So, if I may be so bold, I would like to suggest a better outline for teaching sinners about salvation:

I. The NEED of salvation because of sin

- a. The DEFINITION of sin – transgression of God’s law, by commission or omission (1 John 5:17; James 4:17)
- b. The CAUSE of sin – it is NOT an inherited trait, but a deliberate choice

to do evil (Ezekiel 18:20; James 1:13-15)

- c. The EXTENT of sin – EVERYONE becomes guilty of sin at some point in their lives (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8)
- d. The RESULT of sin – sin results in

eternal “death” (note the contrast with “eternal life,” Romans 6:23)

II. The PLAN of salvation (Christ)

- a. God provided a sacrificial lamb as a substitute for our punishment (cf. John 1:29)
- b. The life (blood) of Christ was

the ransom price paid to free us from sin (Matthew 20:28)

- c. If it were not for the shedding of His blood, there would be NO salvation! (cf. Hebrews 9:22)
- d. His selfless sacrifice is designed to “compel” repentance and faithfulness (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

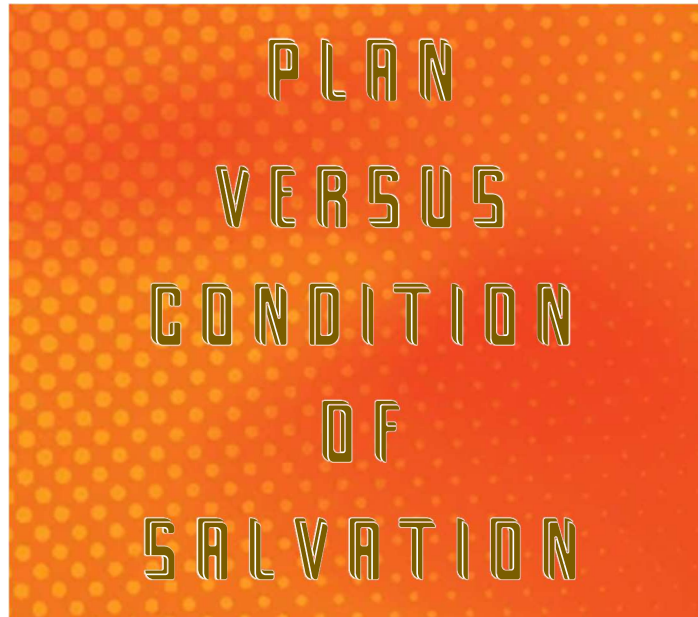
III. The CONDITIONS of salvation

- a. Hear and believe in Christ (John 8:24; Romans 10:17)
- b. Repentance of all our sins (Luke 13:3,5)
- c. Confession of our faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
- d. Baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38-39)

IV. The RESULT of salvation (church)

- a. Those meeting the conditions of salvation are added to God’s church (Acts 2:38,41,47)

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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 Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World – *Flash Flooding In Texas & Loss Of Life*
- 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 SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E., <sup>[1]</sup>, AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEKS THE ENTRY HAS BEEN IN THE BULLETIN.

## NOVEMBER 2

- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She had a fall when her puppy, Ginger, pulled her over when someone approached and she (the dog) strained at the leash to greet the individual. ***Praise To GOD!*** she wasn't seriously hurt but is sore and bruised. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Tiffany [Smoots' daughter] – She's been diagnosed with a hiatal hernia. Doctors took biopsy(s) of her esophagus and duodenum to determine if there is any damage. She expects the test results in about two weeks. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene – She had a fall after getting tangled up in the cord of her vacuum cleaner. She hurt her shoulder and has some bruising but, ***Praise To GOD!*** wasn't hurt seriously – mostly a lot of soreness <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Carol – ***Praise To GOD!*** she arrived safely and is amongst us again! <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Watkins, Mitchell – His procedure went well on Monday, November 3 but he was called in to see the doctor Thursday afternoon, November 6, and was informed he has a medium-growing prostate cancer which, ***Praise To GOD!*** can be monitored for the next five to seven years if I wish to go that route. Mitch is considering a CyberKnife (pinpoint radiation) procedure. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

## OCTOBER 26

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] – He had surgery Wednesday, October 29 to remove a melanoma from his elbow. ***Praise To GOD!*** the surgery went well. <sup>[01]</sup>

- ◇ Gingerella, Ed [Tom Woodard's friend] - ***Praise To GOD!*** he's been declared cancer free! <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◇ Lester, Bob [Ruane Renninger's brother] - He has a cancer on his forehead close to his eye. He underwent four hours of treatment Wednesday, October 29. <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Scott [Vierling's son] - He's been diagnosed with A-Fib. He's to be scheduled for a series of tests... They've already shocked his heart a couple/few times. <sup>[01]</sup>

## OCTOBER 19

- ◇ Brown Family - Colton, Abby, and kids <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Brown, Diane Family [Natalia congregation member] - Diane passed sometime the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Carlos Flores [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] He's to undergo surgery on Sunday, November 23. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Gonzalez, Joel [Lea Strunk's daughter, Judith's husband] - He's home recovering from surgery. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell - ***Praise To GOD!*** He's found employment and is hopeful it works out. He starts early November. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Persat, Diana [Deborah Smoot's cousin's wife] - She's been released from the hospital but is in kidney failure and on dialysis three times a week. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Price, Dylan [Tom Woodard's friend, Renee Allsup's son] - He broke his leg (severe compound fracture) while trying to jump a fence. He's had surgery and two skin grafts. Neither graft has taken so they've laid one leg over the other hoping for a successful graft. If it doesn't work, he may have to have his leg amputated. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Smith, Betty - She's been feeling poorly off and on lately. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda - ***Praise To GOD!*** her recov-

ery from surgery has improved enough so that she's begun to drive again. <sup>[01]</sup>

- ◇ Walker, Tony Family [Tiffany Geehan's (Smoot's daughter) good friend's father] - Tony passed into eternity Thursday, October 23, leaving his wife, two daughters and two sons, all longtime residents of Lytle. <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy - She's still struggling with Congestive Heart Failure, edema and possible cellulitis (infection of the deep skin layers). She's been put on an antibiotic and still sees home health care twice a week. <sup>[01]</sup>

## 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 21<sup>ST</sup> Week. If I Move Someone Off This Ongoing List That You Believe Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

Alderman, Kelly <sup>[03]</sup>; Andrews, Dale <sup>[04]</sup>; Bridgewater, Larry <sup>[14]</sup>; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) <sup>[14]</sup>; Brown, J.D. Family <sup>[19]</sup>; Brown, Jane <sup>[09]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[06]</sup>; Cashion, Corina <sup>[02]</sup>; Clendenning, Carol <sup>[10]</sup>; Coughran, Brett <sup>[09]</sup>; Dober, Jerry Family <sup>[15]</sup>; Duncan, Roberta <sup>[15]</sup>; Gabehart, Tom <sup>[04]</sup>; Garay, Mary <sup>[07]</sup>; Gardner, Jim <sup>[11]</sup>; Gardner, Laura <sup>[12]</sup>; Gonzalez, Jackson <sup>[15]</sup>; Greer Family <sup>[13]</sup>; Guzman, Emily <sup>[12]</sup>; Jackson, April <sup>[09]</sup>; Johansen, Charles <sup>[12]</sup>; Holt, Claude <sup>[20]</sup>; Keese, Robert <sup>[09]</sup>; Kelly, Don <sup>[19]</sup>; Kennedy, Don <sup>[14]</sup>; King, Elizabeth Grace <sup>[14]</sup>; Lassen, Peter <sup>[03]</sup>; Leininger, Ellie <sup>[14]</sup>; Lett, Dale <sup>[12]</sup>; McMeans, Cody <sup>[15]</sup>; McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family <sup>[03]</sup>; Montelago, Abe <sup>[18]</sup>; Matthews, Cody <sup>[17]</sup>; McMeans, Wendell <sup>[13]</sup>; McMeans, Velma <sup>[19]</sup>;

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Melendey, Max Family <sup>[17]</sup>; Moore, Angie <sup>[11]</sup>;  
Moore, Michael <sup>[09]</sup>; Rasmussen, Linda <sup>[03]</sup>;  
Renneniger, Ruane <sup>[10]</sup>; Roeder, Gayle <sup>[12]</sup>;  
Schilling, Gene <sup>[04]</sup>; Segers, Jacob <sup>[16]</sup>; Sisters of  
Oliver Flores <sup>[09]</sup>; Smith, Jimmie (JD) <sup>[09]</sup>;  
Smogur, Joyce Family <sup>[15]</sup>; Smoot, Bailey <sup>[04]</sup>;  
Smoot, Dani'el <sup>[14]</sup>; Smoot, Deborah <sup>[14]</sup>; Smoot,  
Roger <sup>[06]</sup>; Sparks, Janice <sup>[20]</sup>; Sprute, Juanita  
<sup>[14]</sup>; Street, Cris <sup>[10]</sup>; Strunk, Billie <sup>[07]</sup>; Strunk,  
Lea Family <sup>[17]</sup>; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn  
<sup>[05]</sup>; Vela, Cheryl <sup>[15]</sup>; Vela, Maeve <sup>[15]</sup>; Vela,  
Olivia <sup>[15]</sup>; Vierling, Carlene <sup>[14]</sup>; Vierling, Gene  
<sup>[06]</sup>; Wade, John <sup>[12]</sup>

**<sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the  
glory of God.**

**– Romans 3:23**

**<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive  
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

**– 1 John 1:8**

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- b. As God's people, the church has one mission: to glorify God (Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Timothy 3:14-15)
- c. We glorify God by doing what HE says, rather than doing what WE want (Matthew 5:16)
- d. This would include working with other saved people in a local church (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Now, I realize that the above outline can certainly be improved upon. But don't you think it's a much more comprehensive treatment of the plan of salvation, rather than just looking at the conditions of salvation? So, the next time someone asks you about the plan of salvation, why don't we tell them the WHOLE story! **END**

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### HEBREWS 10:24-25

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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## ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Vierling	Nov 9	Birthday
Hannah Vierling	Nov 11	Birthday
Betty Smith	Nov 13	Birthday
Corina Cashion	Dec 3	Birthday
Abby Vierling	Dec 11	Birthday
Roger & Deborah Smoot	Dec 21	Anniversary
Joey & Gaylia Dzielzanowski	Dec 29	Anniversary



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And December 31<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Or 5<sup>th</sup>  
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 - Nov 16

In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Christian Pharisees*

Sun - Nov 23

In Search Of The Lord's Way - *Giving Thanks*

Sun - Nov 30

In Search Of The Lord's Way - *The Gospel & Salvation*

Sun - Dec 7

In Search Of The Lord's Way - *The Church Of Christ*



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Sun - Nov 23

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal After Morning Worship



----- 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<sup>RD</sup> Mon

VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM

Sun - Nov 9

Go To An Art Museum Day & National Scrapple Day

Mon - Nov 10

Marine Corps' 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday & National Vanilla Cupcake Day

Tue - Nov 11

Veterans Day & National Sundae Day

Wed - Nov 12

Chicken Soup For The Soul Day & National French Dip Sandwich Day

Thu - Nov 13

World Kindness Day & National Dream Destination Day

Fri - Nov 14

National <sup>1</sup>American Teddy Bear And <sup>2</sup>Pickle And <sup>3</sup>Seat Belt Days

Sat - Nov 15

National <sup>1</sup>Bundt Cake And <sup>2</sup>Clean Out Your Refrigeration And <sup>3</sup>Raisin Bran Days

Sun - Nov 16

National <sup>1</sup>Clarinet And <sup>2</sup>Fast Food Days

Thu - Nov 27

THANKSGIVING

<sup>14</sup> Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.

- Jeremiah 17:14

## 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 For Edification —



## THE BIBLE IN “90” —

Read The Entire Bible Through In “90” Days (88  
Plus Two Grace Days) = 4 Times Thru This Year!

SUN — Nov 9 — Pslm 25:1 - Pslm 45:14

MON — Nov 10 — Pslm 45:15 - Pslm 69:21

TUE — Nov 11 — Pslm 69:22 - Pslm 89:13

WED — Nov 12 — Pslm 89:14 - Pslm 108:13

THU — Nov 13 — Pslm 109:1 - Pslm 134:3

FRI — Nov 14 — Pslm 135:1 - Pro 6:35

SAT — Nov 15 — Pro 7:1 - Pro 20:21

Pslm = Psalms | Pro = Proverbs



## 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 —

Various Scripture Verses About Encouragement

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-11** – <sup>9</sup> For God did not  
appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died  
for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we  
should live together with Him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore  
comfort each other and edify one another,  
just as you also are doing.

**Ephesians 4:29** – <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt word  
proceed out of your mouth, but what is good  
for necessary edification, that it may impart  
grace to the hearers.

**Romans 15:13** – <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
that you may abound in hope by the power of  
the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 6:2** – <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens,  
and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Colossians 3:12-13** – <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as the elect  
of God, holy and beloved, put on tender  
mercies, kindness, humility, meekness,  
longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another,  
and forgiving one another, if anyone has a  
complaint against another; even as Christ  
forgave you, so you also must do.