

# THE LYTLE LIGHT

## YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

- Matthew 5:14a (NKIV)

The believer is 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 — Every 4th Or 5th Sunday

> Potluck Fellowship Meal 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.

#### PSALM 98 (PART ONE)

Psalm 98 is a beautiful song of praise. Of the 150 recorded for us in the book we call Psalms, it is the only one entitled simply, "A Psalm" with no other explanation provided. In its praise, it is very similar to Psalm 96 which is known as a Psalm of declaring the glory of God to the entire earth; there are some elements of prophesy of the messiah to come in it's text. Psalm 98 points our attention to our victorious God where He is our deliverer (vv. 1-3), our King (vv. 4-6), and our righteous Judge (vv. 7-9). Scholars believe that it can be thought of as a noble, spirit-stirring Psalm, one that may have been written for some great national triumph of it's time.`

Some of the language found in the first 3 verses are found echoed through the account of the Exodus:

- V. 1 right hand... holy arm Exodus 6:6; Deuteronomy 4:34
- V. 2 He has revealed His righteousness to the nations -Exodus 9:16; Romans 9:17

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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

Because We Have A Charge To Keep - To Be A Soul Winner For Jesus And To Walk In His Footsteps - We Feel Blessed As He Breathes His Breath On Us Sanctifying Our Beautiful Lives

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

Song No. 273-A Beautiful Life

Song No. 260-A Charge To Keep I Have

• MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 247–A Soul Winner For Jesus

Song Not In Song Book-Are You Walking...

Not In Song Book-Breathe On Me Breath Of God

Lord's Supper



• SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 575–Softly And Tenderly

• FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 471–Abide With Me

- Prayer: Offering & Closing •
- GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

### **SERMON**

#### **CONDEMNED BY OTHERS** LUKE 11:31-32



#### • SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Luke 11:29-32; John 12:48; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10: 2 Timothy 4:1: 1 Kings 10:1-13; Jonah 1:1-2; 3:1-4

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) Judged By Jesus Christ... / (A) Claimed By Jesus | (B) Taught By Paul | (2) Judged By Others | (A) The Queen Of The South | (B) The Men Of Nineveh

- Ī. Queen Of The South
  - A. Historical Background
  - B. Why She Will Condemn Them
  - C. Will She Condemn Us
  - D. Might Others Condemn Us
- 11. Men Of Nineveh
  - A. Historical Background
  - B. Why They Will Condemn Them
  - C. Will They Condemn Us
  - D. Might Others Condemn Us

CONCLUSION — (1) With Whom Shall We Stand | (2) How Have We Responded

—— INVITATION ——

## WED NIGHT STUDY

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

— 1 Cor 15:29-38: 38:27 —



—— Мау 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship POTLUCK OR WILL BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

—— June 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR WILL BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS



## Truck Route

Items Requested:

Cake Mix & Frostings (Any)



Aluminum Foil (Any Kind, Any Sizes)



Capri Sun & Other Juice Pouches (Any Kind & Flavor)



Fabuloso Floor Cleaner



Pickup: June 11-12, 2024 Not Including Today There Are Three More Sundays To Donate! [continued from front]

• V. 3 – He has remembered... His faithfulness to the house of Israel – Exodus 2:23-25

There are also some interesting parallels between the first 3 verses and Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55):

- V. 1 Sing to the Lord a new song Luke 1.46
- V. 1 He has done wonderful things Luke 1:49
- V. 2 His right hand and holy arm have gained the victory Luke 1:51
- V. 2 He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations – Luke 1:50
- V. 3 He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel Luke 1:54-55

There is much mentioned to praise God for throughout this Psalm, but one attribute worth thinking on today is that our God is a God who does not forget (v. 3). That's hard to imagine, because we forget – a lot and even more that a lot as we age! We forget about appointments, commitments, where we put things. In Scripture, Joseph was forgotten in prison, there was a time the Apostles forgot to take along bread to eat (Matthew 16:5), and God's people forgot their Creator and His laws over and over again!



But God doesn't forget. He doesn't forget the promises He made to us. He doesn't forget to keep His word. He doesn't forget about us or neglect us. Not even the sparrows are forgotten in His eyes (Luke 12:6).

The Hebrew writer said, "For God is not un-[continued on page 6]



#### **CURRENT CONCERNS**

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS 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

PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS

War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

#### **MAY 19**

FOR WHICH TO PRAY, ADDITIONS:				

## ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY <u>DATE ORDER</u> AND ARE <u>ALPHABETICAL</u> BY LAST NAME

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

- <u>Brock, Jim</u> [Tom Woodard's brother-in-law] —
   He's been in assisted living for some time but
   his condition(s) have deteriorated and his vitals
   are not good. [NEW]
- ♦ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] His left ear now looks good... somehow... and no long needs surgery at this time, but... his right ear may be in need of a surgery (he's already had one surgery on that ear) [NEW]
- Lloyd-Brown, Family [Ronda Spicer's daughter-inlaw's mother] — Linda Lloyd passed into eternity Thursday, May 16. [NEW]
- ♦ Not Feeling Particularly Well This Past Week Ronda Brown; Betty Smith [NEW]
- ♦ <u>Smoots, Roger & Deborah</u> <u>Praise To GOD!</u>

  They made it back home safely! [NEW]
- ♦ <u>Sparks, Janice</u> [Tom Woodard's daughter] <u>Praise To GOD!</u> She does not need surgery at this time [NEW]

#### **MAY 12**

- ♦ <u>Brock Family</u> [Richard (Steve) was Tom Woodard's schoolmate] — Steve passed into eternity at age 72 back on Monday, March 24.
- Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling [Her: Ronda's granddaughter; Him: Gardner's grandson] —
   They're now engaged! Congratulations! [1]
- ♦ <u>Smith, Betty</u> She's still feeling rather poorly off and on. [1]
- ♦ <u>Strunk, Lea</u> Shee continues to experience foot issues. [1]

#### MAY 5

♦ <u>Gibbon, Tucker</u> [Bill Ragsdale's (Deborah Smoot's brother-in-law) son's grandson] — Tucker, a newborn, will have to have several procedures to correct some health issues. [2]

- ♦ Gail Kuehler's Sister [Gail is one of the Art Club members] — Sister passed into eternity.
- ♦ <u>McMeans</u>, <u>Justin</u> [McMeans' son] He recently lost his job and will be looking for something new. [2]
- ♦ <u>Smoot, Roger & Deborah</u> On the road again... Still! Can you say, "Road Trip!" [2]
- ♦ Torres, Donna [Laura Gardner's son's girlfriend's mother] Praise GOD! Her surgery to have part of a lung removed went well! [2]

#### APRIL 21

- ♦ <u>Bentley, Sage</u> [Wife of an administrator at the school where Tom subs] She had an emergency hospital visit for unknown reasons. [3]
- ♦ French, Missae She's back home from her hospitalization Wednesday, April 10 and subsequent convalescence with her daughter. [3]
- ♦ Gardner, Jim He is starting a series of weekly dental procedures, each taking about 2 hours, the first of four was Tuesday, April 23. [3]
- Montalvo, Louie [Laura Gardner's son's best friend] – He's back in the hospital with suspected heart issues. [3]
- ♦ <u>Renninger, Ruane</u> She's in the process of scheduling some heart tests. [3]
- ♦ Woodard Family The 3rd year anniversary of Tom's brother "Bubba's" passing was Monday, April 22. [3]

#### APRIL 14

- ♦ <u>Alderman, Roy</u> [Ronda Spicer's brother] Praise GOD! He continues to improve and is currently undergoing OT & Speech therapy. [4]
- ♦ <u>Spicer</u>, <u>Ronda</u> Her doctor told her that her knees are bone-on-bone. As her doctor no longer performs surgeries, she's to receive steroid shots for now to see if they'll work before referral to a orthopedic surgeon. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◊ <u>Vierling, Gene</u> He's been taken off his heart meds for a bit. He'll see his doctor in about 3 weeks, perhaps the week of May 5. [4]
- ♦ Watkins, Betsy She had a seizure on April 14.
  The hospital ran several tests and they all came

back normal so they put her on an antiseizure medicine and sent her home. She's scheduled for an EEG with a new neurologist on September 30. [4]

#### APRIL 14

- ♦ <u>LaFleur</u>, <u>Miranda</u> [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] — She'll be having a procedure(s) to rebuild her brain floor along with cosmetic surgery(s) on her face and mouth due to her vehicle accident. <sup>[5]</sup>
- ♦ <u>Parra</u>, <u>Rudy</u> [Pam Flatequal's neighbor and friend] — He saw a heart specialist Friday, April 12. [5]
- ♦ Smoot, Jeremy [Smoots' nephew] He had stints implanted Thursday, April 11 due to having 100% blockage. [4]

#### **ONGOING**

NOTE: If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know. Barron, Pat Family [7]; Bippert, Cheryl [23]; Bippert, Ernest Family [23]; Boldt, Sandy [23]; Bonin, Danny [5]; Bonin, Donna [5]; Bridgewater, Rebecca [6]; Brown, Hunter [13]; Brown, Stephanie [16]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes [18]; Burris, Gloria [11]; Burris, Joyce [8]; Vela Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia [8]; Corren, Jan [18]; Davis, Randy Family [25]; Davis, Preston [13]; Delaney, Sophie [19]; Dye, Joyce [26]; Evans, Steve [19]; Fintel, Pam [26]; Green, Marvin [20]; Green, Sonia [16]; Haby, Casey [6]; Lopez, Emily [10]; McLay, Carla [13]; McLay, Gary [13]; McMeans, Velma [15]; Moore, Michael & Michele [25]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) [25]; Neal, Larry [13]; Noble, David Family [19]; Norris, David Family [18]; Reilly, Mike Family [14]; Segura, Gilbert Family [19]; Shaw, Nancy [20]; Slaughter, Ron [5]; Smith, Bessie Family [17]; Smith, Zachary Family [17]; Smoot, Bailey [6]; Smoot, Cody & Emily [11]; Smoot, Dan'iel [6]; Smoot, Randy [10]; Sparks, Janice [7]; Turnbow, Elaine [21]; Turnbow, Gary [21]; Vela, John & Cheryl [6]; Villarreal, Douglas [10]; Watkins, Mitchell [6]; Welsby, Chris [15]; Wentreek, James Family [21]

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just to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10). So, we can trust as the Psalmist did, and as Mary did, that the Lord remembers us.

But brethren, when we see all that is happening in the world, how are we to have joy? When we consider our own personal struggles in life, how can we find joy and hope? The psalms are, of course, always a great place to turn to find strength and words of hope during difficult times. Many of the psalms were written during personal distresses experienced by God's people. Some of the psalms were written after the nation of Judah was invaded, captured, and carried away into captivity at the hands of foreigners. The psalms are God's book of hope to His people.

Before we look further at the meaning of Psalm 98 and how it can help us today, I want you to notice how often the psalm calls for joy and singing. Verse 1 reads, "Sing to the Lord." Verse 4 reads, "Make a joyful noise, sing praises, break forth into joyous song." Verses 5-6 repeat these calls for joyous songs and joyful noises. Verse 8 says to clap the hands and sing for joy together. The point of this psalm is for God's people to sing and have joy. So, how is this possible? How can we have joy in a world that seems to be crumbling down to its very foundations?

First, we should realize that our God is a sovereign Savior (vv. 1-3). We are told in verse one to "sing to the Lord a new song." Singing a new song doesn't mean that God is tired of hearing old songs and is looking for a new tune. Rather, a "new Song" is a celebration of a new victory accomplished by the Lord. What is typically being sung is a song of salvation offered to the Lord in the context of military victory.

The reason the people are to sing is because they are to remember God's deliverance for them. The Lord's right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for them. Don't you love this

#### SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 98:4-9

<sup>4</sup> <u>Shout joyfully</u> to the Lord, all the <u>earth; break forth</u> in <u>song</u>, <u>rejoice</u>, and <u>sing praises</u>. <sup>5</sup> Sing to the Lord with the <u>harp</u>, with the harp and the <u>sound</u> of a <u>psalm</u>, <sup>6</sup> with <u>trumpets</u> and the sound of a <u>horn</u>; shout joyfully <u>before</u> the <u>Lord</u>, the <u>King</u>. <sup>7</sup> Let the <u>sea roar</u>, and all its <u>fullness</u>, the <u>world</u> and those who <u>dwell</u> in it; <sup>8</sup> let the <u>rivers clap</u> their <u>hands</u>; let the <u>hills</u> be <u>joyful together</u> <sup>9</sup> before the Lord, for He is <u>coming</u> to <u>judge</u> the earth. With <u>righteousness</u> He shall judge the <u>world</u>, and the <u>peoples</u> with <u>equity</u>.

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declaration? God is powerful and He brings about our deliverance for His own purposes. It is by His own power that he brings victory for Himself. This is the great hope we have: God will act for His own purposes and to defend His own name and holiness. Yes, we know that God will act on behalf of His people. But consider that God will act on His own behalf which then gives us hope because God's faithfulness and righteousness is revealed through his salvation to Israel and to the ends of the earth. God is conducting a great international campaign of redemption. God remem—

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## ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

	Missae French	May 4	Birthday
	Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
100	Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday
	Rick & Pam Fintel	June 1	Anniversary
	Tom & Pat Woodsard	June 10	Anniversary
	Lea Strunk	June 27	Birthday

If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And June 30, 2024 And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	—— Church Stuff ——		
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-May 26	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — Devoted Christianity — for channel: searchtv.com		
Sun–Jun 2	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — Fearing The Lord — for channel: searchtv.com		
Sun–Jun 9	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY— Wisdom— for channel: searchtv.com		
Sun-Jun 16	IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — Foolishness — for channel: searchtv.com		
—— 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-May 19	National Devil's Food Cake Day   World Baking Day		
Tue-May	American Red Cross Founder's Day   National Strawberries & Cream Day		
Wed-May	National <sup>1</sup> Vanilla Pudding And <sup>2</sup> Solitaire And <sup>3</sup> Maritime Days		
Friday-May	National <sup>1</sup> Yucatán Shrimp And <sup>2</sup> Escargot Days   Asparagus Day		
Sun-May	National <sup>1</sup> Blueberry Cheesecake And <sup>2</sup> Cherry Dessert Days		
Fri   Sat   Sun— Sep 27-29	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]		

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bers his steadfast love and faithfulness and this is our hope today. God's people are continuing to sing the new song (see Revelation 5:8-10; 14:1-3).

Notice the message of the new song in the book of Revelation is the message of victory and salvation. By the blood of the Lamb, God's people have been ransomed (5:9) and redeemed (14:3) and made a kingdom and priests to the Lord. God's victory is our victory. God acting for His benefit is also to our benefit.

For us, we look at God's deliverance from our sins when we see the cross. Our hope in difficult times is the knowledge of God's deliverance — a deliverance that He has revealed to the earth through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. We sing by faith in the midst of distress because we rest in the joy of salvation accomplished by our Lord. [to be continued]



## DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



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

SUN	May 19 - 2 Sam 19-21	
MON	May 20 - Ps 5; 38; 41-42	
TUE	May 21 - 2 Sam 22-23, Ps 57	
WED	May 22 - Ps 95; 97-99	
THU	May 23 - 2 Sam 24, 1 Chr 21-22, Ps 30	
FRI	May 24 - Ps 108-110	
SAT	May 25 - 1 Chr 23-25	

Sam = Samuel | Ps = Pslams | Chr = Chronicles

## 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 —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PSALMS

95:1-7 — ¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. ³ For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods. ⁴In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. ⁵ The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. ⁵ For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm 97:1-6 — <sup>1</sup>The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad! <sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. <sup>3</sup>A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about. <sup>4</sup>His lightnings light the world; the earth sees and trembles. <sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.

