



The Lytle Light

You Are The Light Of The World.

– Matthew 5:14a ^[NKJV]

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: 4PM – Bible Study

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GETTING STUCK ON THE STEP

There are many dangers in our earthly trek through life. One is that we might get “stuck on a step.” By that, I mean in every person’s spiritual journey, there are “steps” into a better understanding of God and His word.

One specific danger is that we quit studying the Bible, or simply never studied it deeply in the beginning of our trek. Often, when a person is struggling with family of origin issues (the family they were born into), they meet one that seems very spiritual where the adults seem to have a better marriage than the person’s family of origin.

The temptation is to believe, “Since this couple has a better marriage than my parents, they must have a better Biblical doctrine than my parents.”

It seems so good, but that approach is never a good road to God’s truths.

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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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

654 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
661 – The First Noel

- Minister's Intercessory Prayer •
702 – Jesus Loves Me
167 – He Loves Me
- Offertory Prayer •

176 – Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?



- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •

138 – In Gethsemane Alone

- Final Announcements •

137 – If That Isn't Love

- Closing Prayer •

- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •

SERMON

– CROSS-TRAINED FOR CHRIST –

- *SERMON SCRIPTURES* •

2 Timothy 2:1-7; Acts 8:32-33; John 3:16-17; John 18:37; John 4:25-29; John 5:17; Exodus 28:40-42; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 26:53; Isaiah 53:1-11

- *SERMON OUTLINE* •

INTRODUCTION - (1) Job Training (2) How Are We Affected? (3) Biblical Examples (4) What It Means

- I. Despised And Rejected
 - A. Like Jesus
 - B. Must Teach What He Taught
- II. Suffer Like Christ
 - A. How He Suffered
 - B. How We Suffer
- III. A Righteous Servant
 - A. Isaiah's Record
 - B. "Right-Doing-Ness"

CONCLUSION - (1) Why Are People Saved? (2) How Are We Saved? (3) What Is Jesus To You?

- *INVITATION* •

WED NIGHT STUDY

4 PM In Fellowship Room (Rear Doors)

— Topic: *THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS* —

2025 FELLOWSHIPS

- DECEMBER 28 – “NEW YEARS EVE”
FELLOWSHIP WITH GAMES!

2026 FELLOWSHIPS*

- MARCH 8 – PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS
- MAY 31 – POTLUCK (LADIES' CHOICE)
- JULY 26 – POTLUCK (LADIES' CHOICE)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – POTLUCK (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – THANKSGIVING MEAL
- DECEMBER 27 – NEW YEARS “EVE”

* Dates May Be Added Or Subtracted As Our Ladies Decide To Do So.



Ornament Exchange
 All Ladies Invited!
 1:00 to 3:00
 Tuesday, December 16th
 Pam Flatequal's House
 19215 South McConnell, Somerset
 Bring One Ornament & A \$5.00 Gift
 Snacks Provided
 Bring A Friend!
 RSVP:
 Melanie @ 210-413-9150 or
 Pam @ 210-875-4720



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Brethren, truth is truth. Whether a wonderful person believes it or a terrible person does (or not), if it's truth, it's truth. Often Satan tempts us to "feel free" and "cast off the heavy burdens of past beliefs." That often is a good path. But often it is not.

Ask yourself (be honest), "Why do I believe what I believe? Am I "stuck on a step?" Some possible answers:

Belief by generation: "My parents said so, and I believe it."

Belief by friendship: "My close friends believe it, and they are nice."

Belief by attitude, "That just doesn't seem like a friendly enough doctrine for my generation, so I guess I won't believe it."

Belief by loving family, "This family seems happier than my family of origin, so I am going to believe what they believe."

Belief by church association, "That church has some unfriendly people in it, so I'm not going to believe what they believe," or vice-

Belief by culture, "That church seems out of step with modern thinking, so they can't be right."

Belief by popular, or well-known religious figure, "Well that famous preacher over in Houston with the mega-church believes this, so it must be true."

If we are not careful, we will decide who or what is right by almost anything other than "But what does the Scripture say?" (Romans 4:3; Galatians 4:30) Other approaches can sound so good. Modern ideas can seem so true (exactly because each of us is a product of our own modern age).

Ask yourself again, deeply, honestly, "Why do I believe what I believe?" I pray that the answer is, "Because God said it in specific verses." God did not give us a book we cannot understand. ". . . when you read, you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:4). Brethren, let's read!

END



¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
 – Psalm 119:105



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 In The U.S.A. And Around The World Who've Been Affected By Natural Disasters
- 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., ^[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEKS THE ENTRY HAS BEEN IN THE BULLETIN.

DECEMBER 14

- ◇ Bailey, Linzy [Ronda's niece] – Some recent blood work showed cancer cells, but doctors haven't been able to pinpoint where. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] – He's suffering from unknown medical issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Cashion, Corena – Concerns due to her cancer. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Duncan, Roberta [McMeans' neighbor] – Praise To GOD! her brain tumor is gone but her liver tumor is still there though shrunk. She's now wheelchair bound much of the time due to weakness. ^[NEW]
- ◇ French, Misae – She's developed a bad cough. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Last Name Unknown, Missy [Pam Flatequal's friend] – She's been on an experimental medication but it's destroying her red blood cells so she's had to come off of it. She isn't allowed to be around anyone due to her current condition. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Moore, Perry [Melanie McMeans' brother] – He hurt his back helping move a piano. At the emergency room doctors determined he had a pinched nerve. While there he also learned of several other more pressing health issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] – She's been on the prayer list for cancer. Unfortunately, she is currently suffering stomach issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Mr. Lowe [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend's 95-year-old grand or great grandfather] – He fell recently and is in the hospital.

Unfortunately, things aren't looking good for this nonagenarian. ^[NEW]

◇ Undergoing PT - Carlene (shoulder); Ronda (hip); Ruane (back). ^[NEW]

DECEMBER 7

◇ Bradley Family [Tom's friend Larry's Family] - Larry's wife, Carmen, passed. ^[01]

◇ Flatequal Family - **Praise To GOD!** for the healthy birth of Adonis Flatequal, 7lb 1oz, 20", who made his appearance November 28. Congratulations to Alyiha, his mother and Pam, his great grandmother! ^[01]

NOVEMBER 30

◇ Fintel, Rick - He fell off his porch, landing on his hip and shoulder. **Praise To GOD!** nothing was broken but he may have torn something in his shoulder. ^[02]

◇ Flores, Carlos [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] He was to undergo surgery on Sunday, November 23 but doctors decided to perform a scope instead which is to be scheduled in December. ^[02]

◇ Smoot, Cody & Emily [Smoot's grandson & granddaughter-in-law] - We welcome Madelyn (Maddie) Joy Smoot born November 16. Baby girl weighed 6 lb, 13 oz and was 20". ^[02]

◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - His endoscopy on Friday, November 21 revealed nothing glaringly wrong. More tests to follow. ^[02]

◇ Strunk, Billy - **Praise To GOD!** He's gotten over his cold (for the most part). ^[02]

◇ Watkins, Mitchell - He's been diagnosed with a medium-growing prostate cancer which, **Praise To GOD!** can be monitored for the next five to seven years if he wishes to go that route but he's considering a CyberKnife (pinpoint radiation) procedure. ^[02]

◇ Wiesel, Michelle [Homeless] - Pam Flatequal and Deborah Smoot saw her out and about recently. Prayers for her and her situation. ^[02]

NOVEMBER 23

◇ Renninger, Ruane - Ruane hasn't been feeling all the well lately. Plus, she still has concerns for the health of her canine companion. ^[03]

◇ Vierling, Gene - **Praise To GOD!** Gene's PET scan came back clear and cancer free! ^[03]

NOVEMBER 16

◇ 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 and the biopsies came back negative!!! ^[04]

◇ Street, Cris - She continues to feel poorly off and on and has been over the last few weeks. ^[04]

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 21ST 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 ^[07]; Andrews, Dale ^[08]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[18]; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) ^[18]; Brown, Diane Family ^[06]; Brown, Jane ^[13]; Burris, Joyce ^[10]; Cashion, Corina ^[08]; Clendenning, Carol ^[14]; Coughran, Brett ^[13]; Dober, Jerry Family ^[19]; Duncan, Roberta ^[17]; Gabehart, Tom ^[08]; Garay, Mary ^[11]; Gardner, Jim ^[15]; Gardner,

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Laura ^[16]; Gingerella, Ed ^[06]; Gonzalez, Jackson ^[19]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[06]; Greer Family ^[17]; Guzman, Emily ^[16]; Jackson, April ^[13]; Johansen, Charles ^[16]; Keese, Robert ^[13]; Kennedy, Don ^[18]; King, Elizabeth Grace ^[18]; Lassen, Peter ^[07]; Leininger, Ellie ^[18]; Lester, Bob ^[06]; Lett, Dale ^[16]; McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family ^[07]; McMeans, Wendell ^[06]; Moore, Michael ^[13]; Persat, Diana ^[06]; Price, Dylan ^[06]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[07]; Roeder, Gayle ^[16]; Schilling, Gene ^[08]; Segers, Jacob ^[20]; Sisters of Oliver Flores ^[13]; Smith, Betty ^[06]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[13]; Smogur, Joyce Family ^[19]; Smoot, Bailey ^[08]; Smoot, Dani'el ^[18]; Smoot, Deborah ^[18]; Smoot, Roger ^[10]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[05]; Spicer, Ronda ^[06]; Sprute, Juanita ^[18]; Street, Cris ^[14]; Strunk, Billie ^[11]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[09]; Vela, Cheryl ^[19]; Vela, Maeve ^[19]; Vela, Olivia ^[19]; Vierling, Carlene ^[18]; Vierling, Gene ^[10]; Vierling, Scott ^[06]; Wade, John ^[16]; Walker, Tony Family ^[06]



SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. — Psalm 1



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Corina Cashion	Dec 3	Birthday
Abby Vierling	Dec 11	Birthday
Roger & Deborah Smoot	Dec 21	Anniversary
Joey & Gaylia Dzielzanowski	Dec 29	Anniversary
Dan Orr	Jan 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	Jan 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	Jan 30	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And January 30th And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

----- Church Stuff ----- Church Stuff ----- Church Stuff -----

Generally - 4th Or 5th
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 - Dec 28

In Search Of The Lord's Way - *God Of The Bible*

Sun - Jan 4



In Search Of The Lord's Way - *TBD*

Sun - Jan 11

In Search Of The Lord's Way - *TBD*

Sun - Jan 18

In Search Of The Lord's Way - *TBD*

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----- Non-Church Stuff ----- Non-Church Stuff ----- Non-Church Stuff -----

Every Tue Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM

Every 3RD Mon VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM

Sun - Dec 14 National ¹Bouillabaisse And ²Biscuits And Gravy Days And ³Roast Chestnuts Days

Mon - Dec 15 Bill Of Rights Day & National ¹Tea And ²Cupcake And ³Ugly Sweater And ⁴Wear Your Pearls Days

Tue - Dec 16 Stupid Toy Day & National ¹Wreaths Across America And ²Chocolate Covered Anything Days

Wed - Dec 17 Wright Brothers Day & Pan America Aviation Day

Thu - Dec 18 Bake Cookies Day & National Twin Day

Fri - Dec 19 Look For An Evergreen Day & National ¹Hard Candy And ²Oatmeal Muffin Days

Sat - Dec 20 Dot Your Eyes Day & Go Caroling Day

Sun - Dec 21 Look On The Bright Side Day & National ¹Crossword Puzzle Day And ²Remember The Homeless Day & Winter Solstice (Shortest Day Of Year)

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 —



THE BIBLE IN “90” —

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

SUN — Dec 14 — Luke 20:20 - Jhn 5:47

MON — Dec 15 — Jhn 6:1 - Jhn 15:17

TUE — Dec 16 — Jhn 15:18 - Acts 6:7

WED — Dec 17 — Acts 6:8 - Acts 16:37

THU — Dec 18 — Acts 16:38 - Acts 28:16

FRI — Dec 19 — Acts 28:17 - Rom 14:23

SAT — Dec 20 — Rom 15:1 - 1 Cor 14:40

Jhn = John | Rom = Romans | Cor = Corinthians

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 —

Scripture Verses About Reading God’s Word

Joshua 1:8 – ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Psalms 119:18 – ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

Proverbs 30:5 – ⁵ Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

Isaiah 55:11 – ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Matthew 24:35 – ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Colossians 3:16 – ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

James 1:21 – ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

