



# 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.*

## LOOKING FOR LOOPHOLES



Ludwig von Mises (1881-1973), Ukrainian born but who attended and was heavily influenced by the Austrian school of economics and lived most of his life in the United States once stated, "What is a loophole? If the law does not punish a definite action or does not tax a definite thing, this is not a loophole. It is simply the law." I believe that nearly all our congressmen/women and nearly every CEO and businessman/woman would agree with Mr. Mises.

One of the most popular entertainers of the Vaudeville era was W.C. Fields (1880

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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 •

Song No. 36—The Love Of God

Not In Song Book—Be Still My Soul

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 433—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

Song No. 334—O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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



- LORD'S SUPPER •



- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 575—Softly & Tenderly

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 471—Abide With Me

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •
- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

## SERMON

— THE WAY OUT OF RELIGIOUS CONFUSION —

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

OJohn 14:1-6; 6:60-69 Acts 2:36-42, 47; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 1 Corinthians 3:3-4; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 9:21; Matthew 16:18; Acts 14:21-23; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Thessalonians 2:14-15; 3:14; Acts 2:41

### SERMON OUTLINE:

*INTRODUCTION — (1) Many People Are Repelled By Religious Uncertainty (2) The Spirit Of The New Testament Is Unity (3) Religious Confusion Does Not Come From God (4) But, Is It Possible To Avoid This Confusion?*

- I. The Example Of Jesus
  - A. Religious Climate Of His Day
  - B. His Relationship With God
  - C. What of Today?
- II. The Church
  - A. Promised By Jesus
  - B. Established Through The Gospel
  - C. Edified By The Apostles' Doctrine
- III. The Way Out Of Religious Confusion
  - A. Accept The Call Of The Gospel
  - B. Follow The Early Christians

*INVITATION — (1) Simply Being A Christian (2) Simply Duplicate The New Testament Teachings*



## WED NIGHT STUDY

OCTOBER 25 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 —



— OCTOBER 29 —

NO 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

— NOVEMBER 19 —

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal - After Morning Worship  
THEME: TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL



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1946). While Fields could make audiences roar with laughter, he was certainly not a Christian and made no pretense during his life of his disdain for God (he thought of himself as an agnostic), religion in general (okay for the masses), and the Bible (good fictional reading material with some pretty good stories). Thus, it came as a great shock when one of Fields' friends, visiting him in the sanitarium near the end of his life, found him reading the Bible one day. When asked what he was doing, Fields, ever the comedian, replied, "Just looking for loopholes."

A different type of loophole is found in a statement by Billy Graham (1918-2018) who said, "You're born. You suffer. You die. Fortunately, there's a loophole." Mr Graham is of course referring to God's offer of grace.

Brethren, one day we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:10,



we read, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." On that great day, we will all stand; figuratively naked before the preeminent creator of all that has been and is and will be, our sins suffusing our being, spread through and over and in, permeating our soul like an individual with stage four cancer whose body is riddled through and through with that

pestilential disease; and be judged by the word of God. Jesus Christ said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

God's law, unlike man's, has no loopholes. No government lawmaker will create laws meant to be taken advantage of so they and their rich friends are incentivized to wriggle through said loopholes, no lawyer will be able to fool the judge of all men and women or be able to negotiate a plea bargain. Hebrews 9:27 reminds us, "...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..."

If the Judgment Day were today, where would you spend eternity? Heaven or hell? **E**

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## GOD'S JUSTICE DEMANDS A FINAL JUDGMENT

— BY DAN JENKINS, PALM BEACH LAKES COC

There are those who look at the amazing love God has for mankind and simply deny that there will be an eternal hell for the disobedient. While it is true that God is love (1 John 4:8, 16), it is also true that God is just. No man has the right to decide the nature of God. Every man has the obligation to discover what He is like.

To deny the final judgment of all mankind is to deny the very nature of God. When we think only of God's goodness, loving kindness, mercy and grace we can easily overlook the fact that God is just. One truth taught repeatedly in the Bible is that we are responsible to our Creator, and we will all someday appear before Him to give an account to Him as to how we have lived (2 Corinthians 5:10).

There are many times that God has revealed His nature to us, but take time to consider Galatians 6:7-8. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the

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— David passed into eternity after his battle with pancreatic cancer. <sup>[2]</sup>

◇ Smith, Betty — She's been feeling fairly poorly, off and on, as of late. <sup>[2]</sup>

◇ Woodard, Sue [The late, great, Bubba Woodard's wife & Tom Woodard's sister-in-law] — She scheduled for back surgery which is to take place over a two day period. <sup>[2]</sup>

## OCTOBER 8

◇ Brown, Scott [Wendell McMeans' friend] — His doctors have determined that his medications have been the cause of his health issues and it's not Lyme disease as originally thought. He's discontinued taking them and he's now feeling better. <sup>[3]</sup>

◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans' aunt] — The nursing home thought she was having a stroke as her blood pressure and pulse was high. They found out she had a UTI. She was supposed to have gone back to the nursing home yesterday. <sup>[3]</sup>

◇ Slaughter, Ron [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] — He had a heart attack Wednesday. Fortunately, *Praise GOD!* they found the clot and was able to implant a stint. He was to stay in the hospital for several days for observation. <sup>[3]</sup>



## OCTOBER 1

◇ Buchheit Family [Dan, a spouse of Art Club member] — Dan passed into eternity either late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. <sup>[4]</sup>

◇ Davis Family [Preston, friend of the congregation] — Preston's grandmother (age 100) passed into eternity recently. <sup>[4]</sup>

◇ Halverson Family [Rich, father of Ashlee Garcia, one of the teachers at school where Tom

Woodard substitutes] — Rich passed into eternity recently. <sup>[4]</sup>

◇ Parra, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor and friend] — He had an angioplasty. Prayers he does well. <sup>[4]</sup>

◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda's daughter-in-law, Barbara's nephew] — Doctors finally determined that his mysterious illness was a combination of covid and a fungal infection. <sup>[4]</sup>

## SEPTEMBER 24

◇ Haass Family [Tim, Watkins' brother-in-law, Wayne's brother] — Tim passed into eternity early Friday morning, September 22. <sup>[5]</sup>

◇ Orr & Burris Families — Lori passed into eternity early Friday morning, September 15. Her kind, joyful and loving spirit as she dwelt among us will be sorely missed! <sup>[5]</sup>

## SEPTEMBER 17

◇ Spicer, Ronda — She continues to suffer from hoarseness and a cough. <sup>[6]</sup>

◇ Vierling, Carol — She's been having issues with her eye again and has had to go back on the one shot a month regimen. <sup>[6]</sup>

◇ Villarreal, Nick [Melanie McMeans' nephew] — He has several health issues including Long Covid and just recently had to undergo emergency appendectomy. <sup>[6]</sup>

## SEPTEMBER 10 & OLDER

Barron, Pat <sup>[10]</sup>; Brock, Jim <sup>[10]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[10]</sup>; Clemetson, Allie <sup>[10]</sup>; Cook, Daisy <sup>[9]</sup>; Family of Bobby Farris <sup>[9]</sup>; Fintel, Pam <sup>[12]</sup>; Hoover, Herb <sup>[10]</sup>; Lester, Kathy <sup>[13]</sup>; Orr, Myrna <sup>[12]</sup>; Renninger, Ruane <sup>[11]</sup>; Shelton, Judy <sup>[10]</sup>; Smith, Philip <sup>[10]</sup>; Sparks, Janice <sup>[12]</sup>; Stroud, Brenna & Derrick <sup>[9]</sup>; Stroud, Faith <sup>[9]</sup>; Vierling, Carlene <sup>[12]</sup>



# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## ROMANS 5:19–6:4

<sup>5:19</sup> For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

<sup>20</sup> Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, <sup>21</sup> so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>6:1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” We are responsible for how we live. The final judgment is a truth that any honest seeker will find if he’ll only read the scripture.

However, look again at verse seven. It begins, “Do not be deceived...” God was aware that Satan would seek to capture the souls of men by a denial of the judgment. The very fact that God introduces this passage with a warning of the danger of being deceived demands we open our hearts to receiving this truth.

Read the passage again. “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked...” Think of how we react when others mock us, and then imagine how God will react to those who mock Him. Those who deny the final judgment will stand at the judgment and face the One whom they have mocked.

When the Old Testament age was completed, the writer of Hebrews looked back to all that was written in those first 39 books and said, “... every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ...” (Hebrews 2:2). How can anyone read those books and not see this?

The writer of Hebrews then looks at those of us living under the New Testament and asks, “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” The Hebrews writer goes back to the time God was on earth at Mt. Sinai and says, “For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on the earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven” (Heb. 12:25b). To deny the final judgment and an eternal hell ignores a fundamental truth found throughout all 66 books of the Bible. There is no escape except through God’s grace. **E**





# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Wendell & Melanie McMeans	October 27	Birthday (Both)
Betty Smith	November 13	Birthday
Abbey Vierling	December 11	Birthday (18 Today!)
Roger & Deborah Smoot	December 21	Anniversary

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And December 31, 2023,  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## — Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p><b>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch —</b>  <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i>                      Every 4th Sunday Of <b>Every</b> Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) —</b> 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—Oct 29	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Jesus Is Lord</i> —</b> for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Nov 5	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Your Opinion</i> —</b> for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Nov 12	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Judging</i> —</b> for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Nov 19	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Count Your Blessings</i> —</b> for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>

## — Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p><b>Lytle Friendship Art Club —</b> Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM                      Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch &amp; Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p><b>VFW Auxiliary —</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p><b>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) —</b>                      Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun—Oct 22	<b>National Nut (The Edible Kind — Not The Crazy Kind!) Day   Smart Is Cool Day</b>
Mon—Oct 23	<b>National Boston Cream Pie Day   National Wear Your Crocs Day</b>
Tue—Oct 24	<b>National Food &amp; Bologna &amp; Jamaican Jerk Days   Bat Appreciation Day</b>
Wed—Oct 25	<b>National Greasy Foods Day   World Pasta Day   National I Care About You Day</b>
Thu—Oct 26	<b>National Chicken Fried Steak &amp; Mince Meat Days   Remember The Deployed Day</b>
Fri—Oct 27	<b>National Breadstick Day   National Mentoring Day</b>
Sun—Oct 29	<b>National Oatmeal Day   World Stroke Awareness Day   National Cat Day</b>

# 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 —



Immersive —  
Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Jer 43; Jer 44; Rom 2; Rom 3
MON	Jer 45; Jer 46; Rom 4; Rom 5
TUE	Jer 47; Jer 48; Rom 6; Rom 7
WED	Jer 49; Jer 50; Rom 8; Rom 9
THU	Jer 51; Jer 52; Rom 10; Rom 11
FRI	Lam 1; Lam 2; Rom 12; Rom 13
SAT	Lam 3; Lam 4; Rom 14; Rom 15

# 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 ROMANS 3:9D-18 <sup>[NIV]</sup>

. . . <sup>9d</sup> we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.

<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> “Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit.”<sup>[b]</sup> “The poison of vipers is on their lips.”<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> ruin and misery mark their ways,

<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they do not know.”<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>18</sup> “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”<sup>[f]</sup>

[a] Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Eccles. 7:20

[b] Psalm 5:9

[c] Psalm 140:3

[d] Psalm 10:7 (see Septuagint)

[e] Isaiah 59:7,8

[f] Psalm 36:1

