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- Matthew 5:14a

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Searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help? We may be the place for you.

Bulletin of the CHURCH of CHRIST in Lytle, Texas

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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A LOOK AT MOTHER'S DAY

This is a Mother's Day article for grown-ups who know better... yet still call Mom when something in our life goes awry... and perhaps when the smoke alarm goes off because Mother's Day is that special time of year when adults across the nation suddenly remember that the woman who raised them probably deserves more than a last-minute grocery-store bouquet and a text message with too many emojis. It's also the day when many moms pretend they don't notice their gift still has the price tag on it. Let's face it, Mother's Day is our annual reminder that moms deserve medals, naps, and possibly a lifetime supply of chocolate. And lest we forget, moms are the women who survived our childhoods – which, in some cases, should qualify them for hazard pay!

But beneath the humor, Scripture reminds us that motherhood is one of God's most profound gifts – a calling marked by strength, sacrifice, and a kind of love that can survive everything from toddler tantrums to teenage attitudes to adult children who, when visiting, still can't find the ketchup in the fridge or the remote on the end table.

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WELCOME VISITOR!

We Welcome You To Our Worship Services! • Please Stay A Bit After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! • Also, Please Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, Usually On The 4th or 5th Sunday. • Please 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 From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection late Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium So That We May Have A Record Of Your Visit With Us Today. • Thank You!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship
 - Announcements
 - Scripture Reading
 - Opening Prayer
 - 20 – Praise The Lord
 - 459 – O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
 - Minister's Prayer
 - 342 – We Thank Thee God For Mothers Dear
 - 323 – The Virtuous Wife
 - 180 – In Memory Of The Savior's Love
 - Lord's Supper
 - Sermon – Outline Starts Below
 - 328 – Hold To God's Unchanging Hand
 - Final Announcements
 - Not In Song Book – Day By Day
 - Closing Prayer
 - Depart To Serve In Love
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SERMON

- ELIZABETH — LIVING ON HIGHER GROUND ↗
- SERMON SCRIPTURES →

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Luke 1:39-45; Luke 1:5-6; Titus 3:5; Romans 4:1-5; 10:1-4; Matt 15:21-28; 2 Timothy 1:5

• SERMON OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION - (1) Mary's Visit To Her Cousin, Elizabeth (2) Elizabeth's Life On Higher Ground (3) What Kind Of Woman Was Elizabeth?

- I. She Prayed – v.6 – A. Righteousness Before God B. Faith And Prayer Work Together C. Elizabeth And Zacharias' Prayer – v.13 D. Praying Mothers Accomplished Things
- II. She Was Patient – vv.24-15 – A. Elizabeth Hid For 5 Months B. Public Rejoicing Could Wait C. Carrying A Child Is Like ?? D. Patient Mothers Have Changed Lives
- III. Provoked Great Things In Others – vv.41-79 A. Mary Arrived; Elizabeth Rejoiced B. Mary Uttered The Magnificat – vv. 46-55 C. Elizabeth Gave Birth To John

CONCLUSION - (1) Praise God For Praying, Patient Mothers (2) Praise God For Mothers Who Provoke Others To Greatness

• INVITATION

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Here's the Bible's take on Moms (spoiler: it's *glowing*): Proverbs 31:28 says, "Her children rise up and call her blessed." If you'll allow, that can be paraphrased as, "Wow, Mom, you're amazing," but not "Hey mom, where are my socks?" Isaiah 66:13 compares God's comfort to a mother's comfort — which is saying something, because moms can soothe everything from scraped knees to broken hearts with a hug and a snack. So, God chose the tenderness of a mother's embrace as the picture of His own compassion. That's no small compliment.

And 2 Timothy 1:5 reminds us of the sincere faith passed down from Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice, who helped shape a young man into a leader of the early church. Faith, it seems, often travels through the maternal line — sometimes along with the family casserole recipe. Many of us can trace our own faith back to a mother, grandmother, aunt, or other female mentor who prayed for us long before we prayed for ourselves.

Moms are basically everyday superheroes because let's be honest:

- Moms can hear a suspicious noise three rooms away and decode the tone of our voice from three counties away.
- They can find anything we've lost simply by walking into the room.
- They can cook dinner, answer the phone, and stop a sibling argument with a single raised eyebrow.

- They can say, "Because I said so" with the authority of a Supreme Court ruling.
- And they can pray with a persistence that would make even the prophets take notes.

And scripture celebrates this kind of strength: Proverbs 31:25 says, "She is clothed with strength and dignity." Not yoga pants and a coffee-stained T-shirt — though I believe God can bless those too. She can juggle work, family, church, and the mysterious science of getting everyone out the door on time — all while holding a cup of coffee she's reheated four times.

Today we celebrate mother's with joy yet acknowledge that this day carries many emotions. Some rejoice. Some grieve. Some see their relationships with their mother as complicated. Some hope. Some heal. And do you know what? The church holds space for all of it — and for all of you.

So, we honor mothers. We remember mothers. We pray for those who long to be mothers and for mothers lost. And I hope our congregation is a place that supports those who sometimes carry wounds connected to motherhood.

May God bless the women who raised us, nurtured us, challenged us, guided us, prayed for us, corrected us, loved us with a love that echoes God's own, and occasionally threatened to "turn this car around." They deserve applause, appreciation, and maybe a nap that lasts until

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Father, Please Hear Our Prayer

LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL 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 Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

CURRENT CONCERNS

All Following entries Are By Date Order And Are Alphabetical By Last Name. A *Superscripted Number In Brackets*, I.E., ^[1], At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

MAY 10

- ◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzielzanoski's friend] - He had surgery in three different places to remove cancer. Doctors are confident that, ***Praise To GOD!*** Matthew is now cancer free! ^[NEW]
- ◇ McMeans Wendell & Melanie - There was a kitchen fire while they weren't at home. Fortunately, ***Praise To GOD!*** Jake was home and was able to get the fire put out.

The kitchen did sustain a little damage. ^[NEW]

- ◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] - She finished her current round of chemo and has decided to go through a second round. She is also Melanie's brother, Perry's, wife and care giver. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Ott, Ronnie [Joey Dzielzanoski's uncle] - At a family gathering, he suddenly turned purple/blue and was disoriented. He was EMS'd to the hospital but as of this past Sunday, there was no update.
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah - She was at church last Sunday and wasn't feeling well. Near the close of worship she had a spell so EMS was called. She was taken to the hospital where doctors ran tests and finally diagnosed her with being dehydrated.

She was able to go home and is doing okay at this juncture. This follows the heart attack she had Monday, April 27 where she had 2 stints implanted on Tuesday, April 28. Unfortunately, her heart did sustain a small amount of damage. Finally, she's also been diagnosed with severe osteoporosis. ^[NEW]

MAY 3

◇ Bailey, Linzi [Ronda Spicer's niece] - Her cancer numbers are on the rise again. She will be seeing doctors again to determine future treatment. ^[NEW]

◇ Melendy Family [Betty Smith's friends] - They've been experiencing some family issues. ^[NEW]

◇ Spicer, Ronda - She is scheduled to see her ophthalmologist on Thursday, May 7 to schedule her cataract surgery. ^[NEW]

◇ Woodard, June [Tom Woodard's sister-in-law] - She's experiencing health issues. ^[NEW]

APRIL 26

◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] - Praise To GOD! his hernia surgery Friday, April 17 went well. ^[01]

◇ Roeder, Gary [Pam Flatequal's brother-in-law] - Doctors have determined he has undue pressure on his heart so he's been put on medication and will have a follow up soon. ^[01]

APRIL 19

◇ Busse, Duane [Gene Vierling's friend] - He's having some balance problems and is to undergo a series of tests soon to determine why. ^[02]

◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[02]

◇ Coronis, Ike [Watkins' nephew-in-law] - He had an auto accident on a slick road and wrecked his new classic corvette as well as his back in three places. ^[02]

◇ Jackson, Chris [Former member] - He was to have a liver biopsy Thursday, April 16 but it's been rescheduled for this week. ^[02]

◇ Renninger, Ruane - She's still been experiencing pain all over her body as well as swelling. ^[02]

◇ Reoder, Gail [Pam Flatequal's sister] - She fell about 2AM one night and couldn't get up. She was unable to get up by herself nor rouse her husband, Gary, as he takes a nightly sedative due to pain, so she lay there for 5 hours before Gary could get help to get her up. ^[02]

◇ Watkins, Betsy - Continued health concerns. ^[02]

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 26TH Week. If Someone Is Moved Off This Ongoing List And You Believe They
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Should Go Back On The Detailed List Above, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Roy ^[21]; Alsup, Dylan ^[03]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[04]; Bradley Family ^[18]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[19]; Brown, Colton family ^[13]; Brown, Diane Family ^[22]; Cook, Karen ^[04]; Coombs, Derek ^[12]; Dolbeare, Robert ^[05]; Drake, Paul & Lynn ^[04]; Duncan, Roberta ^[19]; Dwyer, Meagan ^[09]; Dygert, Harold Family ^[11]; Fintel, Rick ^[20]; Flatequal Family ^[19]; Flatequal, Pam ^[06]; Flores, Carlos ^[19]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[22]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[10]; Jackson, April ^[03]; Keese, Bob & Katheryn ^[06]; Last-Name-Unknown, Irene ^[07]; Lester, Bob ^[22]; McMeans, Melanie ^[08]; McMeans, Wendell ^[15]; Moore, Jennifer ^[14]; Moore, Michael & Michelle ^[06]; Moore, Perry ^[12]; Morgan, Mitzy Family ^[07]; Morris, Barry ^[04]; Mr. Lowe ^[17]; Persat, Diana ^[22]; Pillows, Darlene ^[04]; Price, Jennifer ^[16]; Ranne, Darrel's mother ^[03]; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[16]; Schilling, Ina ^[17]; Sims, Linda ^[14]; Smith, Betty ^[03]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[21]; Smoot, Bailey ^[14]; Smoot, Beth ^[08]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[18]; Smoot, Max ^[11]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[20]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[13]; Spicer, Ronda ^[21]; Stepanovich Family ^[06]; Street, Cris ^[19]; Strunk, Billy ^[08]; Vierling, Gene ^[09]; Vierling, Scott ^[21]; Villereal, Douglas Family ^[09]; Walker, Tony Family ^[21]; Watkins, Betsy ^[06]; Watkins, Mitch ^[11]; Weisel, Michelle ^[17]; White, Linda ^[12]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ³¹ Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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Tuesday!

Finally, may we honor them not only with cards and flowers, but with lives that reflect the faith they planted in us. "Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates" — Proverbs 31:31. And through it all, may we trust the God who sees every heart with perfect compassion. **END**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Joshua Turner-Pinkney	May 19	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
Hunter Kruger (Dzielzanoski)	May 29	Birthday
Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And May 31st And You Do Not
See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Or 5 <sup>th</sup> Every<br>Other Sunday | Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch<br>Approximately 12PM – 2PM                                                                |  |
| Every Thursday                                           |  Sewing Sisters Approximately 12PM – 2PM |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 17                                             | In Search Of The Lord's Way – Your Enemy Satan                                                                            |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 24                                             | In Search Of The Lord's Way – Glorifying God                                                                              |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 31                                             | In Search Of The Lord's Way – Yes, We Need God                                                                            |                                                                                    |
| Sun – May 31                                             | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal                                                                                    |                                                                                    |

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| Every Tuesday | Lytle Friendship Art Club 9:30AM |
| Sun – May 10 | Mother's Day & National Shrimp Day |
| Mon – May 11 | Hostess Cupcake Day & National Eat What You Want Day |
| Tue – May 12 | International Nurses Day & National Hospital Day & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day & Fibromyalgia Awareness Day & National Nutty Fudge Day |
| Wed – May 13 | National ¹ Hummus And ² Crouton And ³ Fruit Cocktail And ⁴ Apple Pie Days |
| Thu – May 14 | National Buttermilk Biscuit Day |
| Fri – May 15 | National ¹ Senior Fraud Awareness Day And ² Chocolate Chip Days |
| Sat – May 16 | National ¹ Do Something Good For Your Neighbor Day And ² Barbeque And ³ Pizza Party Days |
| Sun – May 17 | Armed Forces Day & National ¹ Cherry Cobbler And ² Walnut Days & World Baking Day |

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 —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN – Day 134 - 2 Kng 9-11; Jhn 5:1-24

MON – Day 135 - 2 Kng 12-14; Jhn 5:25-47

TUE – Day 136 - 2 Kng 15-17; Jhn 6:1-21

WED – Day 137 - 2 Kng 18-19; Jhn 6:22-44

THU – Day 138 - 2 Kng 20-22; Jhn 6:45-71

FRI – Day 139 - 2 Kng 23-25; Jhn 7:1-31

SAT – Day 140 - 1 Chr 1-2; Jhn 7:32-53

Kng = Kings | Chr = Chronicles | Jhn = John

[Days Listed Are NOT Days Of The Year But
Days Of The Plan]



THE LYTLE LIGHT

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.

READ ALONG W/TOM

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| Sunday | 5/10/2026 | Luke 10 |
| Monday | 5/11/2026 | Luke 11 |
| Tuesday | 5/12/2026 | Luke 12 |
| Wednesday | 5/13/2026 | Luke 13 |
| Thursday | 5/14/2026 | Luke 14 |
| Friday | 5/15/2026 | Luke 15 |
| Saturday | 5/16/2026 | Luke 16 |

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Exodus 20:12 – ¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Proverbs 14:1 – ¹ The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 – ⁷ Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children.

Isaiah 49:15 – ¹⁵ “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

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