



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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WHO CREATED GOD? - FROM GOTQUESTIONS.ORG

A common argument from atheists and skeptics is that if all things need a cause, then God must also need a cause. The conclusion is that if God needed a cause, then God is not God (and if God is not God, then of course there is no God). This is a slightly more sophisticated form of the basic question “Who made God?” Everyone knows that something does not come from nothing. So, if God is a “something,” then He must have a cause, right?

The question is tricky because it sneaks in the false assumption that God came from somewhere and then asks where that might be. The answer is that the question does not even make sense. It is like asking, “What does blue smell like?” Blue is not in the category of things that have a smell, so the question itself is flawed. In the same way, God is not in the category of things that are created or caused. God is uncaused and uncreated – He simply exists.

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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 •

Psalm 96:9-13

Song 338 – My Faith Looks Up To Thee

- Minister's Intercessory Prayer •

311 – My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

323 – Living By Faith

180 – In Memory Of The Savior's Love



- Lord's Supper •

- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •

580 – Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

- Final Announcements •

Song 342 – O For A Faith That Will Not . . .

- Prayer: Offering & Closing •

- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •



SERMON

HE HAD SO MUCH!

INTRODUCTION AND PROLOGUE (Ecc. 1:1-3)

• SERMON SCRIPTURE •

Ecclesiastes 1:16; 1 Kings 3:12; Ecclesiastes 2:7-9; 2 Chronicles 9:13-28; Matthew 7:21-23

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION - (1) Ecclesiastes Has Fascinated Many (2) Not A Book For Christians To Ignore (3) Riches Of The Old Testament

I. An Introduction To The Book

- A. Title – “Qoheleth”
- B. Authorship
- C. It Is An Old Book
- D. Message
- E. It Contains “Goads” And “Nails”

II. The Prologue To The Book

- A. Author Identified
- B. Theme Stated
- C. Question Raised

CONCLUSION - (1) Solomon Answers His Own Questions (2) The Bible Answers Life's Questions (3) Ecclesiastes Addresses Many Questions

• INVITATION •

WED NIGHT STUDY

4 PM In Fellowship Room (Rear Doors)

— Topic: ISAAC —

2025 FELLOWSHIPS

- **TODAY! – FALL HARVEST BANQUET WITH GAMES!**
- **NOVEMBER 23 – THANKSGIVING REPAST**
- **DECEMBER 28 – “NEW YEARS EVE” FELLOWSHIP WITH GAMES!**



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How do we know this? We know that from nothing, nothing comes. So, if there were ever a time when there was absolutely nothing in existence, then nothing would have ever come into existence. But things do exist. Therefore, since there could never have been absolutely nothing, something had to have always been in existence. That ever-existing thing is what we call God. God is the uncaused Being that caused everything else to come into existence. God is the uncreated Creator who created the universe and everything in it. **END**

WHAT WAS GOD DOING BEFORE HE CREATED THE UNIVERSE?

– FROM GOTQUESTIONS.ORG

Our finite minds find it hard to comprehend that before the universe was created, God existed alone. We know from John 1:1 that Jesus also existed: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The preincarnate Christ was intimately united with the Father, so as to partake of His glory and to be appropriately called God. He has Himself explained it in John 17:5: "And now Father, glorify Me with Yourself with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

We also know that the Holy Spirit was present before we were created. Genesis 1:2 describes the Spirit "hovering over the face" of the dark and formless earth. So, before time even existed, God existed in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity existed in perfect harmony and flawlessness, having all they needed in one another. David

said in Psalm 16:11 that "joy and pleasures forever more" are in the presence of God. That means to be in the presence of God carries with it an overwhelming sense of joy, fulfillment, and pleasure. Before creation, God felt complete joy and fulfillment as He perfectly beheld and communed with Himself. God has and always will experience complete joy because He has complete and perfect knowledge of Himself.

So, before He created the universe, God experienced absolute satisfaction in Himself. God dwelt joyfully alone in eternity as the Trinity. These three were together in fellowship with one another from all eternity. They loved each other. We know at some point they discussed the redemption of mankind (Ephesians 1:4-5; 2 Timothy 1:9; John 17:24), but everything else lies in mystery. **END**





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 SUPERSCRIPTED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E., ^[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEKS THE ENTRY HAS BEEN IN THE BULLETIN.

OCTOBER 26

- ◊ Brown Family - Colton, Abby, and kids ^[NEW]
- ◊ Brown, Diane Family [Natalia congregation member] - Diane passed sometime the week of August 25th. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Carlos Flores Went to emergency room Saturday, October 18, due to bleeding. He saw two different urologists and tests have been run. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Gonzalez, Joel [Lea Strunk's daughter, Judith's husband] - He's home recovering from surgery. ^[NEW]
- ◊ McMeans, Wendell - ***Praise To GOD!*** He's found employment and is hopeful it works out. He starts early November. ^[NEW]
- ◊ 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. ^[NEW]
- ◊ 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. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Smith, Betty - She's been feeling poorly off and on lately. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Spicer, Ronda - ***Praise To GOD!*** her recovery from surgery has improved enough so that she's begun to drive again. ^[NEW]
- ◊ 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. ^[NEW]

◊ Watkins, Betsy - She's still struggling with Congestive Heart Failure, edema and possible cellulitis (infection of the deep skin layers). She on an antibiotic and still sees home health care twice a week. ^[NEW]

◊ Watkins, Mitchell - Undergoing a surgical procedure Monday, October 3. ^[NEW]

OCTOBER 19

◊ Cashion, Corina - **Praise To GOD!** A recent scan showed the mass in her lung to be half its former size and her lymph nodes had no additional activity! ^[01]

◊ Coughron, Debbie [Betty Smith's nephew's spouse] - She first lost the use of her legs (myopathy). This may have been due to a statin (Lipitor) she was taking which can lead to rhabdomyolysis which in turn can cause kidney damage or failure. Scans have shown her liver has also been severely damaged. ^[01]

◊ Miller, Bob [Spouse of a friend of the Watkins] - He broke his foot and will have surgery Tuesday, October 21. ^[01]

◊ Miller, Mary [Friend of the Watkins] - She had a complete mastectomy Tuesday, October 7. She will be starting chemo ^[01]

◊ Pinkney, Curtis [Sarah Turner's father] - A suspicious tumor was found on his kidney. He's having surgery/biopsy on Wednesday, November 12. ^[01]

◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodards' son-in-law] - **Praise To GOD!** His heart catherization on Thursday, October 16 showed no concerning issues. ^[01]

◊ Vierling, Carlene - She continues to experience severe pain in her leg. ^[01]

OCTOBER 12

◊ Alderman, Kelly [Ronda Spicer's sister-in-law] - **Praise To GOD!** The tumor in her brain which was thought to be a slow-growing cancer was not. But the doctor(s) now believe she had a mini-stroke so her medicines have been changed. ^[02]

◊ McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family [Deanna Glaze, friend of the Watkins' granddaughter] - Ashley, was murdered Wednesday morning, October 8, 2025, being stabbed to death in Williamson County. Ashley's friend, Kilee, was also stabbed but survived. A suspect, Michael Flinders, has been arrested and charged with murder. ^[02]

◊ Rasmussen, Linda [Nurse friend of Deborah Smoot] - While in the hospital for back surgery, a scan found lung cancer. ^[02]

◊ Smoot, Deborah - **Praise To God!** She's been feeling better the last few days. She had 3 doctor's appointments this past week and hope to have some results this week. ^[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 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, Roy ^[08]; Andrews, Dale ^[03]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[13]; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) ^[13]; Brown, J.D. Family ^[18]; Brown, Jane ^[08]; Burris, Joyce ^[05]; Clendening, Carol ^[09]; Coughran, Brett ^[08]; Dober, Jerry Family ^[14]; Duncan, Roberta ^[14]; Gabehart, Tom ^[03]; Garay, Mary ^[08]; Gardner,

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Jim ^[10]; Gardner, Laura ^[11]; Gingerella, Ed ^[15]; Gonzalez, Jackson ^[14]; Greer Family ^[12]; Guzman, Emily ^[11]; Jackson, April ^[08]; Johansen, Charles ^[11]; Holt, Claude ^[19]; Keesee, Robert ^[08]; Kelly, Don ^[18]; Kennedy, Don ^[13]; King, Elizabeth Grace ^[13]; Lassen, Peter ^[03]; Leininger, Ellie ^[13]; Lett, Dale ^[11]; McMeans, Cody ^[14]; Montelago, Abe ^[17]; Matthews, Cody ^[16]; McMeans, Wendell ^[12]; McMeans, Velma ^[18]; Melendey, Max Family ^[16]; Moore, Angie ^[10]; Moore, Michael ^[08]; Renneniger, Ruane ^[09]; Roeder, Gayle ^[11]; Schilling, Gene ^[03]; Segers, Jacob ^[15]; Sisters of Oliver Flores ^[08]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[08]; Smogur, Joyce Family ^[14]; Smoot, Bailey ^[03]; Smoot, Dani'el ^[13]; Smoot, Deborah ^[13]; Smoot, Roger ^[05]; Sparks, Janice ^[19]; Sprite, Juanita ^[13]; Street, Cris ^[09]; Strunk, Billie ^[06]; Strunk, Lea Family ^[16]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[04]; Vela, Cheryl ^[14]; Vela, Maeve ^[14]; Vela, Olivia ^[14]; Vierling, Carlene ^[13]; Vierling, Gene ^[05]; Wade, John ^[11]; Watkins, Mitchell ^[05]

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

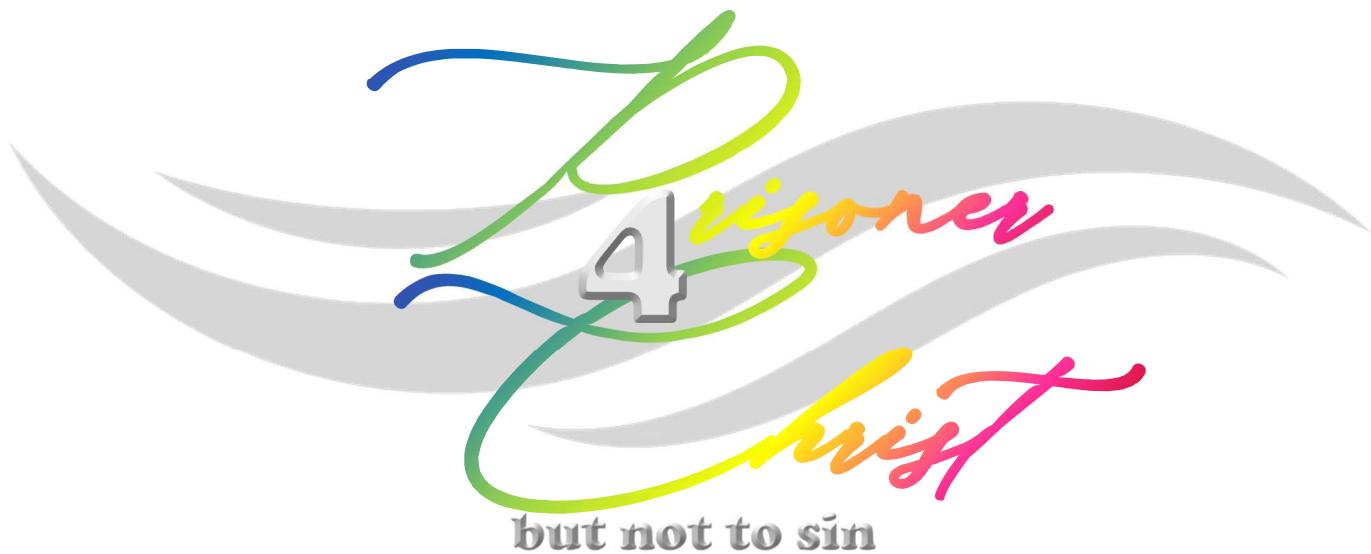
— Matthew 7:7

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

2 TIMOTHY 1:8

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Jim & Laura Gardner	Oct 10	Anniversary	
Deborah Smoot	Oct 11	Birthday	
Melanie McMeans	Oct 27	Birthday	
Wendell McMeans	Oct 27	Birthday	
Cathy Vierling	Nov 9	Birthday	
Hannah Vierling	Nov 11	Birthday	

If Your Special Day Is Between Today And November 11th And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Church Stuff			
Generally - 4 th Or 5 th Sun, Every Other Sun	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately Noon To Two (After Morning Worship Service)		
Every Thursday	 Sewing Sisters (ALL Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From Noon To 2 For Fellows To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly		
Sun - Oct 19	 In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>With All Your Mind</i>		
Sun - Oct 26	 In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>With All Your Strength</i>		
Tue-Wed-Thu Oct 14-15-16	 SUNNY GLEN Truck Route - Items Needed: ¹ Refried Beans, ² Chili (Beans Or Not), ³ Sports Drinks, ⁴ Kool-Aid Jammers, ⁵ Snack Pack Jello Cups, ⁶ Heavy Duty Foam/Paper Plates, ⁷ Individual Hand Pump Liquid Soaps, ⁸ Floor Cleaners For Mopping, ⁹ Laundry Detergents, ¹⁰ Latex-Free Disposable Gloves		
Sun - Oct 26	 FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Fall Harvest Banquet With Games		
Non-Church Stuff			
Every Tue	 Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM.		
Every 3 RD Mon	 VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM		
Sun - Oct 26	National ¹ Pumpkin And ² Chicken Fried Steak Days		
Mon - Oct 27	U.S. Navy's 250 th Birthday & National Potato Day		
Tue - Oct 28	National ¹ 1 st Responders And ² Chocolate Days		
Wed - Oct 29	World Stroke Awareness Day & National Oatmeal Day		
Thu - Oct 30	National Candy Corn Day		
Fri - Oct 31	National ¹ Breadstick And ² Caramel Apple Days		
Sat - Nov 1	National ¹ Deep Fried Clams And ² Calazone And ³ Family Literacy Days		
Sun - Nov 2	DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS [Fall Back] & National Deviled Eggs Day		

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 — Oct 26 — 1 Kng 16:21 - 2 Kng 4:37

MON — Oct 27 — 2 Kng 4:38 - 2 Kng 15:26

TUE — Oct 28 — 2 Kng 15:27 - 2 Kng 25:30

WED — Oct 29 — 1 Chr 1:1 - 1 Chr 9:44

THU — Oct 30 — 1 Chr 10:1 - 1 Chr 23:32

FRI — Oct 31 — 1 Chr 24:1 - 2 Chr 7:1

SAT — Nov 1 — 2 Chr 7:11 - 2 Chr 23:15

Kng = Kings | Chr = Chronicles



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 Concerning Character Building

Psalm 16:11 — ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Nehemiah 9:6 — ⁶ You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

Ephesians 1:4-5 — ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

John 17:24 — ²⁴ "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Colossians 1:16 — ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Revelation 4:11 — ¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."