



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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I WISH EVERY DAY COULD BE LIKE CHRISTMAS

There's a great Christmas song by Bon Jovi entitled "I Wish Every Day Could Be Like Christmas." The lyrics to the chorus are:

I wish every day could be like Christmas
And if I could have one wish come true
I wish every day could be,
Full of peace and harmony

I wish every day could be like Chirstmas, I do.

And one of the verses says:

I saw a child sit with old Mr. Claus,
Looked him in the eye,

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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 •

Not In Book – O Come, Emmanuel
663 – Silent Night! Holy Night!

473 – Break Thou The Bread Of Life
• Lord's Supper •

657 – Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem

• Minister's Intercessory Prayer •
Not In Song Book – We Three Kings

• Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •

667 – What Child Is This?

• Final Announcements •

654 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
• Closing Prayer •

• Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •

SERMON

– ANGELS & SHEPHERDS @ His BIRTH –

• SERMON SCRIPTURES •

Luke 2:8-14; Luke 1:5-20; 1:26-38; Matthew 1:20,21;
Galatians 4:4-5; Job 38:7 Psalm 19; Luke 15:7;
Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:13-14; Hebrews 11:60

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION - (1) Angels At His Birth (2) Shepherds At His Birth (3) The Message

- I. A Personal Message – vv.2:10-11
 - A. Needs Of The Heart
 - B. God Meets Us Where We Are
 - C. The All-Sufficient Savior
 - D. A Savior For All
- II. A Message Of Praise – v.2:14
 - A. Singing Not New To Angels
 - B. God's Glory In Christ
 - C. Heaven's Rejoicing
- III. A Message Of Peace – v.2:14
 - A. Peace Available With God
 - B. The Fulness Of Peace
 - C. Peace To All

CONCLUSION - (1) What The Shepherds Learned (2) What Have We Learned?

• INVITATION •

WED NIGHT STUDY

— NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON DEC 24 —

2025 FELLOWSHIPS

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

2026 FELLOWSHIPS*

- MARCH 8 – PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS
- MAY 31 – POTLUCK (LADIES' CHOICE)

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

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And He asked Old Santa Claus,
What peace on earth was.
Now the old man grew cautious,
On how he would say,
That it's the greatest gift,
That you could give,
Every day.

I like the sentiment of this song because it reminds us of the good will that happens this time of the year. Folks who are not normally benevolent will go out of their way to give to others who are in need. Wouldn't it be great if we were all this concerned with our neighbor's well being every day? Think about the following points:

I wish everyday was Christmas...

- So we would get excited about the opportunity to give more.
- So that large corporations gave money to help feed others.
- So TV programs would have wholesome themes and happy endings.
- Because people just seem to be nicer to each other.
- Because it's quiet on Christmas morning and no one seems to be in a big hurry.
- Because people talk a lot more about Jesus than they normally do.
- Because people seem to go to church a lot more than they usually do.

Mayhap, we should all make a commitment to be much more benevolent than we have been in the past. James wrote that part of pure religion was "visiting" (James 1:27) which requires action and involvement on our part.



After all, it's easy to reach in our pockets and throw some money in a red pot, or write a check with a little extra for our weekly contribution, but until you roll up your sleeves and make personal sacrifices of your time and energy, we're only getting part of our job done. I believe our benevolence will weigh heavy in the balances on the Great Judgment Day. Remember that Matthew 25:31-46 says, [“]³¹ When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right

hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?'

³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?" ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My

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

DECEMBER 21

- ◊ Carter, Emily Family [Charlene Carter (Former member)'s granddaughter] - Emily, age 41, passed into eternity from a heart attack. ^[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. To add insult to injury she's been informed that her brain cancer has returned. ^[NEW]
- ◊ McMeans, Wendell - He has an interview with Goodwill this week. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Moore, Perry [Melanie McMeans' brother] - He learned, after hurting his back, that he had not only a pinched nerve in his back, but had a stroke paralyzing the left side of his body. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Price, Jennifer [Carol Vierling's 70-year-old friend] - She fell and shattered her kneecap. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Ruane Renninger's granddaughter-in-law (no name provided) - She fell and broke her knee cap. To add insult to injury, she is having difficulty getting her insurance company to approve and pay for the surgery she needs. ^[NEW]
- ◊ Stapanovich, Elizabeth [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] - Praise To GOD! she just graduated from college with a BGS (Bachelor of General Studies, a highly interdisciplinary degree). ^[NEW]

DECEMBER 14

- ◊ Bailey, Linzy [Ronda's niece] - Some recent blood work showed cancer cells, and more tests revealed she has a 1-1/2" tumor on her liver and was going to Dallas Monday, December 15 to see specialist. ^[01]
- ◊ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzierzanowski's friend] - He's suffering from unknown medical issues. ^[01]
- ◊ Cashion, Corena - Concerns due to her cancer. ^[01]
- ◊ 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. ^[01]
- ◊ French, Misae - She's developed a bad cough. ^[01]
- ◊ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] - After suffering from tummy issues, she's been diagnosed with stomach cancer. ^[01]
- ◊ 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. ^[01]
- ◊ Undergoing PT - Carlene (shoulder); Ronda (hip); Ruane (back). ^[01]

DECEMBER 7

- ◊ Bradley Family [Tom's friend Larry's Family] - Larry's wife, Carmen, passed. ^[02]
- ◊ Flatequal Family - We welcome Adonis Flatequal born November 28. Baby boy was 7lb. 1oz, and was 20". ^[02]

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. ^[03]

- ◊ Flores, Carlos [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] - He's to have a scope procedure some time this month. ^[03]
- ◊ 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". ^[03]
- ◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - His endoscopy on Friday, November 21 revealed nothing glaringly wrong. More tests to follow. ^[03]
- ◊ 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. ^[03]
- ◊ Wiesel, Michelle [Homeless] - Pam Flatequal and Deborah Smoot saw her out and about recently. Prayers for her and her situation. ^[03]

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 ^[08]; Alderman, Roy ^[05]; Andrews, Dale ^[09]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[19]; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) ^[19]; Brown, Diane Family ^[07]; Brown, Jane ^[14]; Burris, Joyce ^[11]; Cashion, Corina ^[09]; Clendening, Carol ^[15]; Coughran, Brett ^[14]; Dober, Jerry Family ^[20]; Duncan, [continued on page 6]

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Roberta ^[18]; Gabehart, Tom ^[09]; Garay, Mary ^[12]; Gardner, Jim ^[16]; Gardner, Laura ^[17]; Gingerella, Ed ^[07]; Gonzalez, Jackson ^[20]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[07]; Greer Family ^[18]; Guzman, Emily ^[17]; Jackson, April ^[14]; Johansen, Charles ^[17]; Keese, Robert ^[14]; Kennedy, Don ^[19]; King, Elizabeth Grace ^[19]; Lassen, Peter ^[08]; Leininger, Ellie ^[19]; Lester, Bob ^[07]; Lett, Dale ^[17]; McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family ^[08]; McMeans, Wendell ^[07]; Moore, Michael ^[14]; Persat, Diana ^[07]; Price, Dylan ^[17]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[08]; Renninger, Ruane ^[04]; Roeder, Gayle ^[17]; Schilling, Gene ^[09]; Sisters of Oliver Flores ^[14]; Smith, Betty ^[07]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[04]; Smogur, Joyce Family ^[20]; Smoot, Bailey ^[09]; Smoot, Dani'el ^[19]; Smoot, Deborah ^[19]; Smoot, Roger ^[11]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[06]; Spicer, Ronda ^[07]; Sprute, Juanita ^[19]; Street, Cris ^[05]; Strunk, Billie ^[12]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[10]; Vela, Cheryl ^[20]; Vela, Maeve ^[20]; Vela, Olivia ^[20]; Vierling, Carlene ^[19]; Vierling, Gene ^[11]; Vierling, Scott ^[07]; Wade, John ^[17]; Walker, Tony Family ^[07]



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brethren, you did it to Me.' ⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴ "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

JAMES 1:22-25

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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not minister to You?' ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (emphasis mine)

So, let's be sure that we have fulfilled our duty as Christians to do good to all! (Galatians 6:10 - "10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.").

END

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 - 4 th Or 5 th 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 - Jan 4	In Search Of The Lord's Way - TBD (Not Yet Showing on searchtv.com)	
Sun - Jan 11	In Search Of The Lord's Way - TBD (Not Yet Showing on searchtv.com)	
Sun - Jan 18	In Search Of The Lord's Way - TBD (Not Yet Showing on searchtv.com)	
Sun - Jan 25	In Search Of The Lord's Way - TBD (Not Yet Showing on searchtv.com)	
----- Non-Church Stuff ----- Non-Church Stuff ----- 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 - Dec 21	Look On The Bright Side Day & National ¹ Crossword Puzzle Day And ² Remember The Homeless Day & Winter Solstice (Shortest Day Of Year)	
Mon - Dec 22	National ¹ Cookie Exchange Day And ² Date Nut Bread	
Tue - Dec 23	National ¹ Christmas Movie Marathon And ² Pfeffernusse Days	
Wed - Dec 24	National Eggnog Day & Christmas Eve	
Thu - Dec 25	National Pumpkin Pie Day & No "L" Day (Get It? No...L ... Noel) & Christmas Day	
Fri - Dec 26	National ¹ Candy Cane And ² Thank You Note Days	
Sat - Dec 27	National Fruit Cake Day & Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day & Visit The Zoo Day & International Day Of Epidemic Preparedness Day	
Sun - Dec 28	National ¹ Card Playing And ² Call-A-Friend And ³ Chocolate Candy & Pledge Of Allegiance Day	

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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!**

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Daily Bible Reading Plan —

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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 21 — 1 Cor 15:1 - Gal 3:25

MON — Dec 22 — Gal 3:26 - Col 4:18

TUE — Dec 23 — 1 Thes 1:1 - Phi 25

WED — Dec 24 — Heb 1:1 - Jam 3:12

THU — Dec 25 — Jam 3:13 - 3 Jhn 14

FRI — Dec 26 — Jud 1 - Rev 17:18

SAT — Dec 27 — Rev 18:1 - Rev 22:21

Cor = Corinthians | Gal = Galatians | Col = Colossians

Thes = Thessalonians | Phi - Philemon | Heb = Hebrews

Jam = James | Jhn = John | Jud = Jude | Rev = Revelations

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 Giving

Deuteronomy 16:17 — ¹⁷ Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.

Proverbs 3:9 — ⁹ Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase;

Matthew 5:42 — ⁴² Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Matthew 19:21 — ²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Luke 6:38 — ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Acts 20:35 — ³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

1 Corinthians 16:2 — ² On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

2 Corinthians 9:7 — ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.