



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.

PRACTICAL WAYS TO DEPEND ON GOD ALONE

— GOTQUESTIONS.COM

Depending on God is basic to the Christian life. We trust in, or depend on, God for our salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9). We depend on God for wisdom (James 1:5). In fact, we depend on God for everything (Psalm 104:27) and in everything (Proverbs 3:5-6). The psalmist teaches the Lord's reliability with the three-fold description "the LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer" (Psalm 18:2).

Depending on God alone does not mean we act foolishly. Jesus did not need to jump off the pinnacle of the temple to "prove" that He depended on God (Matthew 4:5-7); there is a difference between trusting God and putting God to the test. Depending on God alone doesn't mean we dispense with God's gifts. For example, a person with strep throat may refuse to go to the doctor, saying (hoarsely), "I am going to depend on God alone to heal me." Or a person driving a car may close her eyes and release the steering

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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. 10—Let Every Heart Rejoice And Sing

Song No. 118—I Will Sing The Wondrous Story

Song No. 103—I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 264—Christ For The World We Sing

Song No. 103—Hallelujah! What A Savior

- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 115—O, Thou Fount Of Every...

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song Not In Song Book—I Will Sing Of My...

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

SERMON

— 3 DEGREES OF TOLERANCE +
SAVIOR'S & SPIRIT'S MINISTRY —

• SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Romans 15:1-13; Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 10:23;
1 Peter 2:21; Hebrews 2:12; Luke 19:10; Romans 1:16;
Matthew 28:19; John 7:38; Nehemiah 8:10; Romans 12:3

• SERMON OUTLINE •

REVIEW & INTRODUCTION

- I. Duty of Tolerance
 - A. A Crucified Life
 - B. A Constructive Life
- II. Show of Tolerance
 - A. The Example of Jesus
 - B. Encouragement of Scriptures
- III. Delight of Tolerance
 - A. A Unity Of Purpose
 - B. A Unity Of Praise
 - C. A Unity Of Practice
- IV. Savior's Ministry for Us
 - A. God's Promises to Jews
 - B. God's Prophecies to Gentiles
- V. Spirit's Ministry for Us
 - A. Author of Abundant Life
 - B. Attributes of Abundant Life
 - C. Appropriation of Abundant Life

CONCLUSION

• INVITATION •



WED NIGHT STUDY

FEBRUARY 7 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:5 —



— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
ANNUAL CHURCH "PICNIC"

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wheel, saying, “I am going to depend on God alone to drive me home.” These actions would be foolish. God has provided us with doctors and medicines to help heal us. He has given us the wits to steer a car. We can still depend on God as we visit the doctor, knowing that all healing ultimately comes from God; and we can still depend on God as we drive, knowing that all safety ultimately comes from God.

We depend on God all the time, and there are times we can do nothing else. The Lord gives us the faith we need to make it through those times. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego couldn’t sway the will of the king, and they couldn’t lessen the intensity of the burning fiery furnace. They only knew that they could not bow down to a false god. They were thrown into the fire depending on God alone for the outcome (Daniel 3).

So, here are six *practical* ways to depend on God alone:



1) **Pray.** Prayer is, among other things, an acknowledgment of God’s power, promises, and provision. When you pray, you demonstrate dependence on God. The biblical command is to

“present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6).



2) **Honor The Bible.** The Word of God has information, instructions, examples, and promises for New Testament believers. Read from the Bible every day.

Check everything against the truth of the Word (Acts 17:11). And when there is a conflict between what the Bible says and what *anyone* else says, go with the Bible. “I will listen to what God the LORD says,” the Psalmist declares (Psalm 85:8).



3) **Do Right.** At all times, in all situations, do what you know is right, and leave the results with God. Jochebed did right by saving her baby, Moses (Exodus 2:1-10; 6:20; Numbers 26:59). Daniel did right by defying the king and praying to the Lord (Daniel 6). David did right by standing up to Goliath (1 Samuel 17). In each case, their dependence on God alone was rewarded.



4) **Be A Living Sacrifice.** Romans 12:1 says to offer up our bodies as a “living sacrifice” to God. Acceptable sacrifices are purified from sin and dedicated to God. When you become a living sacrifice, you live for the Lord. You cease fighting for your own rights and give up trusting in your own strength. As you learn to become a living sacrifice for God, you will discover the truth that, “when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10).



5) **Abide In Christ.** The Christian life is not a now-and-then rendezvous with God. It is making God your dwelling place, living with Him. Jesus put it this way: “Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me” (John 15:4). Depend on Christ as a fruit-laden branch depends on the grapevine. The branch attached to the vine is fulfilling its purpose.

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CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

FEBRUARY 4

PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY, ADDITIONS:

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 WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED
IN THE BULLETIN*

- ◇ Contracted Covid — Stephanie & Hunter Brown [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law & grandson]
- ◇ Mary Ann Bucheit [Art Club member who recently lost her husband, Dan] — She recently fell and broke her elbow.

JANUARY 28

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Brown's brother] — He's been falling recently — not sure exactly why — Test revealed that, *Praise GOD*, it is not the brain tumor he's in remission from. He possibly have to undergo a spinal tap in the near future. [NEW]
- ◇ Davis, Preston [Friend of the congregation] — He has moved to Somerset, NJ. We all, I'm sure, wish him success! [NEW]
- ◇ Green, Sonia [Tom Woodard's great granddaughter] — She recently had an ear-tube implant procedure to hopefully help with her ears. *Praise GOD* she came through the procedure fine! [NEW]
- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] — His ear is in a mess — he has cholesteatoma (a non-cancerous skin growth in the middle ear). He will most likely have to have surgery. [NEW]
- ◇ Geehan, Kieran [Roger & Deborah Smoot's son-in-law] — Praise GOD, He's come through his latest Covid illness and is feeling much better! [NEW]
- ◇ LeFluer, Miranda [Preston Davis' (Tom's friend) friend] — *Praise GOD*, she's now out of rehab after her accident which had caused brain swelling. She seems to continue to recover at a reasonable pace [NEW]
- ◇ McMeans, Velma [Wendell McMeans' mom] — She is to have a spinal cord stimulator trial where electrodes are implanted in the epidural

space of the spine in an attempt to alleviate pain. ^[NEW]

◇ Smith, Bessie [Betty Smith's daughter-in-law] — She passed into eternity Wednesday, January 24. ^[NEW]

◇ Smith, Betty — She was feeling a bit out of sorts this past week. ^[NEW]

◇ Smoot, Deborah — Please be in prayer — She had a scary episode (healthwise) Monday, January 22. ^[NEW]

◇ Spicer, Ronda — She still has some congestion and a cough. It may be allergies. ^[NEW]

◇ Villarreal, Doris & Family [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law's mother] — Doris, age 95, passed into eternity Thursday night, January 25. ^[NEW]

◇ Villarreal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] — He's been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasized to several areas of his body. ^[NEW]

◇ Welsby, Chris [Vierlings' friend from Georgia] — **Praise GOD**, his back surgery went well and he's recovering nicely. ^[NEW]

JANUARY 21

◇ Brown, Hunter [Ronda Brown's grandson] — He's suffering from an upper respiratory infection. ^[1]

◇ Brown, Stephanie [Ronda Brown's daughter-in-law] — She fell off a trailer while working with Ronnie. Unfortunately, she sustained a concussion. ^[1]

JANUARY 14

◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda's daughter-in-law, Barbara's 25-year-old nephew] — He passed into eternity Tuesday night, January 9. ^[2]

◇ Segura, Gilbert Family [Gilbert is Tom Woodard's football friend] — Gilbert passed into eternity last week. ^[2]

JANUARY 7

◇ Brown, Phoenix [Ronda Spicer's great granddaughter] — **Praise To GOD**, she is much better after having had Hand, Foot & Mouth disease. ^[3]

◇ Dear, Katherine [Deborah Smoot's sister] — **Praise To GOD**, she's now well, having just had Covid. ^[3]

◇ Evans, Steve [Tom Woodard's brother-in-law] — He underwent shoulder replacement surgery and **Praise To GOD**, he's doing well. ^[3]

◇ Smoot, Troy & Family [Roger & Deborah Smoot's son & family] — They were to fly to Hawaii today, January 7 to enroll Bailey and Dan'iel at YWAM (Youth With A Mission) Ships where the girls will spend the next six months preparing for the mission field. ^[3]

◇ Vela, Cheryl & John [Ruane Renninger's daughter & son-in-law] — They are flying to and from Florida. ^[3]

DECEMBER 24 & OLDER

NOTE: As Of January 14, 2024 And Afterwards, Depending Upon Room On The Prayer List Above, All Individuals Or Families Who Have Been On The List Below For 20+ Weeks Have Been/Will Be Removed. If You Know Of Anyone Who Should Be Placed Back On This List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Bippert, Cheryl ^[11]; Bippert Family ^[11]; Boldt, Sandy ^[11]; Brown, Scott ^[16]; Buchheit Family ^[17]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[4]; Burris, Joyce ^[17]; Corren, Jan ^[4]; Davis, R. Family ^[11]; Davis, P. Family ^[17]; Delaney, Sophie ^[5]; Dye, Joyce ^[11]; Fintel, Pam ^[11]; Green, Marvin ^[5]; Halverson Family ^[17]; Mays Family ^[6]; Montalvo, Louie ^[13]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[11]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[11]; Noble Family ^[15]; Norris Family ^[4]; Parra, Rudy ^[17]; Renninger, Ruane ^[6]; Sensat, Miriam ^[18]; Shaw, Nancy ^[4]; Slaughter, Ron ^[16]; Smith, Betty ^[15]; Smoot, Randy ^[6]; Torres, Donna ^[8]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[7]; Turnbow, Gary ^[7]; Wentreck Family ^[7]; Woodard, Sue ^[12]



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6) **Refuse To Worry.** God cares for His children, even more than the grass that He clothes with flowers and the birds that He daily feeds. Yes, you have needs, and “your heavenly Father

knows” (Matthew 6:32). Learn to “cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7). Keeping some of the anxiety on yourself is to doubt God’s care. One day, the disciples asked Jesus who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus answered with an illustration: “He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven’” (Matthew 18:2-4). Now let us consider Jesus’ words: one quality of children is that they are dependent on others for their well-being. God’s children should share that quality of depending on their loving Heavenly Father for everything they need and just like a little child, let us not worry about “stuff!”

So, there you have it. We can depend on God alone when we pray, honor the bible, do the right thing, be a living sacrifice, abide in Jesus, and give up our worrying about the things, people and situations the daily surround us!

PRACTICAL



SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

GALATIANS 4:1-7

¹ Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, ² but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. ³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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JOINT HEIRS

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS





Dan Orr	January 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	January 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	January 30	Birthday
Rick Fintel	February 16	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And February 16, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 "Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch — <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)
Every Monday	 Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) — 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.
Sun—Feb 4	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Who Is Jesus</i> — for channel: searchtv.com
Sun—Feb 11	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Examine Yourself</i> — for channel: searchtv.com
Sun—Feb 18	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>A Sin-Sick Soul</i> — for channel: searchtv.com
Sun—Feb 25	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>TBA</i> — for channel: searchtv.com

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 Lytle Friendship Art Club — Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)
3rd Mondays	 VFW Auxiliary — Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM
4th Tuesdays	 Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) — Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM
Sun—Feb 4	National Stuffed Mushroom & Homemade Soup Days
Mon—Feb 5	World Nutella Day National Chocolate Fondue Day
Tue—Feb 6	National Yogurt Day Pay-A-Compliment Day
Wed—Feb 7	National Fettuccine Alfredo & Patty Melt Days Girls & Women In Sports Day
Fri—Feb 9	Pizza Pie & Chocolate Days National Cut-The-Cord Day
Sat—Feb 10	National "Have A Brownie" & Cream Cheese Brownie Days National Flannel Day
Sun—Feb 11	National Latte & Peppermint Patty & Chicken Wing Days Autism Awareness 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 —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Feb 4 — Ex 16-18
MON	Feb 5 — Ex 19-21
TUE	Feb 6 — Ex 22-24
WED	Feb 7 — Ex 25-27
THU	Feb 8 — Ex 28-29
FRI	Feb 9 — Ex 30-32
SAT	Feb 10 — Ex 33-35
Ex = Exodus	

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 GALATIANS

Galatians 1:6-10 — ⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Galatians 3:26-29 — ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 5:16-17 — ¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.