



# 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 (4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

**Wednesday Schedule:** 4PM – Bible Study

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## WHAT CAN I DEPEND UPON?

What can I depend on, in this life on earth below?  
Something I can lean on, during life's highs and lows.  
All folks depend on their jobs, to pay the monthly bills.  
But layoffs can unexpectedly occur, leaving financial ills.  
A car is a mechanical machine, made of nuts and bolts galore,  
But one day it will wear out and be dependable no more.  
Even people can disappoint us, though well-meaning they may be.  
However, if times get too tough, they will let you down you see.  
But one thing I can depend on, that will remain true and pure,

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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 •
- 36 – *The Love Of God*
- 23 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer •
- 433 – *Jesus, Lover Of My Soul*
- 334 – *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*
- 176 – *Why Did My Savior Come To Earth*
-  • Lord's Supper • 
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •
- 575 – *Softly And Tenderly*
- Final Announcements •
- 471 – *Abide With Me*
- Prayer: Offering & Closing •
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •



## SERMON

### — THE LORD IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME —

#### • SERMON SCRIPTURE •

Scriptures: Psalm 16:1-8; Romans 1:20; Genesis 24:63; Matthew 14:23; 1 Corinthians 2:9-12; Ephesians 3:3-5; Philippians 4:6-7; Hebrews 3:12-13; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Acts 4:23-31

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

*INTRODUCTION* - (1) *The Presence Of God* (2) *All Christians Can Agree On God's Presence* (3) *What Draws Us Closer?*

- I. God's Creation
  - A. Let Nature Help Us
  - B. Natural Settings Help Us
- II. God's Revelation
  - A. God's Word Reveals
  - B. It Draws Us Close To God
- III. Through Our Prayers
  - A. It Is A Two-Way Street
  - B. We Receive Help From God
- IV. Through Our Fellowship
  - A. Strength Comes From Each Of Us
  - B. The Early Church Assembled
  - C. A Foretaste Of God's Presence

*CONCLUSION* - (1) *What Do We Desire?* (2) *Then Set The Lord Before You*"

#### • INVITATION •

## WED NIGHT STUDY

4 PM In Fellowship Room (Rear Doors)

— Topic: *ISAAC* —

## 2025 FELLOWSHIPS

OCTOBER 26 – FALL HARVEST BANQUET  
WITH GAMES!

NOVEMBER 23 – THANKSGIVING REPAST

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

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*Is God and His Holy Scriptures, a foundation steady, strong and sure.  
Stand on the Rock the bible says, bold and loud and clear.  
A dependable fortress against life's storms, knowing that heaven is near.  
What can I depend on? The answer will always be,  
To depend on our Heavenly Father, for grace and salvation free!*

– by Jay Launius, Maud Church of Christ, Maud, Texas

## DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

2 Peter 1:5-11 tells us, <sup>“5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

The development of our character is a complex journey that begins at childhood and continues throughout our lives. Our relationships, education, life experiences, and



decisions all work together to shape our personalities. Our character consists of both external and internal qualities, some inherited, some developed by our own choosing. Some secular educators have determined that people's characters are developed in three ways, all of which can easily be applied to the development of the Christian character.

**Character is personal.** Our individual life experiences shape and form our character. From successes, failures, triumphs and tragedies, we grow into our own personalities. Faith comes from knowledge of God's word which reinforces moral living. (1 Peter

1: 5-6) From the Christian's perspective, life events help us to grow in faith and patience. (James 1:24; Romans 5:3) Our relationship with God is personal, for we must all give an account of ourselves to Him. (Romans 14:12).

**Character is contextual.** Our exposure to the world around us shapes our character and personality. The environment we experience during childhood may be out of our control, but as adults we can choose our own path. The

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## CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS-NESS 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 Sicknesses
- 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., <sup>[1]</sup>, AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEKS THE ENTRY HAS BEEN IN THE BULLETIN.

## 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! <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ 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. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Miller, Bob [Spouse of a friend of the Watkins] – He broke his foot and will have surgery Tuesday, October 21. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Miller, Mary [Friend of the Watkins] – She had a complete mastectomy Tuesday, October 7. She will be starting chemo <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Pinkney, Curtis [Sarah Turner's father] – A suspicious tumor was found on his kidney. He's having surgery/biopsy on Wednesday, November 12. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodards' son-in-law] – *Praise To GOD!* His heart catherization on Thursday, October 16 showed no concerns. <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◊ Vierling, Carlene – She continues to experience severe pain in her leg. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

## 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. [01]

◊ McMicken-Glaze Family [Deanna Glaze, friend of the Watkins] - Deanna's 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. [01]

◊ Rasmussen, Linda [Nurse friend of Deborah Smoot] - While in the hospital for back surgery, a scan found lung cancer. [01]

◊ 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. [01]

## OCTOBER 5

◊ Andrews, Dale [Friend of Melanie McMeans] - He recently had 2 biopsies where lung cancer was found then after his first chemo treatment he had a mini-stroke. [02]

◊ Gabehart, Tom [Friend of the Lytle Art Club] - He recently had lymph node surgery due to cancer and is having a difficult time with his recovery. [01]

◊ Lassen, Peter [Neighbor of the Vierlings] - He has been diagnosed with cancer and is taking chemotherapy treatments. [01]

◊ McMeans, Wendell - He has several job applications out. [02]

◊ Schilling, Gene [Spouse of a friend of the Watkins] - He has a severely torn hamstring and is suffering terribly. [02]

◊ Smoot, Bailey [Smoots' granddaughter] - She's moved on to her next mission trip through YWAM (Youth With A Mission), this time in Norway. [02]

◊ Spicer, Ronda - She's been experiencing stomach issues this past week. She's also

continuing to recover from hip surgery and is still a little unsteady. [02]

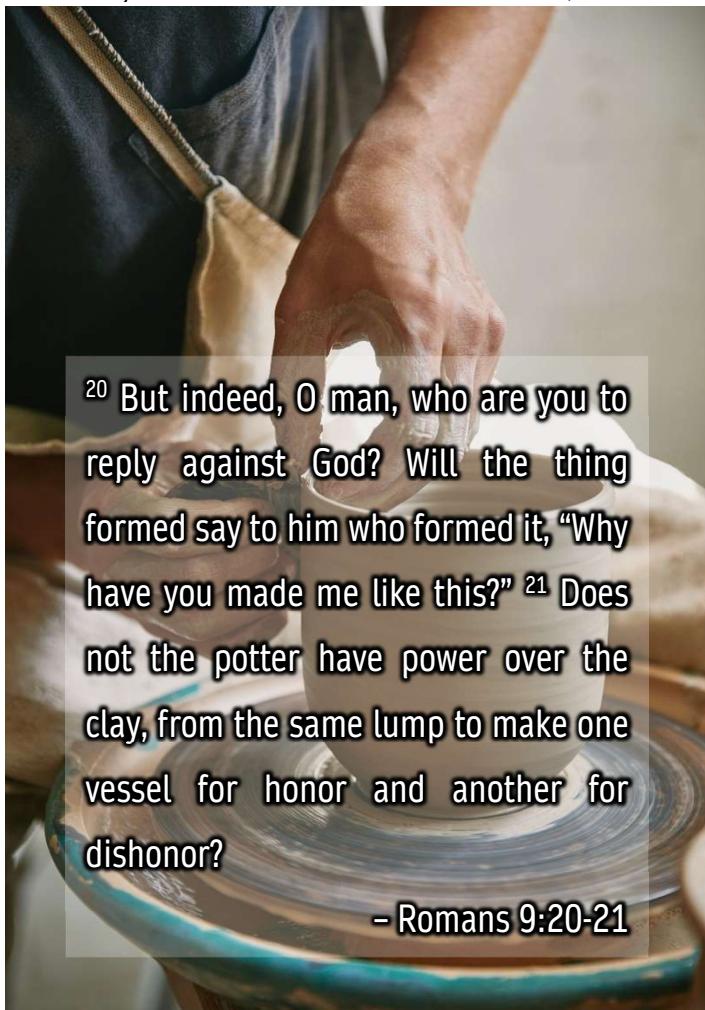
## ONGOING CONCERNS

***All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 20 Weeks. Removal Can Be Requested Earlier But Concern(s) Will Automatically Be Removed At The 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 [07]; Bridgewater, Larry [12]; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) [12]; Brown, J.D. Family [17]; Brown, Jane [07] ; Burris, Joyce [04]; Clendening, Carol [08]; Coughran, Brett [07]; Dober, Jerry Family [13]; Duncan, Roberta [13]; Garay, Mary [07]; Gardner, Jim [09]; Gardner, Laura [10]; Gingerella, Ed [14]; Gonzalez, Jackson [13]; Greer Family [11]; Guzman, Emily [10]; Jackson, April [07]; Johansen, Charles [10]; Holt, Claude [18]; Keese, Robert [07]; Kelly, Don [17]; Kennedy, Don [12]; King, Elizabeth Grace [12]; Leininger, Ellie [12]; Lett, Dale [10]; McMeans, Cody [13]; Montelago, Abe [16]; Matthews, Cody [15]; McMeans, Wendell [11]; McMeans, Velma [17]; Melendey, Max Family [15]; Moore, Angie [09]; Moore, Michael [07]; Persatt, Dianna [05]; Renneniger, Ruane [08]; Roeder, Gayle [10]; Segers, Jacob [14]; Sisters of Oliver Flores [07]; Smith, Betty [03]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) [07] ; Smogur, Joyce Family [13]; Smoot, Dani'el [12]; Smoot, Deborah [12]; Smoot, Roger [04]; Sparks, Janice [18]; Sprite, Juanita [12]; Street, Cris [08]; Strunk, Billie [05]; Strunk, Lea Family [15]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn [03]; Vela, Cheryl [13]; Vela, Maeve [13]; Vela, Olivia [13]; Vierling, Carlene [12]; Vierling, Gene [04]; Wade, John [10]; Watkins, Mitchell [04]

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Christian has made the wise choice to walk in the ways of God. (Matthew 7:13-14; 24-27)



During this journey, the Christian must place themselves within the wholesome environment of the church (Acts 2:42-47) where self-control, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love will grow and flourish in the heart and demonstrate these in action.

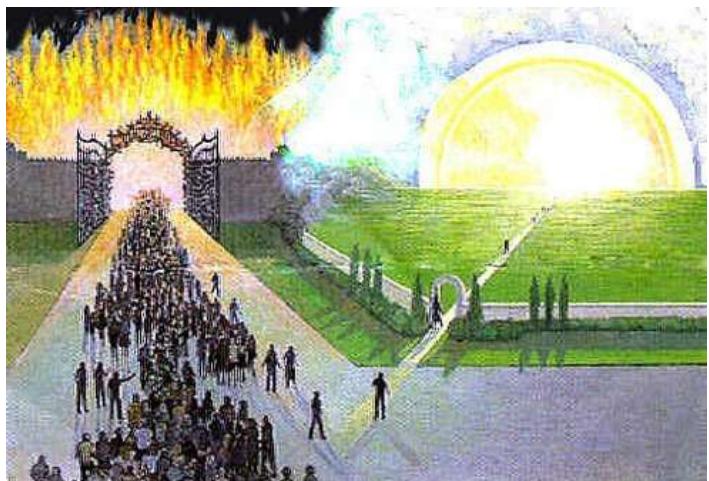
**Character is relational.** Our character is influenced by the relationships of family, friends, classmates and co-workers. We become the people we most associate with, thus the warning that bad company corrupts good character. (1 Corinthians 15:33) A study of the “one another’s” of the bible teach us that Christians are to prefer each other’s company over those who live in a sinful world. **END**

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### MATTHEW 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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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 11<sup>th</sup> And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Church Stuff			
Generally - 4 <sup>th</sup> Or 5 <sup>th</sup> 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	 <b>SUNNY GLEN Truck Route</b> - Items Needed: <sup>1</sup> Refried Beans, <sup>2</sup> Chili (Beans Or Not), <sup>3</sup> Sports Drinks, <sup>4</sup> Kool-Aid Jammers, <sup>5</sup> Snack Pack Jello Cups, <sup>6</sup> Heavy Duty Foam/Paper Plates, <sup>7</sup> Individual Hand Pump Liquid Soaps, <sup>8</sup> Floor Cleaners For Mopping, <sup>9</sup> Laundry Detergents, <sup>10</sup> Latex-Free Disposable Gloves		
Sun - Oct 26	 <b>FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Fall Harvest Banquet With Games</b>		
Non-Church Stuff			
Every Tue	 Lytle Friendship Art Club - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 9:30AM.		
Every 3 <sup>RD</sup> Mon	 VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM		
Sun - Oct 19	World Humanitarian Action Day & National Seafood Bisque Day		
Mon - Oct 20	World Osteoporosis Day & National Day On Writing		
Tue - Oct 21	National <sup>1</sup> Apple Day And <sup>2</sup> Pumpkin Cheesecake Days		
Wed - Oct 22	International Stuttering Awareness Day & National Nut Day		
Thu - Oct 23	National Boston Cream Pie Day		
Fri - Oct 24	National <sup>1</sup> Bologna And <sup>2</sup> Jamaican Jerk And <sup>3</sup> Food Days		
Sat - Oct 25	National <sup>1</sup> Greasy Foods And <sup>2</sup> I Care About Your Day Days		
Sun - Oct 26	National <sup>1</sup> Pumpkin And <sup>2</sup> Chicken Fried Steak Days		

## 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 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 19 — Jdg 15:13 - 1 Sam 2:29

**MON** — Oct 20 — 1 Sam 2:30 - 1 Sam 15:35

**TUE** — Oct 21 — 1 Sam 16:1 - 1 Sam 28:19

**WED** — Oct 22 — 1 Sam 28:20 - 2 Sam 12:10

**THU** — Oct 23 — 2 Sam 12:11 - 2 Sam 22:18

**FRI** — Oct 24 — 2 Sam 22:19 - 1 Kng 7:37

**SAT** — Oct 25 — 1 Kng 7:38 - 1 Kng 16:20

Jdg = Judges | Sam = Samuel | Kng = Kings



## 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 In Bits —

Various Scripture Concerning Character Building

**1 Peter 1:3-5** — <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**1 Peter 1:6-9** — <sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

**James 1:2-4** — <sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.