



# Lytle Light

You Are The Light Of  
The World.

- Matthew 5:14a

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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### INDIFFERENCE – A DEVILISH PLAN – PART TWO

As stated last week, the problems facing the body of Christ are many and varied as the devil opposes us with persecutions, false doctrines, and all kinds of fleshly temptations. But one of his most successful devices is apathy – an attitude of indifference which afflicts Christians and eats away their zeal like a cancer. It is highly contagious and, if unchecked, can be fatal to the souls of men and women. Sadly, in far too many areas, it has now reached epidemic proportions.

We also learned that apathy now means – since about 1733 – without feeling; no passion; without fervent spirit. The simple meaning can be summed up with the expression, “who cares”?

As a matter of fact, Christ had rather we were hot or cold rather than existing in that nauseating middle of being lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-17). Indifference was the problem with the church in Laodicea. To that dead congregation, Jesus said, “I know your works, that you are neither cold or hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth” (Revelation 3:15-16). How many churches of Christ are in that same condition today?

Last week I ended up taking a short trip down the rabbit hole concerning the Lord’s statement regarding hot and cold and its use by John as a possible metaphor re-

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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.*

# 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 approximately every other 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 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 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
- 110 – *Let Every Heart Rejoice And Sing*
- 118 – *I Will Sing The Wondrous Story*
- 103 – *I Will Sing Of My Redeemer*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 264 – *Christ For The World We Sing*
- Offertory Prayer
- 103 – *Hallelujah! What A Savior*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline
- 115 – *O, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*
- Final Announcements
- Not In Book – *I Will Sing Of The Mercies*
- Closing Prayer

7b **WASH ME,  
AND I SHALL  
BE WHITER THAN  
SNOW.**  
- **PSALM 51:7B**

Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

## SERMON

### CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD OTHER CHRISTIANS

#### • SERMON SCRIPTURES

Matthew 25:31-40; John 13:1-16; Matthew 7:12; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 3; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Timothy 4:12; Matthew 7:1-3; Mark 11:25; Galatians 6:1

#### • SERMON OUTLINE

*INTRODUCTION - (1) We Must Help Others (2) Christian Equals Christ-Like (3) It Is Not All About Me*

#### I. Responsibility To Other Christians

- A. Love Serving Christians
- B. The Golden Rule
- C. Build Through Worship
- D. Promote Their Happiness
- E. Troublesome Times

#### II. Miscellaneous Duties To All

- A. Consistent Love
- B. Produce A Good Example
- C. Handling Imperfections
- D. Heart Of Forgiveness
- E. Restoring The Fallen

*CONCLUSION - (1) Christians Do Not Live In A Vacuum (2) Our Lives Affect Many (3) Make It The Best You Can*

#### • INVITATION

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let us reason together,"  
Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."  
- Isaiah 1:18

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garding Laodicea's water supply. Let's now turn to our study of "apathy." I believe apathy can be divided into five parts.

First, unbelief is the basis of apathy. "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God," (Hebrews 3:12). "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord," (1 Corinthians 15:58). Horatius Bonar said it succinctly when he said, "All unbelief is the belief of a lie."

Second, ingratitude is the fuel of apathy. Immanuel Kant said, "Ingratitude is the



essence of vileness." Paul describes the behavior of sin in terms of people who knew God in some superficial way, but "did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful," (Romans 1:21). Let's face it, one can't spell apathetic without the word pathetic.

Third, inaction is the behavior of apathy. If you do not care, you do not act! All through the book of Acts, the saints who carried on the work of the Lord were those who believed, cared, and loved. John F. Kennedy said, "There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction." Inaction and lack of initiative is evidence of apathy.

Fourth, indifference is the attitude of apathy and attitudes are difficult to hide. If you don't care about the things of God, it is

## WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – REDEMPTION PART TWO

## 2026 FELLOWSHIPS\*

### • MARCH 7 – Saturday – Picnic On The Grounds

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – Potluck (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – Thanksgiving Meal
- DECEMBER 27 – New Years "Eve"

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

generally hard to conceal such. Elie Wiesel may have summed up indifference best: "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference." If you are unconcerned about the lost, that will be seen in your inaction toward them.

Fifth, silence is the language of apathy. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." If you don't care, you probably will never say a word. Probably the best known scripture concerning silence is from Ezekiel: "<sup>18</sup>When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>19</sup>Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul" (vv.18-19).

Spiritual apathy is a choice. It is always a  
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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., <sup>[1]</sup>, At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

## FEBRUARY 1

- ◊ Renninger, Ruane - She is scheduled to have back surgery on February 4. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Smoot, Max [Roger Smoot's cousin] - He was to have had heart surgery Friday, January 30 because his pacemaker isn't functioning as it should. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Strunk, Billy - **Praise To GOD!** his Friday, January 30 heart procedure went well revealing some scarring which can, fortunately, be treated with medication. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Villereal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] - Doug (71) was back in the hospital where he was diagnosed with a UTI and Bells Palsy. Further, a CT scan revealed a blood clot and cancer in his brain. An MRI was attempted but was unable to be performed due to his severe pain and is currently non-ambulatory. He was released to hospice for pain management <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Vierling, Gene -He is to undergo a CAT-Scan on Wednesday, February 4 to see if there is a problem causing his recent back pain. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

## JANUARY 25

- ◊ Coombs Derek [Sarah Turner's 16-year-old cousin] - He's had swelling behind his eye and seizures. He's been in the hospital and has had surgery. <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◊ Moore, Perry [Melanie McMeans' brother] - He was sent home with home health care Monday, January 5, after his time in the hospital due to stroke. He's waiting for PT to begin. He's been trying to use a

traditional rollator but with one hand not functioning he's had difficulty controlling the walking aide and has actually fallen a few times. He's going to see about a different rollator. <sup>[01]</sup>

◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - He was scheduled to see a couple of doctors this past week - his cardiologist (no new news as of this printing) and his gastroenterologist where he's been diagnosed with Esophagogastric Junction (EGJ). <sup>[01]</sup>

◊ Watkins, Mitch - He's now been diagnosed with two mid-line hernias which will require surgery to correct. <sup>[01]</sup>

## JANUARY 18

◊ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - She was discharged from the hospital and before she commences her chemo for 3 months. She was to see her oncologist Tuesday, January 20 and was to have a biopsy Friday, January 23. <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Smoot, Deborah - She's been having some bad days with excessive coughing and sinus drainage. <sup>[02]</sup>

## JANUARY 11

◊ Bridgewater, Larry [Watkins' brother-in-law] - He's still dealing with the aftermath of the amputation of his left leg at just below the knee. <sup>[02]</sup>

◊ Brown Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix & Atraes) <sup>[03]</sup> - Prayers

◊ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. <sup>[03]</sup>

◊ Sims, Linda [Pam Flatequal's friend] - She is having health issues - low count of red blood cells and pain. Doctors will perform a bone marrow test to help determine cause. <sup>[03]</sup>

◊ Smoot, Bailey [Smoot's granddaughter] - She was headed back to Kono, Hawaii to regroup with her missionary team, then on to South Africa where she will be a team lead this go around. <sup>[03]</sup>

◊ White, Linda [Melanie McMeans' sister] - **Praise To GOD!**, she will not have to have her gall bladder removed and she doesn't have pneumonia as suspected. She has had severe vertigo which doctors suspect is caused by the ear infection. <sup>[03]</sup>

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

Alderman, Kelly <sup>[13]</sup>; Alderman, Roy <sup>[10]</sup>; Andrews, Dale <sup>[14]</sup>; Balderrama, Matthew <sup>[7]</sup>; Bradley Family <sup>[8]</sup>; Brown, Diane Family <sup>[12]</sup>; Brown, Jane <sup>[19]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[16]</sup>; Carter, Emily Family <sup>[06]</sup>; Cashion, Corina <sup>[14]</sup>; Clendenning, Carol <sup>[20]</sup>; Coughran, Brett <sup>[19]</sup>; Duncan, Roberta <sup>[07]</sup>; Fintel, Rick <sup>[08]</sup>; Flatequal Family <sup>[08]</sup>; Flores, Carlos <sup>[08]</sup>; Gabehart, Tom <sup>[14]</sup>; Garay, Mary <sup>[17]</sup>; Gingerella, Ed <sup>[12]</sup>; Gonzalez, Joel <sup>[12]</sup>; Jackson, April <sup>[19]</sup>; Keese, Robert <sup>[19]</sup>; Lassen, Peter <sup>[13]</sup>; Last Name Unknown, Missy <sup>[04]</sup>; Lester, Bob <sup>[12]</sup>; Ashley Family <sup>[13]</sup>; McMeans, Wendell <sup>[05]</sup>; Moore, Jennifer <sup>[04]</sup>; Moore, Michael <sup>[19]</sup>; Moore, Sherry <sup>[07]</sup>; Mr. Lowe <sup>[07]</sup>; Persat, Diana <sup>[12]</sup>; Price, Jennifer <sup>[06]</sup>; Rasmussen, Linda <sup>[13]</sup>; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law <sup>[06]</sup>; Schilling, Gene <sup>[14]</sup>; Schilling, Ina <sup>[06]</sup>; Sisters of Oliver Flores <sup>[19]</sup>; Smith, Betty <sup>[12]</sup>; Smith, Jimmie (JD) <sup>[09]</sup>; Smoot,

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Bailey <sup>[14]</sup>; Smoot, Cody & Emily <sup>[08]</sup>; Smoot, Roger <sup>[16]</sup>; Smoot, Tiffany <sup>[11]</sup>; Sparks, Lane & Ashley <sup>[04]</sup>; Spicer, Ronda <sup>[12]</sup>; Street, Cris <sup>[10]</sup>; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn <sup>[15]</sup>; Vierling, Gene <sup>[16]</sup>; Vierling, Scott <sup>[12]</sup>; Walker, Tony Family <sup>[12]</sup>; Weisel, Michelle <sup>[08]</sup>

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### 1 JOHN 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? <sup>18</sup> My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

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choice. In part, it denies (consciously or not) that God is actively involved in our lives. It admits that nothing much will change - despite the presence of the powerful Spirit within us - and that, in the current state of things, there's nothing much to get excited about. Spiritual apathy takes things for granted - even the gift of life - and says, "Why bother?" Why bother worshiping? Why bother praying? Why bother reading God's word? Why bother participating in fellowship? Why bother with giving, either physically or monetarily?

Rather than insult the God of the universe, we should try our utmost to rid ourselves from this terrible disease because it disgraces grace, abandons the lost and gives great occasion for the enemies of God to blaspheme and crucify once again the Son of God.

Brethren, the cause of Christ deserves the very best we have to offer. When we spend more time watching TV and playing sports than we do studying and teaching the word of God, are we not indifferent? When we find time to go to the movies and other places of entertainment, but not to visit the sick and erring, are we not exhibiting apathy toward our brothers and sisters and our neighbors at large? The time has come for all of us to wake up and get to work for otherwise our indifference, our apathy, may very well send us to eternal hell! **END**



# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Dan Orr	Jan 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	Jan 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	Jan 30	Birthday
Rick Fintel	Feb 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	Feb 22	Anniversary
Pam Flatequal	Feb 22	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And February 28<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Or 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 18	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>How Jesus Endured</i>	
Sun - Jan 25	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Do Not Grow Weary</i>	
Sun - Feb 1	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>You Can Trust Scripture</i>	
Sun - Feb 8	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>God Is Faithful</i>	
----- 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 <sup>RD</sup> Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM	
Sun - Feb 1	GI Joe Day & National <sup>1</sup> Baked Alaska And <sup>2</sup> Ice Cream For Breakfast And <sup>3</sup> Texas (Not Texas Independence) And <sup>4</sup> Freedom Days & Take Your Child To The Library Day	
Mon - Feb 2	Groundhog Day & Kiwi Day & Crepe Day & National Tater Tot Day	
Tue - Feb 3	National <sup>1</sup> Carrot Cake And <sup>2</sup> Missing Persons Awareness Days	
Wed - Feb 4	Rosa Parks' Birthday & National Stuffed Mushroom Day	
Thu - Feb 5	World Nutella Day & National <sup>1</sup> Pork Rind And <sup>2</sup> Chocolate Fondue Days	
Fri - Feb 6	Lame Duck Day & Pay A Compliment & National <sup>1</sup> Wear Red And <sup>2</sup> Frozen Yogurt Days	
Sat - Feb 7	Ice Cream For Breakfast Day & National Fettuccine Alfredo Day	
Sun - Feb 8	National <sup>1</sup> Kite-Flying And <sup>2</sup> Boy Scouts/Boy Scout's 116 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Days & Molasses Bar 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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## 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 —



## OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

**SUN** — Day 36 - Exo 37-38; Mat 23:23-39

**MON** — Day 37 - Exo 39-40; Mat 24:1-22

**TUE** — Day 38 - Lev 1-3; Mat 24:23-51

**WED** — Day 39 - Lev 4-6; Mat 25:1-30

**THU** — Day 40 - Lev 7-9; Mat 25:31-46

**FRI** — Day 41 - Lev 10-12; Mat 26:1-19

**SAT** — Day 42 - Lev 13; Mat 26:20-54

Exo = Exodus | Mat = Matthew | Lev = Leviticus

# 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.

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## TOM'S DAILY Bible Reading

Sunday	2/1/2026	Genesis 1
Monday	2/2/2026	Genesis 2
Tuesday	2/3/2026	Genesis 3
Wednesday	2/4/2026	Genesis 4
Thursday	2/5/2026	Genesis 5
Friday	2/6/2026	Genesis 6
Saturday	2/7/2026	Genesis 7

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## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### Scripture Verses

**Zephaniah 1:12-13** — <sup>12</sup> “And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil.’ <sup>13</sup> Therefore their goods shall become booty, and their houses a desolation; they shall build houses, but not inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine.”

**Proverbs 15:19** — <sup>19</sup> The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, but the way of the upright is a highway.

**Hebrews 5:11-12** — <sup>11</sup> of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.