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**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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12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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RECONCILIATION'S MINISTRY

There is something called the ministry of reconciliation and it is found in 2 Corinthians 5:18. This ministry refers to the work, labor, employment if you will, that believers have been given to do and the message they declare: you can have a restored relationship with God through Jesus. The verse says this: “¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation” (NKJV). God’s Word translation (GW) says, “¹⁸ God has done all this. He has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships.”

The ministry of reconciliation or of restoring relationships involves the proclamation of the gospel and its assurance that forgiveness of sin is available in Christ. Sin prevents us from having a relationship with God, but Jesus’ perfect sacrifice on the cross made atonement for sin (Hebrews 2:17) and brought harmony to mankind’s relationship with Him. Jesus reconciled us to God. Now we’re able to proclaim that all people can repent of their sin and be added to His church in order to be right with God again through faith in Jesus (Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:20-21; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 16:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27).

And brethren, we need reconciliation with God because our relationship with Him was broken. God is infinitely holy and completely righteous; and our sin

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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
- 36 – *The Love Of God*
- 535 – *Sing To Me Of Heaven*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 187 – *In Heavenly Love Abiding*
- Lord's Supper
- 303 – *Heavenly Sunlight*
- 519 – *When We All Get To Heaven*
- Sermon – See Right Column For Outline
- 477 – *Earth Holds No Treasures*
- Final Announcements
- 276 – *Higher Ground*
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

SERMON

• THE PREACHER'S OBSERVATIONS

• *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4:16; Acts 17:26-27; Romans 8:28; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Ephesians 1:9-10; Hebrews 4:15-16; John 5:14; Matthew 28:18-20

• *SERMON OUTLINE*

INTRODUCTION - (1) Raising This Question (2) "What Profit Has A Man From All His Labor In Which He Toils Under The Sun?" – Ecclesiastes 1:3 (3) The Key Phrase Is "Under The Sun" (4) "All Is Vanity" (5) How Did Solomon Reach This Conclusion? (6) Experiences Versus Observation

I. The Purpose Of God

- A. God's Divine Purpose | B. We Fail Find His Purpose | C. Why God Acts This Way | D. Solomon's Conclusion

II. Injustice And Oppression Of Man

- A. The Preacher Saw | B. What He Reasoned | C. What Solomon Concluded

III. Skillful And Selfish Work

- A. Breeds Envy In Others | B. When One Is All Alone | C. Popularity Is Fleeting

CONCLUSION - (1) There's Much More "Under The Sun" (2) What We Have Seen [a] Why Life Is Vain [b] The Wisdom To Live "Under The Sun" (3) God's Working Can Be Perplexing (4) He Remains Our Savior

• *INVITATION*



**Daylight Saving Time Returns
Sunday, March 8!**

**Remember To Set Your
Clocks AHEAD 1 Hour @
2:00 AM (Or When You
Go To Bed)**

**It's Spring *Forward* Time,
Brethren!**

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separates us from Him (Isaiah 59:2); sin made us His enemies (Romans 5:10). But on the cross, Jesus took our sin upon Himself, satisfying God's justice. Jesus' death made it possible for us to have peace with God, as 2 Corinthians 5:19 says, "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them." Now we can be called God's "friends" (John 15:15) and Jesus' "brothers and sisters" (Hebrews 2:11). Those who have been justified through faith (Romans 5:1) by Jesus' blood (Romans 5:9) no longer have their sins counted against them. They are reconciled with God.



God has given believers the awesome responsibility of a ministry of reconciliation; that is, He uses us to tell the world that they can be reconciled to God through Christ. In this way, we become "ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The previous verse describes this ministry of reconciliation as proclaiming "the word of reconciliation." The message we are to share with the world is this: "Be reconciled to God" (verse 20). We are to tell people of the wonderful opportunity they have to be made right with God through Jesus. We implore them to believe in Christ. Sins do not count against those who are reconciled to God through Christ, because "made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – Righteousness – Part Two

2026 FELLOWSHIPS*

- MARCH 7 – THIS 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.

righteousness of God in Him" (verse 21).

This ministry of reconciliation is a big responsibility, a huge undertaking, an enormous task. God is "pleading through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20); God sends his invitation through us. The ministry we've been given to turn hearts toward God is urgent and it is vital – it's truly a matter of life and death. Jesus paid the price for our reconciliation because God loves us (John 3:16), so we must share this message of reconciliation in love, and our lives need to reflect our message – we are to walk worthily (Ephesians 4:1). Jesus is the One who saves us from God's perfect and just wrath, and the Holy Spirit is the One who convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8), yet we have been given the privilege of being ambassadors for Christ.

Every believer plays a part in this ministry of reconciliation. One (or several) of us plants; one or more waters, and God brings growth (1 Corinthians 3:7). As we proclaim the gospel, we act as peacemakers, and God blesses such (Matthew 5:9). We tell and live out His message of reconciliation, lives are changed, and God receives the glory! **END**



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 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., ^[1], At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

MARCH 1

- ◇ Flatequal, Pam - She experienced her first migraine and she still feels something behind her left eye. She's to see an ophthalmologist. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Morgan, Mitzy Family [Pam Flatequal's friend] - Mitzy (55yo) passed into eternity recently. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - He'll be going through more testing for his Esophagogastric Junction (EGJ). His doctor feels there may be a treatment that does not involve surgery. ^[NEW]

FEBRUARY 22

- ◇ Brown, Colton - He was released on Monday, February 9, from Audie Murphy Veterans hospital after having been admitted briefly for health concerns. ^[01]
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell & Justin - Travelling from Zapata today after being there for Wendell's mom, **Praise To GOD!**, Thelma's 90th birthday. ^[01]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane - **Praise To GOD!** her back surgery on Tuesday, February 4 went well. She's now at home feeling somewhat better. ^[01]
- ◇ Roberts, Bob [Once owner of Lytle Feed & Seed] - Bob passed into eternity at age 97. ^[01]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah - She has a hairline fracture of her kneecap. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done except to take pain medications until it heals. In addition, she's had several days of suddenly becoming

nauseated, breaking out in a cold sweat and feeling faint. ^[01]

FEBRUARY 15

- ◇ Cashion, Corena – Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[02]
- ◇ Dwyer, Meagan [Betty Smith's granddaughter] – She's been experiencing health issues. ^[02]
- ◇ McMeans, Melanie – She's been experiencing at least one migraine a month. ^[02]
- ◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] – Her cancer has spread to her liver and has been upgraded from slow growing to fast growing. ^[02]
- ◇ Smoot, Beth [Smoot's granddaughter] – Her sister who was living in Haiti passed into eternity Tuesday, February 10. She has also started nursing school. ^[02]
- ◇ Strunk, Billy – He was released feeling a little better after his bout with obstructed bowel. ^[02]

FEBRUARY 8

- ◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] – She was discharged from the hospital and she'll be commencing oral (rather than IV) chemo for a 3 month period. She was also scheduled to see another doctor for a second opinion Friday, February 6. ^[03]
- ◇ Dygert, Harold [Melanie McMeans' uncle] – Harold (98) passed into eternity recently. ^[02]
- ◇ Guzman, Emily [Pat & Tom Woodard's hairdresser for many years] – She passed into eternity recently. ^[03]
- ◇ Smoot, Max [Roger Smoot's cousin] – **Praise To GOD!** his procedure went well. A muscle that was causing issues with his pacemaker was repaired and he was released the next day, Saturday, January 31. ^[03]
- ◇ Under The Weather – Vierling, Carlene; Watkins, Mitchell ^[03]

◇ Vierling, Gene – He underwent a CAT-Scan on Wednesday, February 4 and has one or more pinched nerves. His doctor said he had an old back. He'll be doing some rehab. ^[03]

◇ Villereal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] – Doug (71) passed into eternity Thursday, February 5. ^[03]

FEBRUARY 1

◇ Moved To A More Recent Date

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. ^[05]
- ◇ 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. ^[05]
- ◇ Watkins, Mitch – He's now been diagnosed with two mid-line hernias which will require surgery to correct. ^[05]

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 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 ^[17]; Alderman, Roy ^[14];
Andrews, Dale ^[18]; Balderrama, Matthew ^[18];
Bradley Family ^[11]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[06];

Brown, Colton family ^[06]; Brown, Diane Family ^[15]; Burris, Joyce ^[19]; Carter, Emily Family ^[10]; Cashion, Corina ^[18]; Duncan, Roberta ^[11]; Fintel, Rick ^[12]; Flatequal Family ^[12]; Flores, Carlos ^[12]; Gabehart, Tom ^[18]; Gingerella, Ed ^[16]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[15]; Lassen, Peter ^[16]; Lester, Bob ^[15]; Ashley Family ^[16]; McMeans, Wendell ^[08]; Moore, Jennifer ^[07]; Mr. Lowe ^[10]; Persat, Diana ^[15]; Price, Jennifer ^[09]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[16]; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[09]; Schilling, Gene ^[17]; Schilling, Ina ^[09]; Sims, Linda ^[0+]; Smith, Betty ^[14]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[12]; Smoot, Bailey ^[06]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[10]; Smoot, Roger ^[19]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[14]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[07]; Spicer, Ronda ^[15]; Street, Cris ^[13]; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn ^[18]; Vierling, Gene ^[19]; Vierling, Scott ^[15]; Walker, Tony Family ^[15]; Weisel, Michelle ^[11]; White, Linda ^[06]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-21

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RECONCILIATION SONG

- BY MARANANTHA

Oh let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace
And let us build on one foundation
Till He comes and the
Wars of men shall cease
Let us share the love of Jesus
Without hypocrisy
Let mercy and forgiveness
Begin with you and me
Have we not one Father?
Have we not one faith?
And have we not one calling
To become one holy race?
Let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Rick Fintel	Feb 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	Feb 22	Anniversary
Pan Flatequal	Feb 22	Birthday
Cecilia Dzielzanowski	Mar 5	Birthday
Dana Cashion	Mar 11	Birthday
Joyce Burriss	Mar 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	Mar 12	Birthday
Abby Brown	Mar 23	Birthday






If Your Special Day Is Between Today And March 31st 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 Month	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch - Approximately 12:00PM - 2:00PM	
Every Thursday	 Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) - Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM - 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew/Craft Stuff For The Needy And Elderly	
Sun - Mar 8	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>God's Morals Never Change</i>	
Sun - Mar 15	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Conversion</i>	
Sun - Mar 22		In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>The Church Matters</i>
Sun - Mar 29	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Things Jesus Didn't Say</i>	

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----- 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 - Meets In The Fellowship Room At 6:30PM
Sun - Mar 1	International Women Of Color Day & Self-Injury Awareness Day & National ¹ Fruit Compote And ² Peanut Butter Lover's Day
Mon - Mar 2	Read Across America Day & National Banana Cream Pie Day
Tue - Mar 3	Navy Reserve 111 th Birthday & Caregiver Appreciation Day & National ¹ Anthem Day And ² Cold Cuts Days
Wed - Mar 4	Brain Injury Awareness Day & National ¹ Snack And ² Pound Cake Days
Thu - Mar 5	Discover What Your Name Means Day & National Cheese Doodle Day
Fri - Mar 6	Remember The Alamo Day & Oreo Cookie Day & National White Chocolate Cheesecake Day
Sat - Mar 7	Annual Church Picnic On The Grounds
Sat - Mar 7	National ¹ Tartar Sauce And ² Flapjack And ³ Cereal Days
Sun - Mar 8	SPRING FORWARD - Daylight Saving Time Begins @ 2:00AM
Sun - Mar 8	National Peanut Cluster 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 —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN — Day 64 - Num 34-36; Mrk 10:32-52

MON — Day 65 - Deu 1-2; Mrk 11:1-19

TUE — Day 66 - Deu 3-4; Mrk 11:20-33

WED — Day 67 - Deu 5-7; Mrk 12:1-27

THU — Day 68 - Deu 8-10; Mrk 12:28-44

FRI — Day 69 - Deu 11-13; Mrk 13:1-13

SAT — Day 70 - Deu 14-16; Mrk 13:14-37

Num = Numbers | Deu = Deuteronomy
Mrk = Mark

[Days Listed Are NOT Days Of The Year But Days Of The Plan]

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.

TOM'S DAILY Bible Reading

Sunday	3/1/2026	Genesis 29
Monday	3/2/2026	Genesis 30
Tuesday	3/3/2026	Genesis 31
Wednesday	3/4/2026	Genesis 32
Thursday	3/5/2026	Genesis 33
Friday	3/6/2026	Genesis 34
Saturday	3/7/2026	Genesis 35

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Scripture Verses

Hebrews 2:17 - ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Romans 5:10 - ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Colossians 1:19-21 - ¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.

Galatians 3:27 - ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.