



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.

WORLDLINESS — JAMES 4:1-5 — PART ONE

Fights, quarrels, lusts, hates, envies, pridefulnesses, and sins are words that stain this portion of James' letter like inkblots. In stark contrast with the closing words of chapter 3, "a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.," chapter 4 opens with "fights and quarrels." James confronts this despicable behavior with valor. Furthermore, he gives clear advice on how to quell the storms that are so detrimental to the spiritual growth and the maturity of the believer who must turn hatred into humility, judgment into justice, and boasting into belief.

The appearance of conflict among the followers of Jesus stirs James to intense indignation. The severity of his tone in verses 1-6 is accented by the absence of the words "my brethren" or "my brothers," which James uses so frequently in other parts of his letter. He reveals the cause of conflict, outlines the consequences of conflict, and proposes a cure for conflict.

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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 On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

I love the Lord, because He has heard
my voice and my supplications.



— Psalm 116:1

Song No. 9—Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Song No. 439—Love Divine

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 160—I Love The Lord

Song No. 131—Grace Greater Than Our Sin

- LORD'S SUPPER •

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 352—Give Me Thy Heart

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 57—I Love You, My Jesus

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

- OR STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON •

SERMON

— THE GOSPEL IN RELATION TO THE WORLD —

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Colossians 1:5-7; Luke 2:8-12; Ephesians 1:13; Romans 1:16;
Acts 26:16-18; Luke 5:30-32; 1 Corinthians 1:21; Romans 10:17;
Acts 2:36-40; Hebrews 2:8-9

SERMON OUTLINE:

» REVIEW «

INTRODUCTION — 1. The Gospel Is Universal; 2. It Is 'Good News'; 3. Words Of Truth

- I. Saving Gospel
 - A. Divine Power
 - B. Light Of World
 - C. A Lifeline
- II. Healing Balm
 - A. Heavenly Seed
 - B. Inspired For The Unlearned
 - C. Offers Faith
 - D. Must Be Obeyed
- III. Living Message
 - A. Shoots Straight
 - B. All In Need Of It
 - C. Riches Are Unsearchable

CLOSING — 1. It Is A Wonderful Message; 2. Sends Needed Warnings; 3. Invites All To Obey; 4. Ageless Message

» INVITATION «



WED NIGHT STUDY

AUGUST 2 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Thessalonians 2:11-15 —



A Very Happy Upcoming Wedding Anniversary

To Gene & Carlene Vierling!

August 8, 1958-2023

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The ESV states the following this way: “¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us?’”

Before we get into verses 1-5 of James 4 I'd like us to keep in mind the following:

1. People who make their own desires the chief goal of their lives stifle their walk and relationship with God.

2. James's readers lacked what they sought because they failed to ask God. They yearned after satisfaction, but they looked in the wrong places. They did not ask God as Jesus had taught (Matthew 7:7). They allowed their lives to be governed by pleasure, selfishness, and greed.

3. We must be careful that we are not serving both God and the world. We must be completely loyal to God.

Verse 1: Characteristically, James introduced this new section with a rhetorical question, “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you?” Where do “fights” (literally, “state of war,” Greek *polemoi*) and “quarrels” (literally, individual disputes or “battles,” Greek *machai*) come from? James answered his own question: the passions that are “at war within you.” Conflict comes out of inner sensual lusts or pleasures (Greek *he-*

donon). The Greek word translated “desires” is related etymologically to the English word, *hedonism*, the philosophy that the chief purpose of living is to satisfy self. Jesus used the same word to describe people “choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures,” who “do not mature” (Luke 8:14). Their “pleasures” described any personal goal such as money, reputation, or success, which contributes to personal accomplishment rather than God's will. The conflict within us is between our sinful desires for pleasure and the desire for God's will, an attitude the Holy Spirit has placed within us (v.5)



Verse 2: War is the fruit of our illicit wants. Our lusts bring about murder. Covetousness results in the frustration of not obtaining our hotly pursued desires. It all leads to the “fights” and “quarrels,” that wage war

against the people, mentioned in verse 1. The last part of verse 2, “You do not have, because you do not ask” God, should best be taken in light of what follows. James did not contend that the reason lust was not gratified was because people failed to ask God to fill those desires. The source of conflict among believers is often material things. James attributes fighting, murder, and war to materialism. John also warns believers of lusting after the things in the world (1 John 2:15-16). James simply reveals the clear source of conflict deep in the covetous hearts of humans. As a matter of fact, “lust” is frequently used in the New Testament in a bad sense to describe the act of coveting something belonging to someone else (see Matthew. 5:28). “Envious” (NASB); “covet” (ESV) in this context refers to a quest for position, rank, or fame – an evil expression of personal ambition.

What type of “killing” did James have in mind? James was probably not thinking of physi-

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Lord,
HEAR OUR
PRAYER

JULY 2, 2023

Pick Up A Copy Next To The Bulletins!

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 Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & *Mass Shootings*
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

JULY 30

PEOPLE/SITUATIONS FOR WHOM /
WHICH TO PRAY, NOT YET LISTED:

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ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME
A SUPERSCRIBED 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

- ◇ Brock, Jim [Pat Woodard's brother-in-law] – He has had to be placed in respite care due to his dementia and Alzheimer's. ^[1]
- ◇ Clemetson, Allie [Melanie McMeans' great niece] – ***Praise GOD!*** She'll require no skin grafts after receiving 2nd and 3rd degree gasoline burns on her legs at a bonfire. ^[1]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – A great big hole in the road ran into Ruane's car causing it to stall. She sat on the side of the road for a spell before she got it started again. Gene Vierling is supposed to check the vehicle over but so far it seems to be fine. She also continues to heal from her recent fall. ^[1]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – Praise GOD! All her test results came back fine! She's just waiting for the biopsy results. ^[1]

JULY 23

- ◇ Barron, Pat [Laura Gardner's sister-in-law] – ***Praise GOD!*** She's doing well after the implantation of a pacemaker on Wednesday, July 12. ^[2]
- ◇ Orr, Myrna [Dan Orr's mother] – ***Praise GOD!*** She's doing well after her heart procedure on Friday, July 14. ^[2]
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – She saw her cardiologist on Monday, July 10th for low blood pressure issues. She's on some new meds or adjusted old ones. ^[2]
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene – ***Praise GOD!*** All scans and tests have come back negative. ^[2]

JULY 16

- ◇ Fintel, Pam – She’s been dealing with tonsilitis. The first round of medications didn’t help – she’s now on some different meds. ^[3]
- ◇ Lester, Kathy [Ruane Renninger’s sister-in-law] – She was in an accident and suffered six broken

ribs. ^[3]

- ◇ Orr, Lori — An X-ray and CT scan of her lungs showed that excess fluid has returned in her right lung and that it was nearly completely collapsed. ^[3]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah — She's been in pain from a dental procedure on Wednesday, July 12. ^[3]

JULY 9 & PRIOR

- ◇ Arnold, Bowen [Tom Woodard's daughter, Janice's, boss' son] — He had surgery on his hip — which he broke while on maneuvers with the Army — and is doing very well, **Praise GOD!** ^[5]
- ◇ Brown, Carolyn [Joyce Burris' sister from Washington state] — She fell and broke her wrist. She'll be in a cast for the next several weeks. ^[7+]
- ◇ Burris, Joyce — She's doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis. ^[7+]
- ◇ Harris, Hallie Kay [Fintels' new great-granddaughter] — **Praise GOD!** She was born healthy on April 13. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length. ^[7+]
- ◇ Homburg, Norm [Mitch Watkins' barbershop singing "buddy"] — He fell several weeks ago and hit his head and bruised several ribs. He thought he was doing well and healing but it turned out that his head injury (which seemed the lesser of his injuries at the time) had caused a small brain bleed which grew until it was giving him some major issues. He remains hospitalized. ^[5]
- ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot's friends husband] — His cancer has metastasized. Method of cancer treatment is currently unknown. ^[7+]
- ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling's best friend] — He's been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull. Method of cancer treatment currently unknown. ^[7+]
- ◇ Martinez, Alice [Smoots' son, Troy's, mother-in-law] — She had a stint procedure on an artery that was 75% blocked this past Thursday, June 29. **Praise GOD!** All Went Well! ^[5]
- ◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans' aunt] — Post

stroke: She's now in rehab at The Heights of Atascosa in Pleasanton. ^[4]

- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] — He's dealing with prostate cancer. ^[7+]
- ◇ Potter, Edna [TOPS friend of the Watkins'] — She is now in a residential nursing home. ^[7+]
- ◇ Robinson, Betty [Joyce Burris' sister from Laveria, TX] — She fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and then was admitted to rehab. ^[7+]
- ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts' (former member) sister] — She's in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has "given up." ^[7+]
- ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law, Barbara Brown's nephew] — **Praise To GOD!** His leukemia is in remission but he'll continue with maintenance chemo and be monitored by his doctors for the foreseeable future. ^[7+]
- ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot's cousin's spouse] — She's been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer. She's responding well to her treatment(s), **Praise GOD!** ^[7+]
- ◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] — He passed another stress test of his heart, **Praise GOD!** ^[5]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea & Billy — She suffers from heart issues and both have been feeling poorly. ^[7+]
- ◇ Vela, Olivia Raye [Ruane Renninger's newest great granddaughter] **Praise To GOD!** She was born May 19 and is a healthy girl. Congratulations to the Velas and Rennings! ^[7+]
- ◇ Vierling, Carol — **Praise GOD!** Her eye shot procedure went well! ^[5]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — **Praise To GOD!** She's at home receiving home health care: OT & PT. ^[7+]
- ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] — She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall. ^[7+]
- ◇ Young, Betty & Gary [Gardners' friends] — Gary had his lower leg amputated on Tuesday, June 13 and **Praise GOD!** it went well. Betty will be Gary's primary caretaker which will be difficult because he is very large and has several other health conditions including diabetes. ^[7+]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

JAMES 4:1-5

¹ Where do Wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? ² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and can-not obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. ⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?



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cal murder. The Roman government would have executed murderers, when caught, as criminals. We know that Jesus linked an attitude of hatred and contempt with murder (Matthew 5:21-22). Hatred and jealousy produced by greed and worldliness are potential acts of murder because they can lead to actual murder. The inner attitude is just as wrong as the outward act of murder. Thus, James was not likely accusing his Christian readers of actual murder but was showing them that their fights and disagreements were as offensive to God as actual killing.

Verse 3: These verses lay out the consequences of conflict. The correct way for Christians to have their legitimate needs met is by asking God. One reason a believer does not receive what they ask for is that they ask wrongly or with wrong motives (literally, “evilly” or “amiss,” Greek *kakos*). The verb “ask” is in the middle voice, meaning, “ask for yourself” and what follows further clarifies: that “you” may “spend it on your passions.” “Spend” could be translated as “waste” or “squander.” “Passions” is again the Greek word *hedonais* (v. 1), which means pleasure or something one is fond of doing. God will never provide for “hedonistic squandering!” Some might have protested James’s admonition (vv. 1-2) by claiming that they had not received an answer to their prayers (Matthew 7:7).

James responds by suggesting that they were praying for the wrong things. Instead of praying for their sinful desires, they should have been praying for God’s good will for them. Often the reason God does not supply what a person desires is simply that He knows it would not benefit that person (Philippians 4:19). God is not obliged to answer our prayers in the affirmative. He will not act in ways that are contrary to His will, even if He is besieged by fervent prayers. Anytime we seek to further our personal pleasures through prayer, we are asking wrongly (Matthew 6:33).

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS





Wendell & Melanie McMeans	July 20	Anniversary
Pam Fintel	July 27	Birthday
Tom Woodard	August 1	Birthday
Carol Vierling	August 7	Birthday
Gene & Carlene Vierling	August 8	Anniversary
Laura Gardner	August 9	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And August 10, 2023,
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch — <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Every 4th Sunday Of Every Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p>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.</p>
TODAY	5th Sunday Fellowship Meal & Games Play After Morning Worship — Theme: Down Home on the Farm
Sun—Aug 6	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — To Be Announced — for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>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)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary — Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) — Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun—Jul 30	National Cheesecake AND Share A Hug Days
Mon—Jul 31	National Avocado AND Raspberry Cake AND Jelly Bean Days
Wed—Aug 2	National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
Fri—Aug 4	National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day & Assistance Dog Day
Sun—Aug 6	National Root Beer Float Day & International Forgiveness 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 —



Immersive —
Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Psa 142; Psa 143; Heb 7; Heb 8
MON	Psa 144; Psa 145; Heb 9; Heb 10
TUE	Psa 146; Psa 147; Heb 11; Heb 12
WED	Psa 148; Psa 149; Heb 13; Jms 1
THU	Psa 150; Prv 1; Jam 2; Jam 3
FRI	Prv 2; Prv 3; Jms 4; Jms 5
SAT	Prv 4; Prv 5; 1 Ptr 1; 1 Ptr 2

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 —

VARIOUS VERSES FROM JAMES

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

1:12-15 — ¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

3:13-18 — ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.