



# 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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## RAISING CAIN – WHAT'S THAT MEAN

The phrase “raising Cain” is an American idiom first recorded in the early to mid-1800’s, but its origin traces back to the Bible. To “raise Cain” means to cause a lot of trouble, to create a great commotion, or to behave in an uncontrolled, disruptive way. The word “Cain” is capitalized in the expression because it refers to the Old Testament Bible character Cain, the firstborn son of Adam and Eve who killed his brother Abel.

Cain’s story takes place in Genesis 4 and begins with the two brothers bringing an offering to God. But there was something wrong with the offering Cain brought; in fact, there was something wrong with Cain himself: “The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor” (Genesis 4:4–5). Cain became angry because God rejected his offering. God warned him that he must control his anger, because “sin is

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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 •

27 – To God Be The Glory

Not In Book – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

• Minister's Intercessory Prayer •

26 – For The Beauty Of The Earth

23 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

176 – Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?



• Lord's Supper •

• Sermon – See Right Column For Outline •

61 – Blessed Assurance

• Final Announcements •

475 – Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

• Closing Prayer •

• Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love •



## SERMON

### – THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST –

#### • SERMON SCRIPTURES •

Acts 2:42-47; 1 John 1:3; Luke 10: 41-42;  
1 Corinthians 10:16; Hebrews 10:14-16; John  
13:34-35; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 Timothy 6:17-19;  
Hebrews 13:15; Romans.14:17-19

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

*INTRODUCTION - (1) Jesus Built His Church (2) Peter's First Gospel Sermon Introduced It (3) What Should We Be Like Today?*

- I. Devoted To Apostles' Doctrine
- II. Devoted To Spiritual Fellowship
- III. Devoted To Breaking Bread
- IV. Devoted To Steadfast Prayer
- V. Devoted To Brotherly Love
- VI. Devoted To Daily Service
- VII. Devoted To Purposeful Unity
- VIII. Devoted To Joyful Simplicity
- IX. Devoted To Praising God
- X. Devoted To Pleasing People

*CONCLUSION - (1) God Has Given These Examples Of The Early Church (2) Is That Who We Are?*

#### • INVITATION •

## WED NIGHT STUDY

4 PM In Fellowship Room (Rear Doors)

— Topic: JOSEPH —

## 2025 FELLOWSHIPS

- NOVEMBER 23 – THANKSGIVING REPAST
- DECEMBER 28 – “NEW YEARS EVE” FELLOWSHIP WITH GAMES!



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crouching at your door; it desires to have you” (verse 7). Cain refused to heed God’s word, and in a fit of jealous rage he murdered his brother Abel.



For his crime, Cain was punished by God. The earth would no longer yield its fruitfulness to him, and he was destined to be “a restless wanderer on the earth” (Genesis 4:12). God marked Cain in some way so that he would be protected from those who sought to avenge Abel’s death: “The Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him” (verse 15). Cain lived the rest of his life under God’s curse.

In the phrase raising Cain, the verb “raising” means “conjuring or summoning something like a spirit, demon, or ghost.” The usage of the verb in this sense has been around since the Middle Ages. Thus, “raising Cain” literally means “conjuring up the murderous spirit of Cain.” The idea is that the risen spirit of Cain would be a destructive force, capable of making serious trouble, acting wildly, violently, or causing a significant disturbance. For example, we might say, “The students are raising Cain while the teacher is out.” We don’t mean that the students are literally conjuring Cain’s evil spirit from the dead, only that they are completely out of control. Raising Cain also describes criminal activity or

mischiefous acts. For example, we might say, “The rival street gangs are raising Cain tonight.” It’s not that the street gangs are practicing necromancy but that they are engaging in criminality. To “raise Cain” then is to act “in the spirit” of Cain.

The phrase raising Cain is similar in meaning to the expressions “raising hell” and “raising the devil” (uncommon). In fact, some use “raising Cain” as a euphemism to avoid saying the more profane “raising hell.” Incidentally, the first published example of the idiom appeared in this pun-based joke in the Daily Pennant, a St. Louis newspaper, on May 2, 1840: “Why have we every reason to believe that Adam and Eve were both rowdies? Because they both raised Cain.” A newer version of the joke goes something like this: “Adam and Eve were the world’s first troublemakers. They both raised Cain.”

The Bible does not use the idiom “raising Cain,” but it describes that type of behavior: “They get drunk, carry on at wild parties, and do other evil things as well” (Galatians 5:21,).



Those who “raise Cain” are acting according to the flesh, not the Holy Spirit, and they must repent of their deeds: “I told you before, and I am telling you again: No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God’s kingdom” (verse 21). **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 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.

## NOVEMBER 16

- ◊ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] - He had surgery Wednesday, October 29 to remove a melanoma from his elbow. *Praise To GOD!* the surgery went well and the biopsies came back negative!!! <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Renninger, Ruane - Her dog, Ginger pulled Ruane over when she was walking last week but *Praise To GOD!* Ruane wasn't seriously injured. Plus, Ruane still has concerns for the health of her canine companion <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - He had a Barium swallow test Thursday, November 13 and is scheduled for an endoscopy next Friday, November 21. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Street, Cris - She's been feeling poorly off and on over the last couple of weeks. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Strunk, Billy - He's had a bad cold <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Vierling, Carlene - She had a second fall in as many weeks but *Praise To GOD!* she's incurred no serious injury. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◊ Vierling, Gene - He underwent a PET scan Friday. Prayerfully, all is well. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

## NOVEMBER 9

- ◊ Smoot, Tiffany [Smoots' daughter] - She's been diagnosed with a hiatal hernia. Doctors took biopsy(s) of her esophagus and duodenum to determine if there is any damage. She expects the test results in about two weeks. <sup>[01]</sup>
- ◊ Watkins, Mitchell - His procedure went well on Monday, November 3 but he was called in to see the doctor Thursday afternoon, November 6, and was informed he has a

medium-growing prostate cancer which, **Praise To GOD!** can be monitored for the next five to seven years if I wish to go that route. Mitch is considering a CyberKnife (pinpoint radiation) procedure. <sup>[01]</sup>

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## NOVEMBER 2

- ◊ Gingerella, Ed [Tom Woodard's friend] - **Praise To GOD!** he's been declared cancer free! <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◊ Lester, Bob [Ruane Renninger's brother] - He has a cancer on his forehead close to his eye. He underwent four hours of treatment Wednesday, October 29. <sup>[02]</sup>
- ◊ Vierling, Scott [Vierling's son] - He's been diagnosed with A-Fib. He's to be scheduled for a series of tests... They've already shocked his heart a couple/few times. <sup>[02]</sup>

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## OCTOBER 26

- ◊ Brown Family - Colton, Abby, and kids <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Brown, Diane Family [Natalia congregation member] - Diane passed sometime the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Carlos Flores [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] He's to undergo surgery on Sunday, November 23. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Gonzalez, Joel [Lea Strunk's daughter, Judith's husband] - He's home recovering from surgery. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ McMeans, Wendell - **Praise To GOD!** He's found employment and is hopeful it works out. He starts early November. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Persat, Diana [Deborah Smoot's cousin's wife] - She's been released from the hospital but is in kidney failure and on dialysis three times a week. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Price, Dylan [Tom Woodard's friend, Renee Allsup's son] - He broke his leg (severe compound fracture) while trying to jump a fence. He's had surgery and two skin grafts. Neither graft has taken so they've laid one

leg over the other hoping for a successful graft. If it doesn't work, he may have to have his leg amputated. <sup>[03]</sup>

- ◊ Smith, Betty - She's been feeling poorly off and on lately. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Spicer, Ronda - **Praise To GOD!** her recovery from surgery has improved enough so that she's begun to drive again. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Walker, Tony Family [Tiffany Geehan's (Smoot's daughter) good friend's father] - Tony passed into eternity Thursday, October 23, leaving his wife, two daughters and two sons, all longtime residents of Lytle. <sup>[03]</sup>
- ◊ Watkins, Betsy - She's still struggling with Congestive Heart Failure, edema and possible cellulitis (infection of the deep skin layers). She's been put on an antibiotic and still sees home health care twice a week. <sup>[03]</sup>

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## ONGOING CONCERNS

*All Ongoing Concern(s) Below Will Remain For 2Q 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.*

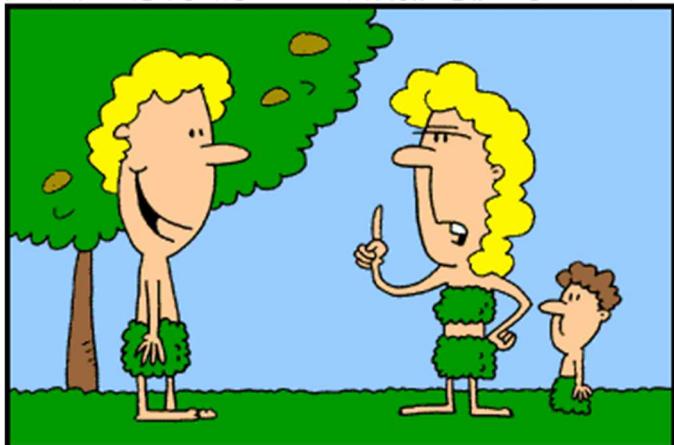
Alderman, Kelly <sup>[04]</sup>; Andrews, Dale <sup>[05]</sup>; Bridgewater, Larry <sup>[15]</sup>; Brown, Colton Family (Colton, Abby, Phoenix, & Atreas) <sup>[15]</sup>; Brown, J.D. Family <sup>[20]</sup>; Brown, Jane <sup>[10]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[07]</sup>; Cashion, Corina <sup>[05]</sup>; Clendenning, Carol <sup>[11]</sup>; Coughran, Brett <sup>[10]</sup>; Dober, Jerry Family <sup>[16]</sup>; Duncan, Roberta <sup>[14]</sup>; Gabehart, Tom <sup>[05]</sup>; Garay, Mary <sup>[08]</sup>; Gardner, Jim <sup>[12]</sup>; Gardner, Laura <sup>[13]</sup>; Gonzalez, Jackson <sup>[16]</sup>; Greer Family <sup>[14]</sup>; Guzman, Emily <sup>[13]</sup>; Jackson, April <sup>[10]</sup>; Johansen, Charles <sup>[13]</sup>; Holt, Claude <sup>[21]</sup>; Keese,

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Robert <sup>[10]</sup>; Kelly, Don <sup>[20]</sup>; Kennedy, Don <sup>[15]</sup>; King, Elizabeth Grace <sup>[15]</sup>; Lassen, Peter <sup>[04]</sup>; Leininger, Ellie <sup>[15]</sup>; Lett, Dale <sup>[13]</sup>; McMeans, Cody <sup>[16]</sup>; McMicken-Glaze, Ashley Family <sup>[04]</sup>; Montelago, Abe <sup>[19]</sup>; Matthews, Cody <sup>[18]</sup>; McMeans, Wendell <sup>[14]</sup>; McMeans, Velma <sup>[20]</sup>; Melendey, Max Family <sup>[18]</sup>; Moore, Angie <sup>[12]</sup>; Moore, Michael <sup>[10]</sup>; Rasmussen, Linda <sup>[04]</sup>; Roeder, Gayle <sup>[13]</sup>; Schilling, Gene <sup>[05]</sup>; Segers, Jacob <sup>[17]</sup>; Sisters of Oliver Flores <sup>[10]</sup>; Smith, Jimmie (JD) <sup>[10]</sup>; Smogur, Joyce Family <sup>[16]</sup>; Smoot, Bailey <sup>[05]</sup>; Smoot, Dani'el <sup>[15]</sup>; Smoot, Deborah <sup>[15]</sup>; Smoot, Roger <sup>[07]</sup>; Sparks, Janice <sup>[21]</sup>; Sprute, Juanita <sup>[15]</sup>; Street, Cris <sup>[11]</sup>; Strunk, Billie <sup>[08]</sup>; Strunk, Lea Family <sup>[18]</sup>; Unknown Last Name, Katheryn <sup>[06]</sup>; Vela, Cheryl <sup>[16]</sup>; Vela, Maeve <sup>[16]</sup>; Vela, Olivia <sup>[16]</sup>; Vierling, Carlene <sup>[15]</sup>; Vierling, Gene <sup>[07]</sup>; Wade, John <sup>[13]</sup>

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HONESTLY ADAM, IF YOU CRACK ONE MORE JOKE ABOUT ME "RAISING CAIN" I'M GOING TO INVENT THE DOGHOUSE THIS VERY INSTANT AND YOU'LL BE SLEEPING IN IT TONIGHT!

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.



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<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

– Matthew 6:33

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Vierling	Nov 9	Birthday
Hannah Vierling	Nov 11	Birthday
Betty Smith	Nov 13	Birthday
Corina Cashion	Dec 3	Birthday
Abby Vierling	Dec 11	Birthday
Roger & Deborah Smoot	Dec 21	Anniversary
Joey & Gaylia Dzielzanowski	Dec 29	Anniversary



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And December 31<sup>st</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 - Nov 23	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Giving Thanks</i>	
Sun - Nov 30	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>The Gospel &amp; Salvation</i>	
Sun - Dec 7	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>The Church Of Christ</i>	
Sun - Dec 14	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Battle For Your Soul</i>	
Sun - Nov 23	Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal After Morning Worship	
----- 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 - Nov 16	National <sup>1</sup> Clarinet And <sup>2</sup> Fast Food Days	
Mon - Nov 17	International Baklava Day & National <sup>1</sup> Homemade Bread And <sup>2</sup> Hiking Days	
Tue - Nov 18	National Princess Day & Mickey And Minnie Mouse's 97 <sup>th</sup> Birthdays	
Wed - Nov 19	World COPD Awareness Day & National Macchiato Day	
Thu - Nov 20	World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day & National <sup>1</sup> Pay Your Parents Back And <sup>2</sup> Peanut Butter Fudge Days	
Fri - Nov 21	National <sup>1</sup> Gingerbread Cookie And <sup>2</sup> Stuffing/Dressing Days	
Sat - Nov 22	Humane Society's 71 <sup>st</sup> Birthday & International Survivors Of Suicide Loss Day & National Cranberry Relish Day	
Sun - Nov 23	National <sup>1</sup> Cashew And <sup>2</sup> Expresso Days And Eat A Cranberry Day	
Thu - Nov 27	THANKSGIVING	

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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!

## 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** — Nov 16 — Pro 20:22 - Ecc 2:26

**MON** — Nov 17 — Ecc 3:1 - Sos 8:14

**TUE** — Nov 18 — Isa 1:1 - Isa 13:22

**WED** — Nov 19 — Isa 14:1 - Isa 28:29

**THU** — Nov 20 — Isa 29:1 - Isa 41:18

**FRI** — Nov 21 — Isa 41:19 - Isa 52:12

**SAT** — Nov 22 — Isa 52:13 - Isa 66:18

Pro = Proverbs | Ecc = Ecclesiastes

Sos = Song Of Solomon | Isa = Isaiah

## 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 —

Various Scripture Verses Doing It God's Way

**Isaiah 55:8-9** — <sup>8</sup> "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** — <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

**Micah 6:8** — <sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Romans 12:2** — <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**Romans 11:33** — <sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

**1 Peter 2:15** — <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.