



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.

GOD'S PROMISES — ETERNAL LIFE, A CROWN, AND REST

— BY DAN JENKINS, PALM BEACH LAKES COC, FL

There is one thing which our God has never done — He has never told a lie. Because every promise He has ever made is certain, we can build our lives knowing that He has never told a lie and He cannot tell one (Titus 1:1-2 - “¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,”)! When you read the Bible, just remember that the promises in it are from the One who has always kept His promises.

Promises are future until He fulfills them. He promised Abraham that his descendants would be oppressed in a foreign land but would come out with great substance. And sure enough, when the Jews left Egypt, it was devastated. There were no crops — the locusts had destroyed them. There were no cattle — the fifth plague had killed them. There

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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.

SUN ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 262—Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Song No. 347—Standing On The Promises

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 415—Stand By Me

Not In Song Book—He Loves Me

- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 580—Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 505—Some Day The Sliver Cord...

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •
- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

SUN SERMON

— WALKING IN TRUTH & HOLINESS —

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Ephesians 4:17-32; Matthew 13:14-; Romans 1:18-32;
Matthew 28:19-20; John 8:31-31; 14:6; Colossians 3:5-9;
Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-2; Colossians 3:12-17;
Ephesians 1:13-14; Matthew 5:14-16

SERMON OUTLINE:

REVIEW | INTRODUCTION

- I. Admonition (17-24)
 - A. Walk Not Like Gentiles (17-19)
 1. Futility Of Mind (17-18)
 2. Past Feeling (19)
 - B. Walk In Righteousness And Holiness (20-24)
 1. Learn Christ (20-21)
 2. "Put Off" The "Old Man" (22)
 3. Renewed In Spirit (23)
 4. "Put On "New Man" (24)
- II. Application (25-32)
 - A. Lying (25)
 - B. Anger (26-27)
 - C. Stealing (28)
 - D. Communication (29)
 - E. Summary (30-32)
 1. Grieve Not The Spirit (30)
 2. No Bitterness, Wrath, Anger, Clamor, Evil Speaking & Malice (31)
 3. Be Kind, Tenderhearted & Forgiving (32)

CLOSING | INVITATION

WED NIGHT STUDY

JULY 12 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

— 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10 —



— JULY 30 —

5th Sunday Potluck & Games — After Morning Worship

THEME: DOWN HOME ON THE FARM COOKING

— AUGUST 27 —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal — After Morning Worship

THEME: CONGREGATION PICKS

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was little silver and gold — the Egyptians had given their jewelry and items of wealth to Israel. God had promised it, then waited 400 years and fulfilled His promises. He gave them all He promised (Joshua 21:43-45 - “⁴³ So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. ⁴⁴ The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. ⁴⁵ Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.”).

He has promised us eternal life. When we become Christians, God promises us that we will never die. “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:26). We have eternal life, but it is conditional. We must keep living in Him and believing in Him. Hebrews 10:23 describes it as the “confession of our hope.” Paul describes hope in these words, “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?” (Romans 8:24). Eternal life is promised to us but we must “hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23).

We will receive the promise “... so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:” (Hebrews 10:36).

He has promised us a crown of life. “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.” (James 1:12). Look at it carefully. We must endure and be approved, then we shall receive the crown.

He has promised us a rest. Hebrews chapters three and four show how those who left

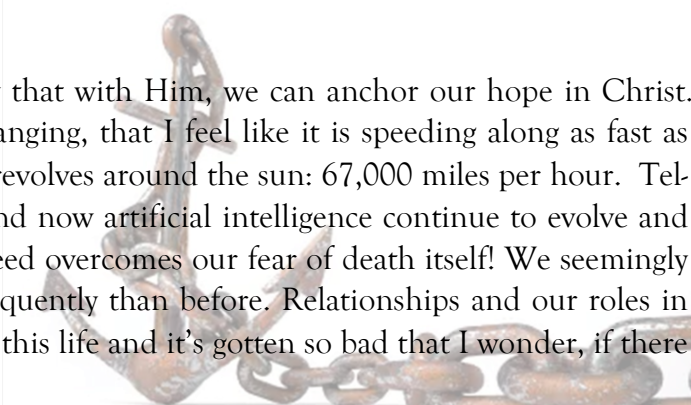
Egypt failed to receive the rest prepared for them since the foundation of the world. Later, David urged the people of his day to seek that rest (Psalm 91 as quoted in Hebrews 3). God had the rest prepared, but neither Jews of Moses’ day nor those of David’s day received it. They had the Sabbath, but not the rest which remains. This is why chapter four urges us to recognize the promise of rest lies before us (v.1) and must keep believing (v.4) and keep laboring to enter into it (v.11). The rest that remains for us is future. We have the promise of it, but it lies before us.

God, who cannot lie, has promised us eternal life, a crown and eternal rest. Heaven awaits us. So, “Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering” (Hebrews. 10:23). It is ours! It is as certain as the promises of He who cannot lie!



HOPE, OUR ANCHOR

We know that with God, we can and we also know that with Him, we can anchor our hope in Christ. Our world is exceedingly complex and is so rapidly changing, that I feel like it is speeding along as fast as scientists have estimated the speed at which our planet revolves around the sun: 67,000 miles per hour. Televisions, phones, computers, other electronic devices and now artificial intelligence continue to evolve and become outdated faster and faster, until the thrill of speed overcomes our fear of death itself! We seemingly move from house to house and job to job far more frequently than before. Relationships and our roles in our family are continuing to change as we rush through this life and it's gotten so bad that I wonder, if there is anything stable enough for us to build our lives upon?



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Most Current Printout Of
On-Going Concerns Is

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

JULY 9

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

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

- ◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans' aunt] — Post stroke: She's now in rehab at The Heights of Atascosa in Pleasanton. ^[1]
- ◇ Orr, Lori — She continues to want and need our prayers and although sluggish, she is still able to do some things with her family. ^[1]
- ◇ Orr, Myrna [Dan Orr's mother] — She's having a procedure to help her heart situation July 14. ^[1]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane — She fell and (1) suffered a scraped-up and bruised left arm (2) hit head just above her eye producing a goodly shiner. Understandably, she's sore all over yet remains in her usual "Ruane" high spirits. ^[1]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda — She now has an appointment to see her specialist July 26. ^[1]

JULY 2

- ◇ 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. ^[2]
- ◇ 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! ^[2]
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene — She saw her doctor and had blood work done; now awaiting results. She was also told to schedule a CT Scan and to drink 80oz of water daily. ^[2]
- ◇ Vierling, Carol — *Praise GOD!* Her eye shot procedure went well! ^[2]

JUNE 25

- ◇ 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!** ^[3]
- ◇ Mays, Darryl [Melanie McMeans' cousin] — He passed into eternity on Thursday, June 8. ^[3]
- ◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] — He passed another stress test of his heart, **Praise GOD!** ^[3]

JUNE 18 & PRIOR

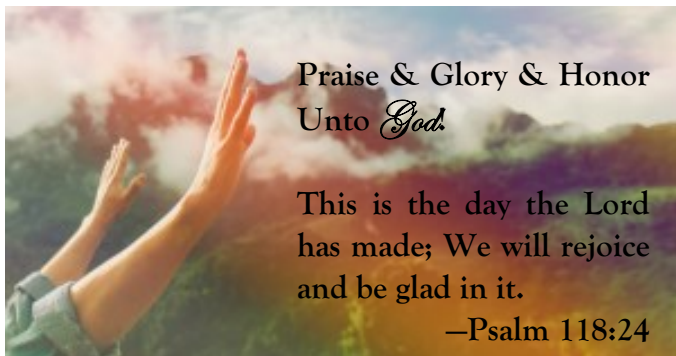
- ◇ Barron, Pat [Laura Gardner's sister-in-law] — She's dealing from AFib complications and rehabbing after she fell and broke her hip. ^[4+]
- ◇ Brown, Carolyn [Joyce Burris' sister from Washington state] — She fell and broke her wrist. She'll be in a cast for the next several weeks. ^[4+]
- ◇ Burrell, Nancy [Deborah Smoot's friend and former coworker] — She passed into eternity Monday, May 1. ^[4+]
- ◇ Burris, Joyce — She's doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis. ^[4+]
- ◇ Campbell, Linda [Good friend of Ruane] — She passed into eternity on Friday, June 9. ^[4+]
- ◇ 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. ^[4+]
- ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot's friends husband] — His cancer has metastasized. Method of cancer treatment is currently unknown. ^[4+]
- ◇ 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. ^[4+]
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] — He's dealing with prostate cancer. ^[4+]
- ◇ Name Unknown [Gardners' 82-year-old neighbor from Hondo, TX] — He's been diagnosed with Multi-myeloma (A type of cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow). ^[4+]
- ◇ Potter, Edna [TOPS friend of the Watkins'] — 94-year-old Edna fell and broke three bones in

- her pelvis and hit her head causing a gash. She's now in a residential nursing home. ^[4+]
- ◇ Riscon, Allysa [Betty Smith's granddaughter] — She and Billy [Last Name Not Known] were married Wednesday, June 10. ^[4+]
- ◇ Renninger, Harold — He passed into eternity Sunday, April 6. ^[4+]
- ◇ Robinson, Betty [Joyce Burris' sister from Laveria, TX] — She fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and then was admitted to rehab. ^[4+]
- ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts' (former member) sister] — She's in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has "given up." ^[4+]
- ◇ 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. ^[4+]
- ◇ 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!** ^[4+]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea & Billy — She suffers from heart issues and both have been feeling poorly. ^[4+]
- ◇ 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 Renningers! ^[4+]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — **Praise To GOD!** She's at home receiving home health care: Occupation & Physical Therapies. ^[4+]
- ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] — She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall. ^[4+]
- ◇ Woodard, Kelly Renee [Tom Woodard's 45-year-old niece] — She passed into eternity on June 12. ^[4+]
- ◇ 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. ^[4+]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷ just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸ For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may ap- prove the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.



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The answer, of course, is found in Scripture, particularly in the closing verses of Hebrews chapter six. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, ²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek” (Hebrews 6:19-20). God has given us hope and that hope is the anchor of our souls.

And that hope is based on His immutable promise. Romans 8:24 tells us, “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?” Thus, Holy Scripture clearly shows that we are saved by hope. And this hope is the anchor of our souls. The writer of Hebrews ties hope to the promises of God. God’s promises to Abraham enabled the patriarch to see what others could not see. God spoke the promise to Abraham and His word was enough. Yet God wanted Abraham to know how much he could trust Him so God confirmed this with an oath (Hebrews 6:13-16 — “For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴ saying, ‘Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.’ ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.”). The writer then says this same hope, our hope, is our anchor (v.19).

All this means that the Christian’s hope is based on promises which are secure. Hebrews says that the hope we have is sure and steadfast (Hebrews 6:19). What could be more sure? Our omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, eternal and Almighty God has given us His promise and He cannot lie (Titus 1:2 — “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,”). Yes, life is filled with uncertainty but the hope we have is far beyond even all certainty. It is truly the anchor of the soul!

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Lea Strunk	June 27	Birthday
Wendell & Melanie McMeans	July 20	Anniversary
Pam Fintel	July 27	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And July 31, 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>
Sun—July 16	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>The Nature Of God</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—July 23	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Foundation</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—July 30	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>Pure In Heart</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—July 30	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY — <i>To Be Announced</i> — for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Jul 30	<p>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal & Games Play After Morning Worship — Theme: Down Home on the Farm</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 9	National Sugar Cookie AND National Don't Put All Your Eggs In One Omelet Days
Tue—Jul 11	National Cherry AND National Blueberry Muffin Days
Fri—Jul 14	World Kebab AND National Mac & Cheese Days
Sun—Jul 16	National Ice Cream AND Corn Fritter And Fresh Spinach 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

DAILY Bible Reading —



Immersive — Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Psa 90; Psa 91; Psa 92; Eph 1; Eph 2
MON	Psa 93; Psa 94; Psa 95; Eph 3; Eph 4
TUE	Psa 96; Psa 97; Psa 98; Eph 5; Eph 6
WED	Psa 99; Psa 100; Psa 101; Php 1; Php 2
THU	Psa 102; Psa 103; Psa 104; Php 3; Php 4
FRI	Psa 105; Psa 106; Psa 107; Col 1; Col 2
SAT	Psa 108; Psa 109; Psa 110; Col 3; Col 4

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 THE PSALMS

Psalm 90:1-2 — ¹ Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Psalm 93:1-2 — ¹ The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. ² Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

Psalm 100 — ¹ Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! ² Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. ³ Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and [a]not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵ For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 107:1-2 — ¹ Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, ³ And gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.