

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

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DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN – Day 141 - 1 Chr 3-5; Jhn 8:1-20

MON – Day 142 - 1 Chr 6-7; Jhn 8:21-36

TUE – Day 143 - 1 Chr 8-10; Jhn 8:37-59

WED – Day 144 - 1 Chr 11-13; Jhn 9:1-23

THU – Day 145 - 1 Chr 14-16; Jhn 9:24-41

FRI – Day 146 - 1 Chr 17-19; Jhn 10:1-21

SAT – Day 147 - 1 Chr 20-22; Jhn 10:22-42

Chr = Chronicles | Jhn = John

[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.

READ ALONG W/TOM

Sunday	5/17/2026	Luke 17
Monday	5/18/2026	Luke 18
Tuesday	5/19/2026	Luke 19
Wednesday	5/20/2026	Luke 20
Thursday	5/21/2026	Luke 21
Friday	5/22/2026	Luke 22
Saturday	5/23/2026	Luke 23

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Psalms 119:133 – ³³ Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Psalms 56:3 – ³ Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

Psalms 37:23 – ²³ The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.

Micah 6:8 – ⁸ 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?

1 Peter 2:21 – ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.



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You Are The Light Of The World.

– Matthew 5:14a

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Searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help? We may be the place for you.

Bulletin of the CHURCH of CHRIST in Lytle, Texas

Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM – Bible Study | 10:45AM – Worship
12:00PM Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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WALKING IN GOD’S FOOTPRINTS

Sojourners With Purpose – Scripture often reminds us that we are sojourners, simply travelers passing through a land that is not our final home. Peter writes, “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh which wage war against your soul” (1 Peter 2:11). That word sojourner is not meant to make us feel displaced – it is meant to remind us that our steps matter. Every choice, every habit, every act of obedience leaves a footprint behind us.

To walk in God’s footsteps means we are not wandering aimlessly or as one lost. Rather, we are following a trail already carved by the One who knows the way because God never asks us to travel anywhere on earth where He has not already walked. Christ Himself became flesh and lived among us, showing us what a faithful life looks like. 1 Peter 2:21 tells us, “Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.”

But lest anyone should think God asks us for perfection while walking in His steps, it is not about that, it's about direction. It is about aligning
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WELCOME VISITOR!

Welcome Our Worship Service! • Please Stay A Bit After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! • Also, Please Join Us For Our Bi-Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services, See Events & Stuff Page • Please 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. • Thanks!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship
- Announcements
- Scripture Reading
- Opening Prayer
- 273 – A Beautiful Life
- 260 – A Charge To Keep I Have
- Minister’s Prayer
- 247 – A Soul Winner For Jesus
- Not In Song Book – Walking In His Footsteps
- Not In Song Book – Breath Of God
- Lord’s Supper
- Sermon – Outline Starts Below
- 575 – Softly & Tenderly
- Final Announcements
- 471 – Abide With Me
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Depart To Serve In Love

SERMON

SERMON SCRIPTURES: Genesis 2:8-18; Mark 8:36; 1 Timothy 6:7; 1 Timothy 6:8; Matthew 4:4; 1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 10:25

What Do We Really Need?

INTRODUCTION - (1) People Are Confused About Needs (2) God Knows Our Basic Needs (3) God Provides These Needs

I. We Need Food – vv. 8-14 | A. Food & Clothing Equals Contentment | B. God Placed Man In A Beautiful Garden | C. But, Adam Fell Into Sin | D. We Also Need Spiritual Food

II. We Need To Be Faithful – vv. 15-17 | A. Adam Responsible For Care Of The Garden | B. Thank God For Our Skills | C. Should Be Faith-ful In Obeying His Will | D. Focus On Christ For Victory

III. We Need Fellowship – vv. 18-25 | A. “It Is Not Good That Man Should Be Alone” | B. Man’s Lack Of A Mate | C. Woman Created To Remedy This Problem | D. Adam Would No Longer Be Alone | E. Marriage Is The Most Blessed Fellowship | .We Need The Fellowship Of Other Believers

CONCLUSION - (1) God Has Provided For Our Basic Needs (2) He Also Provided Forgiveness And Eternal Life (3) God Meets In Our Spiritual Needs

INVITATION

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Turner-Pinkney	May 19	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
Hunter Kruger (Dzielanoski)	May 29	Birthday
Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And May 31st And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Watkins Know!

EVENTS & STUFF

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4 th Or 5 th Every Other Sunday	Table Fellowship Potluck Lunch Approximately 12PM – 2PM
Every Thursday	 Sewing Sisters Approximately 12PM – 2PM
Sun – May 24	In Search Of The Lord’s Way – Glorifying God
Sun – May 31	In Search Of The Lord’s Way – Yes, We Need God
Sun – May 31	5 th Sunday Fellowship Meal
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Every Tuesday	Lytle Friendship Art Club 9:30AM
Sun – May 17	Armed Forces Day & National ¹ Cherry Cobbler And ² Walnut Days & World Baking Day
Mon – May 18	International Museum Day & National ¹ Visit Your Relatives And ² Cheese Soufflé Days
Tue – May 19	World Family Doctor Day & National Devil’s Food Cake Day
Wed – May 20	National ¹ Rescue Dog Day And ² Pick Strawberries And ³ Juice Slushy And ⁴ Quiche Lorraine
Thu – May 21	International Tea Day & Eat More Fruits & Veggies Day & Strawberries & Cream Day
Fri – May 22	World Preeclampsia Awareness Day & Sherlock Holms Day & National Vanilla Pudding Day
Sat – May 23	National ¹ Italian Beef And ² Taffy Days
Sun – May 24	Wear Your Tiara Day & National ¹ Brother’s Day & ² Asparagus And ³ Escargot Days



Father, Please Hear Our Prayer

LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL 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

CURRENT CONCERNS

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.

MAY 17

- ◇ Anderson, Dale [Spouse of long-time Lytle Art Club member and former president] – He passed into eternity recently ^[NEW]
- ◇ Bailey, Linzi [Ronda Spicer's niece] – An MRI shows her tumor has shrunk from 4" to 2" and not present anyplace else, **Praise To GOD!** Her doctors want to remove the tumor surgically, so she meets with them tomorrow to discuss dates. ^[02]
- ◇ Cashion, Corena – Continued concerns

due to her cancer. ^[NEW]

- ◇ Beauchemin, Marvale [Long-time Lytle Art Club member] – She passed into eternity recently. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Ranne, Ruth Family [Darrell Ranne's mother] – She passed into eternity Saturday, May 9. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – **Praise To GOD!** She was at church after her ordeal with heart attack, stints implanted, and being dehydrated feeling and looking better. Still be in prayer about her severe osteoporosis. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – She's scheduled for cataract surgery Thursday, June 4 and again Thursday, June 18. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – Continued health concerns. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Watkins, Mitch – Continued health concerns. ^[NEW]

MAY 10

- ◇ Balderrama, Matthew [Joey Dzielanoski's friend] – He had surgery in three different places to remove cancer. Doctors are confident that, **Praise To GOD!** Matthew is now cancer free! ^[01]
- ◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] – She finished her current round of chemo and has decided to go through a second round. She is also Melanie's brother, Perry's, wife and care giver. ^[01]
- ◇ Ott, Ronnie [Joey Dzielanoski's uncle] – At a family gathering, he suddenly turned purple/blue and was disoriented. He was EMS'd to the hospital but as of this past Sunday, there was no update. ^[01]

MAY 3

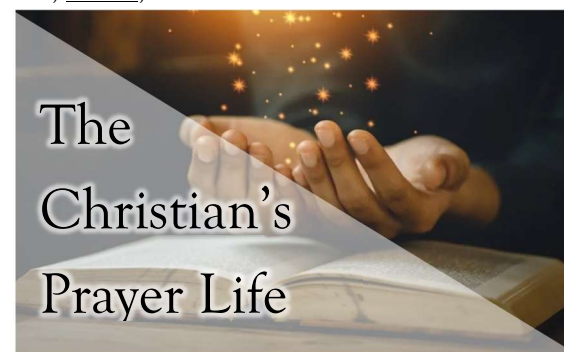
- ◇ Melendy Family [Betty Smith's friends] – They've been experiencing some family issues. ^[02]
- ◇ Woodard, June [Tom Woodard's sister-in-law] – She's experiencing health issues. ^[02]

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 26TH 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, Roy ^[21]; Alsup, Dylan ^[03]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[04]; Bradley Family ^[18]; Bridgewater,

Larry ^[19]; Brown, Colton family ^[13]; Brown, Diane Family ^[22]; Busse, Duane ^[02]; Cook, Karen ^[04]; Coombs, Derek ^[12]; Dolbeare, Robert ^[05]; Drake, Paul & Lynn ^[04]; Duncan, Roberta ^[19]; Dwyer, Meagan ^[09]; Dygert, Harold Family ^[11]; Fintel, Rick ^[20]; Flatequal Family ^[19]; Flatequal, Pam ^[06]; Flores, Carlos ^[19]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[22]; Guzman, Emily Family ^[10]; Jackson, April ^[03]; Keese, Bob & Katheryn ^[06]; Last-Name-Unknown, Irene ^[07]; Lester, Bob ^[22]; McMeans, Melanie ^[08]; McMeans, Wendell ^[15]; Moore, Jennifer ^[14]; Moore, Michael & Michelle ^[06]; Moore, Perry ^[12]; Morgan, Mitzy Family ^[07]; Morris, Barry ^[04]; Mr. Lowe ^[17]; Persat, Diana ^[22]; Pillows, Darlene ^[04]; Price, Jennifer ^[16]; Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[16]; Roeder, Gary ^[01]; Schilling, Ina ^[17]; Sims, Linda ^[14]; Smith, Betty ^[03]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[21]; Smoot, Bailey ^[14]; Smoot, Beth ^[08]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[18]; Smoot, Max ^[11]; Smoot, Tiffany ^[20]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[13]; Stepanovich Family ^[06]; Street, Cris ^[19]; Strunk, Billy ^[08]; Vierling, Gene ^[09]; Vierling, Scott ^[21]; Villereal, Douglas Family ^[09]; Walker, Tony Family ^[21]; Weisel, Michelle ^[17]; White, Linda ^[12]



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path is steep; we imitate His character even when the world pushes back; we keep moving forward even when the journey feels long; we shine His light so others can find the path as well.

But let us also consider that our footprints matter because someone is walking behind us – a child, a friend, a new believer, a weary soul searching for God. When we walk faithfully, we leave a trail that can lead others toward Christ.

Peter reminds us, “Conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile” (1 Peter 1:17). Not fear of the world, but reverence for the God who walks with us. Our sojourn is temporary, but our influence is eternal. Yes, one day, the footprints we leave behind will fade, but the One we followed will remain forever. And when we finally reach the end of the path, may we hear the words every sojourner longs for: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Until then, we keep walking. We keep trusting. We keep following the footprints of God because they will always lead us home. **END**



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SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

EPHESIANS 4:32-5:2

^{4:31} Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ^{5:1} Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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our daily decisions with the character of God – His compassion, His holiness, His integrity, His mercy, to name a few. When we walk where He walks, we discover that the path is steady even when life is not.

But walking in God’s footprints also means resisting the temptation to settle. This world offers comfort, distraction, and imitation paths that promise ease but lead nowhere. The faithful sojourner keeps moving, keeps trusting, keeps choosing the narrow road that leads to life (Matthew 7:14). Our journey is not random; it is purposeful, and every step is watched over by the Shepherd who goes before us.

Doing What We Should While We Are Here – Our Faithfulness In The Middle Of The Journey – If we are only passing through this world, what should we be doing while we are here? Scripture gives us a clear answer: be faithful in the small things, the daily things, the eternal things. Paul writes, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time” (Ephesians 5:15-16). It is not accidental, our time on earth because God has entrusted us with opportunities – to serve, to love, to teach, to encourage, and to shine His light in dark places.

Walking in God’s footprints means: doing good even when it is unnoticed – “Do not grow weary of doing good” (Galatians 6:9). The world may not applaud righteousness, but heaven sees every act of faithfulness. It means:

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choosing holiness in a world that normalizes compromise – “Be holy in all your conduct” (1 Peter 1:15). Holiness has never, is not, or will ever be, outdated; it is the mark of those who walk with God. It also means: loving people the way Christ loved us – “Walk in love, as Christ loved us” (Ephesians 5:2). Love is not a feeling – it is the very footprint of God’s presence in our lives. Further, walking in God’s footprints means: living with gratitude instead of complaint – “Give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Gratitude is a testimony that we trust the One who leads us. Finally, it means: keeping our eyes on the eternal, not the temporary – “Set your minds on things above” (Colossians 3:2). We are able to walk differently when we remember where the road ends.

Brethren, faithfulness is not glamorous – it is steady, quiet, and often unseen. But it is the very thing God uses to shape our hearts and influence the world around us. A sojourner who walks faithfully leaves behind a trail that others can follow.

Footprints That Lead Home – Finishing The Journey Well. Every journey has a destination, and ours is nothing less than the presence of God. Jesus promised, “I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2). We are not wandering; we are heading home. But until that day, we walk – not alone, not in fear, but in hope.

So, walking in God’s footprints means that we trust His direction even when the

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