



# 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.*

## WHAT WE'RE DOING CONCERNING CHURCH HOUSE



Several men of the congregation met together during the last few weeks to discuss the disposition of the previously flooded and currently mold-riddled and hence, unlivable church house. These men are: Jim Gardner, Wendell McMeans, Roger Smoot, Gene Vierling, Mitch Watkins, and Tom Woodard, hereinafter referred to as "the men." We wanted to share the results with the congregation that are as follows (This is my attempt to be as succinct as possible — Mitch):

First, what precipitated this new discussion was that a man from the community had come and asked to rent the church house for him and his family. When told it was not in a rentable condition, the man stated that he could perform whatever work was needed in order to make it livable and after an inspection of the house stated that all that needed to be done was to spray down the walls and ceiling with a special solution, scrape the

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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 Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

## ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 17—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song No. 358—Oh, To Be Like Thee

Song No. 159—I Gave My Life For Thee

- LORD'S SUPPER •

Not In Song Book—Day By Day

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 326—Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 352—Give Me Thy Heart

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 58—A Wonderful Savior

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

## SERMON

— JESUS, THE WAY TO A BETTER LIFE —

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

John 14:1-6; Luke 12:15; John 15:11; John 3:5; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Matthew 6:31-33; 1 Peter 1:8; Colossians 3:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12; 2:14; Ecclesiastes 5:10

### SERMON OUTLINE:

#### REVIEW

INTRODUCTION - (1) Previously Discussed: "Jesus, The Way" | (2) Today: "Jesus, The Way To A Better Life" | (3) People's Goal: "The Good Life"

- I. Jesus Corrects Misconceptions
  - A. What The "The Good Life" Means
  - B. Why Many Think Like This
  - C. Jesus' Correction
- II. Jesus And The Better Life
  - A. Identifies And Removes The Problem
  - B. The Need For New Goals
  - C. Teaches What We Do Not Expect

CONCLUSION - (1) The World Happiness Is Only Temporary | (2) Jesus' Goals Are Achievable And Satisfying | (3) Where Is Your Focus? | (4) Sin Is The Problem/Jesus The Cure

#### INVITATION

## WED NIGHT STUDY

SEPTEMBER 20 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Thessalonians 4:16-5:3 —



— SEPTEMBER 24 —

4th Sunday Potluck & Games — After Morning Worship  
THEME: TAIL GATE FAVORITES!

— OCTOBER 29 —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal — After Morning Worship  
THEME: FALL FIESTA POTLUCK!

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surface of both and replaster. He could present no credentials as to his ability to perform such work (contractor's or other license), stating he was, in effect, a handyman. As "the men" discussed the possibility of renting out the house to this gentleman, or any other individual, it became more and more apparent that we all felt uncomfortable with someone we did not know doing satisfactory (to code) work on the church house. We also discussed the fact that the Lord's congregation is not in the real estate rental business. Also discussed was the fact that the church house currently has no liability insurance which could expose us to a potential law suit from the individual want-



ing to rent the property if he or his family or anyone he hired became sick while bringing the property into a state of livability, let alone if anyone was injured while on the property. As a result, "the men" voted unanimously to decline to rent the church house to any individual for the foreseeable future, if ever.

Second, "the men" discussed the possibility of getting a remediation company to come out and give us a bid on what it would cost to bring the house into a state of livability. It was decided to employ Crown Restoration, the same company that performed the initial remediation upon the initial flooding. After coming out and examining the church house, Crown Restoration provided the following bid: \$52,636.06 and because they had done the initial remediation work they discounted their service by 20%, bringing the cost to \$42,108.85.

This bid took care of pre and post remediation mold testing, an asbestos survey/test(s), removal and disposal of all the interior sheetrock from all walls and ceilings, removal and disposal of all/any blown-in insulation as well as removing and dis-

posing of the cabinetry and countertops from the utility room, kitchen and both bathrooms. It also included all equipment needed to perform whatever is needed to accomplish their job.

This bid did not cover checking the electrical to insure that it is functioning and safe, nor cleaning and servicing the HVAC system and making sure all ductwork is free of mold. It did not include any costs and fees to remove any asbestos that might be found. It did not include installing new drywall or cabinetry or countertops nor anything else required to make the church

house actually livable once more.

So, (1) due to the cost and the fact that it may take as much or more to make the church house livable again; (2) due to the fact that no one, such as a minister and his family, needs to move into the house at this time; (3) due to the fact that "the men" decided it wasn't the best use of the church funds; (4) due to the fact that, although a loan was discussed, it was rejected due to none of "the men" wanting to put the congregation in a state of debt; it was decided to leave the church house as is for now.

Third, according to the Crown Restoration Technician, the number one thing that causes a house to deteriorate rapidly is a faulty, leaky roof. As the church house has a relatively new roof, this should not be a problem so, for now, the house, though not livable, is stable as is – another factor in the decision to leave the church house alone now.

If anyone has any questions, please ask any or all of "the men."

Thank you.









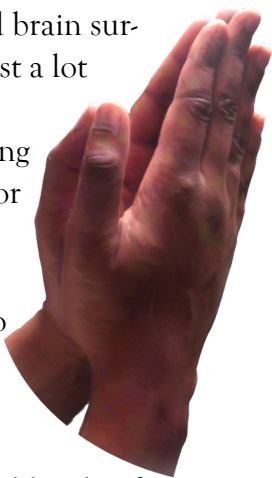
August 24 at age 102. Her funeral is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 at 11:00 AM at Mission Park North then a celebration of life at Boerne Bible Church at 1026 East Blanco Rd in Boerne <sup>[3]</sup>

## AUGUST 27

- ◇ Cook, Daisy [Laura Gardner's sister] — She broke her wrist. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Cathy [Vierlings' daughter-in-law] — She's travelling to the Philippines to attend a wedding and visit friends and family (the first time in about 20 years). She arrived safely, **Praise GOD!** <sup>[4]</sup>

## AUGUST 20

- ◇ Bucheit, Dan [Spouse of Art Club member] — He's not doing well (he had brain surgery sometime ago). He's lost a lot of weight; he's taller than Wendell and is now weighing in at 120 pounds. Prayers for him and his wife Mary (his primary caregiver). <sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Burris, Joyce — She's going to have to have weekly shots in her eye for her macular degeneration. <sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Stroud, Brenna [Fintel's granddaughter] — Due to a medical condition know as PUPPP (Pruritic Urticarial Papules and Plaques of Pregnancy), a severe but benign inflammatory skin disorder which can occur in the third trimester, she was induced and gave birth to baby Faith Stroud (see below). <sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Stroud, Faith [Fintel's newest great granddaughter] — She was born (induced) to Brenna and dad on Thursday, August 17 at 12:27 in the morning. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations Rick and Pam! Baby & mom are doing well except for Brenna's PUPPP (see above) <sup>[5]</sup>



## AUGUST 13

- ◇ Barron, Pat [Laura Gardner's sister-in-law] — She underwent another heart ablation Wednesday, August 9. She is also suffering from stage 4 kidney cancer. <sup>[6]</sup>
- ◇ Hoover, Herb [Pat Barron, Laura Gardner's nephew] — He passed into eternity earlier this past week from heart failure (He'd had heart issues for awhile). <sup>[6]</sup>
- ◇ Shelton, Judy — She's having several health issues and has undergone several tests and is awaiting results plus she was to undergo several more tests this past week. <sup>[6]</sup>
- ◇ Smith, Philip [Betty Smith's son] — He was involved in an auto accident in which his truck was totaled. **Praise GOD!** He suffered nothing serious, mostly bruises. <sup>[6]</sup>
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — She's still at home receiving care for her severe edema to both legs among other health issues. <sup>[6]</sup>
- ◇ Watkins, Mitchell — He's been going through a lot with taking care of Betsy, dealing with the aftermath of his father's passing and trying to perform plumbing work with a recalcitrant toilet among other "stuff." <sup>[6]</sup>

## AUGUST 6 & PRIOR

[ALL NAMES FROM 9 WEEKS AGO & PRIOR HAVE BEEN MOVED TO ONGOING PRAYER LIST & WILL APPEAR ON NEXT MONTHLY PRAYER LIST PRINTOUT (1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)]

- ◇ Brock, Jim [Pat Woodard's brother-in-law] — He left respite care due to being uncooperative... He had been placed in respite care due to his dementia and Alzheimer's. <sup>[7]</sup>
- ◇ 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. <sup>[7]</sup>
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane — **Praise GOD!** She continues to heal from her recent fall. <sup>[8]</sup>

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

Luke 14:25-27

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

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## Gopher Holes

— by J. Launius, Maude CoC, Maude, TX



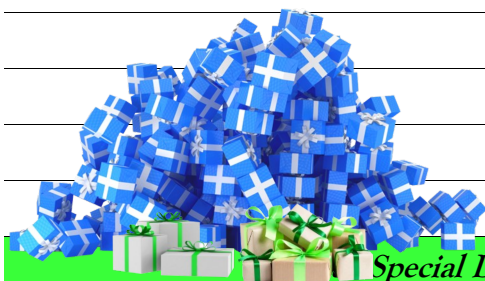
A couple of weeks ago, I looked out the front door and saw a small mound of dirt toward the front of the yard. I thought it was a new ant mound and said to myself, “I’ll put some ant killer on that thing tomorrow.”

Well, as it would be, I forgot about it for a couple of days and the next time I looked it was now three mounds of dirt. “That’s a gopher run and he’s heading straight toward Ms. Janet’s daylily bed!” Funny thing about those gophers, they make their advancements incrementally instead of one straight shot. They move toward their goal a little at a time and before you know it they’re in your garden or flower bed.

There’s another pest that uses incremental steps to achieve his goals, the old devil himself, Satan. He places small temptations in front of us like bread crumbs on a lost man’s trail. Just little indiscretions, nothing terribly noticeable, like an advancing gopher hole. It may be a wanting glance at the pretty girl, excusing the curse words we hear on our favorite TV series or movie. It could begin with missing a church service or not reading our bibles daily. The thing is, Satan is most successful when he works slowly and gradually. As we get used to these “little sins”, we become desensitized and as 1 Timothy 4:2 says, we’ll have our conscience seared with a hot iron so that sin no longer bothers us. We must be constantly on guard of Satan’s devises (2 Corinthians 2:11) and the tricks he uses to fool us into complacency (Ephesians 6:11).

So, when you see one of those gopher holes Satan is putting in your way, remember the words of James, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Ronda Spicer	September 19	Birthday
Billy & Lea Strunk	October 8	Anniversary
Jim & Laura Gardner	October 10	Anniversary
Deborah Smoot	October 11	Birthday

*Special Day Is Between Today's Date And October 11, 2023,  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## — Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p><b>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch —</b>  <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i>            Every 4th Sunday Of <b>Every</b> Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) —</b> 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—Sep 24	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY —</b> <i>The Epistle Of Joy</i> — for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Sep 24	 <p><b>4th Sunday Fellowship Meal &amp; Games Play After Morning Worship</b>            Theme: Tail Gate Favorites</p>
Sun—Oct 1	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY —</b> <i>XXX</i> — for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>

## — Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p><b>Lytle Friendship Art Club —</b> Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM            Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch &amp; Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p><b>VFW Auxiliary —</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p><b>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) —</b>            Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun—Sep 17	<b>Constitution &amp; Citizenship Day   National Apple Dumpling &amp; Monte Cristo Days   National Wife Appreciation Day</b>
Wed—Sep 20	<b>National Pepperoni Pizza, Fried Rice, String Cheese Days</b>
Fri—Sep 22	<b>National Bakery, Ice Cream Cone, White Chocolate, Love Note Days</b>
Sat—Sep 23	<b>National Pot Pie, Snack Stick Days   First Day Of Fall (Astrological)</b>
Sun—Oct 8	<b>25th Annual SA Food Bank Harvest Of Hope Brunch &amp; Silent Auction —</b> 11 AM - 2 PM — \$100 For 1 Ticket & \$180.00 For 2 Tickets



# 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 —



### Immersive — Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Isa 39; Isa 40; Luk 5; Luk 6
MON	Isa 41; Isa 42; Luk 7; Luk 8
TUE	Isa 43; Isa 44; Luk 9; Luk 10
WED	Isa 45; Isa 46; Luk 11; Luk 12
THU	Isa 47; Isa 48; Luk 13; Luk 14
FRI	Isa 49; Isa 50; Luk 15; Luk 16
SAT	Isa 51; Isa 52; Luk 17; Luk 18

# 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 LUKE

**Luke 7:44-50** — <sup>44</sup> Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” <sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

**Luke 12:22-26** — <sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”