



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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Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship

~12:00PM — Every 4th Or 5th Sunday— Fellowship Meal

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.

FOOLING OURSELVES

Self-awareness can be described in many ways. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, self-awareness is a “conscious knowledge of one’s own character, feelings, motives, and desires. Another definition is that “self-awareness is the ability to focus on yourself and how your actions, thoughts, or emotions do or don’t align with your internal standards. If you’re highly self-aware, you can objectively evaluate yourself, manage your emotions, align your behavior with your values, and understand correctly how others perceive you.”

It’s been said that knowing the person we are inside is the beginning of a successful life (or so they say — I’ve always wondered just who “they” are, haven’t you?). The ability to look at oneself in the mirror objectively is a difficult achievement because many of us look into a “magic” mirror with our “rose-colored” glasses which hides the person we truly are. We each find it very difficult to see ourselves as we are and not as what we think we are — that is why Scripture warns us not “think of himself more highly than he ought

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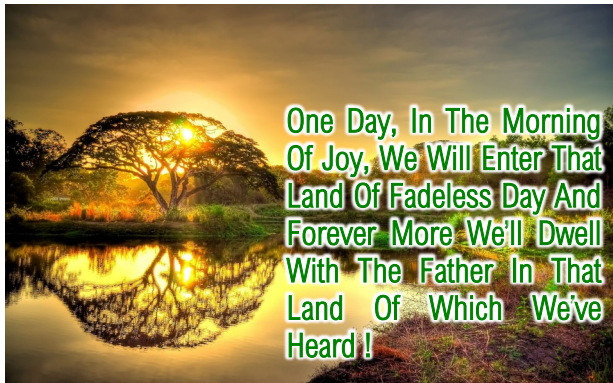
WELCOME VISITOR!

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. 484—In The Morning Of Joy

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 513—I Have Heard Of A Land

Song No. 159—I Gave My Life For Thee



• LORD'S SUPPER •



- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 485—In The Land Of Fadeless...

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 521—Just Over In Glory Land

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH JUDE 1-4



• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Jude 1-4; Romans 10:17; Romans 10:12-13; Acts 2:38;
Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 5:8-9

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) Read The Text / (2) Jude Written To Christians / (3) God's Mercy Remains With Us

- I. Common Salvation Emphasized
 - A. If For Everybody, None Excluded
 - B. Emphasis is "One Common Way For All"
- II. Must Contend For It
 - A. Not For People To Merely "Have Faith"
 - B. A Faith "Once Delivered Unto The Saints"
 - C. Common Salvation Necessitates Obedience
- III. Christians Receive No Waivers
 - A. Compromise Is Not An Option
 - B. Not Enough Just Being A Christian
 - C. Christian Enjoy The Fruit Of This Labor

CONCLUSION — (1) It Is Worth The Effort / (2) All Can Have It

• INVITATION •



WED NIGHT STUDY

5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)

Please Join Us When Possible!

— *1 Corinthians 16:2-24* —



— JUNE 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
SANDWICHES, CHIPS, DIPS, FRESH VEGGIES/FRUITS, ETC.

— JULY & AUGUST —

• NO FELLOWSHIP MEALS •
THE LADIES HAVE OFF FOR JULY & AUGUST!

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to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). And



then, to compound things more, Satan helps us along the widely paved boulevard to deceiving ourselves. It is with the evil

one's help that our society is becoming more and more permissive; he convinces us that no matter what lifestyle we choose it should be accepted and embraced, not only by our internal person but by society at large as long as it falls into some skewed sense of morality.

However, for the disciple of Christ, that illusion is shattered when, instead of looking at our own magical-mystery-rose-tinted-glasses-tour of a reflection, we look into the "perfect" mirror of God's word. In it we learn that there are "none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10); we also learn that "all have sinned and fall[en] short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We just can't do it ourselves — we need a perfect God who has revealed Himself to us through holy scripture — we're just too weak; spiritually, mentally, physically. Fortunately, we've been told that in whatever area of weakness we find ourselves, whether in ourselves or our circumstances, the Holy Spirit "helps us in our weakness" (Romans 8:26). The grace of God is sufficient and made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9) and we can receive grace upon grace from Him in our time of need

(John 1:16).

All people need the forgiveness of God in Jesus Christ through obedience and if we believe "I'm OK," "You're OK," "We're ALL OK" with-



out obeying God then we are doing nothing more than just fooling ourselves!

Galatians 6:3 tells us that "if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself." The Lord will reject the proud heart but accepts the humble (James 4:6). If the Apostle Paul who possessed a great faith, who preached boldly, and who suffered for the Gospel said he was the "chief of sinners" where does that leave us? Brethren, we must never be convinced that sin is all right, but instead, we're to have a realistic view of ourselves yet not to the point that we lack a sense of self-worth. God loved us so much that He gave His Son for us and told us that we are "worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31). **E**

ONLY A HOLY GOD

— BY CITYALIGHT

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

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CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *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
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

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

JUNE 2

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

- ◇ Barlow, Doris [Janice Sparks' grandmother] — She's been released from the hospital back to her assisted living accommodations after her bout with pneumonia. Also something happened to her foot necessitating her wearing a boot. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam — She arrived safely to Tennessee, *Praise To GOD!* ^[NEW]
- ◇ McMeans, Velma [Wendell McMeans' mom] — She fell while gardening. She was able to get up but injured her neck and is in severe pain. She's to have an MRI because she's still in quite a bit of pain. ^[NEW]

- ◇ McMeans, Justin [McMeans' son] — His boss at work intervened after Justin lost his job, allowing him to return, *Praise To GOD!* ^[NEW]
- ◇ Orr, Dan — He was admitted to the hospital due to chest pains, several tests were run and everything came back okay so, he was subsequently released. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah — She's to have cataracts surgery July 2 for preop clearance and July 12 for the actual surgery on one of her eyes. Afterwards (a week or so) she'll have her other eye done. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea — She's been diagnosed with Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), the cause of her feet issues. She's been put on a new med to make the interior of her arteries "slick." ^[NEW]

ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

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MAY 26

- ◇ Brock Family [Jim was Tom Woodard's brother-in-law] — He passed into eternity Monday, May 20. ^[1]
- ◇ Misty-Last Unknown [Pam Flatequal's friend] — She's been involved in a Johnson & Johnson law suit due to cancer she's had. Unfortunately, a recent body scan showed that she has 10 brain tumors. ^[1]
- ◇ Street, Brian [Laura Gardner's Son] — He's developed a serious ulcer. It will be expensive to

treat, it is unfortunate but he doesn't have insurance. ^[1]

- ◇ Torres, Donna [Laura Gardner's son's girlfriend's mother] – ***Praise To GOD!*** She received a good report from her doctor concerning having part of her lung removed. ^[1]

MAY 19

- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] – His left ear now looks good... somehow... and no long needs surgery at this time, but... his right ear may be in need of a surgery (he's already had one surgery on that ear) ^[2]
- ◇ Lloyd-Brown, Family [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law's mother] – Linda Lloyd passed into eternity Thursday, May 16. ^[2]
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – ***Praise To GOD!*** She does not need surgery at this time ^[2]

MAY 12

- ◇ Brock Family [Richard (Steve) was Tom Woodard's schoolmate] – Steve passed into eternity at age 72 back on Monday, March 24. ^[3]
- ◇ Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling [Her: Ronda's granddaughter; Him: Gardner's grandson] – They're now engaged! Congratulations! ^[3]

MAY 5

- ◇ Gibbon, Tucker [Bill Ragsdale's (Deborah Smoot's brother-in-law) son's grandson] – Tucker, a newborn, will have to have several procedures to correct some health issues. ^[4]
- ◇ Gail Kuehler's Sister [Gail is one of the Art Club members] – Sister passed into eternity. ^[4]

APRIL 21

- ◇ Bentley, Sage [Wife of an administrator at the school where Tom subs] She had an emergency hospital visit for unknown reasons. ^[5]
- ◇ French, Missae – She's back home from her hospitalization Wednesday, April 10 and subsequent convalescence with her daughter. ^[5]

- ◇ Gardner, Jim – He is starting a series of weekly dental procedures, each taking about 2 hours, the first of four was Tuesday, April 23. ^[5]
- ◇ Montalvo, Louie [Laura Gardner's son's best friend] – He's back in the hospital with suspected heart issues. ^[5]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's in the process of scheduling some heart tests. ^[5]

APRIL 14

- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – Her doctor told her that her knees are bone-on-bone. As her doctor no longer performs surgeries, she's to receive steroid shots for now to see if they'll work before being referred to an orthopedic surgeon. ^[6]

ONGOING

NOTE: If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Active Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Roy ^[6]; Barron, Pat Family ^[10]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[25]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[25]; Boldt, Sandy ^[25]; Bonin, Danny ^[7]; Bonin, Donna ^[7]; Bridgewater, Rebecca ^[8]; Brown, Hunter ^[15]; Brown, Stephanie ^[16]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[20]; Burris, Gloria ^[13]; Burris, Joyce ^[10]; Vela Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia ^[10]; Corren, Jan ^[20]; Davis, Preston ^[15]; Delaney, Sophie ^[21]; Evans, Steve ^[21]; Green, Marvin ^[22]; Green, Sonia ^[18]; Haby, Casey ^[8]; LaFleur, Miranda ^[7]; Lopez, Emily ^[12]; McLay, Carla ^[15]; McLay, Gary ^[15]; Neal, Larry ^[15]; Noble, David Family ^[21]; Norris, David Family ^[20]; Parra, Rudy ^[7]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[16]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[21]; Shaw, Nancy ^[22]; Slaughter, Ron ^[7]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[19]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[19]; Smoot, Bailey ^[8]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[13]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[8]; Smoot, Jeremy ^[7]; Smoot, Randy ^[12]; Sparks, Janice ^[9]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[23]; Turnbow, Gary ^[23]; Vela, John & Cheryl ^[8]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[12]; Vierling, Gene ^[6]; Watkins, Betsy ^[6]; Watkins, Mitch ^[8]; Welsby, Chris ^[17]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[23]

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What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?

Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?

(Only a Holy God)
(Only my Holy God)

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only

Cry out, sing holy

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only

Cry out, sing holy

Forever a Holy God

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Come and behold Him
The One and the Only

Cry out, sing holy

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PROVERBS 4:1-9

¹ Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding; ² for I give you good doctrine: do not forsake my law. ³ When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, ⁴ He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; keep my commands, and live. ⁵ Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Do not forsake her [Wisdom], and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you. ⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. ⁸ Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. ⁹ She will place on your head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you."

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(chochma)

wisdom

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday
Rick & Pam Fintel	June 1	Anniversary
Tom & Pat Woodard	June 10	Anniversary
Lea Strunk	June 27	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And June 30, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Church Stuff Church Stuff Church Stuff

4th OR 5th Sundays	 "Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)
Every Thursday	 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.
Sun–Jun 2	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Fearing The Lord</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jun 9	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Wisdom</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jun 16	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Foolishness</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jun 23	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>The Truth</i> – for channel: searchtv.com

Non-Church Stuff Non-Church Stuff Non-Church Stuff

Every Tuesday	 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)
3rd Mondays	VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM 
Sun–Jun 2	National ¹ Rotisserie Chicken And ² Rocky Road Days And ³ Frozen Yogurt
Tue–Jun 4	Intl Day Of Innocent Children As Victims Of Aggression National Cheese Day
Fri–Jun 7	National ¹ Chocolate Ice Cream And ² Doughnut And ³ Daniel Boone Days
Sun–Jun 9	¹ Race Unity And ² Donald Duck Days National Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie Day
Fri–Jun 14	Acapella Concert–The Vocal Union @ Kings Crossing CoC–6PM [see front hall bulletin board]
Fri Sat Sun– Sep 27-29	Women Of Joy Conference @ San Antonio – Theme: <i>He Must Become Greater; And I Must Become Less</i> Early Bird Rate: \$129 For Entire Conference [womenofjoy.org]

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 For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Jun 2 - SoS 1-8
MON	Jun 3 - Prov 1-3
TUE	Jun 4 - Prov 4-6
WED	Jun 5 - Prov 7-9
THU	Jun 6 - Prov 10-12
FRI	Jun 7 - Prov 13-15
SAT	Jun 8 - Prov 16-18

SoS = Song Of Solomon | Prov = Proverbs

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 —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PROVERBS 8

¹ Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice? ² She takes her stand on the top of the high hill, beside the way, where the paths meet. ³ She cries out by the gates, at the entry of the city, at the entrance of the doors: ⁴ "To you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of men." ⁵ O you simple ones, understand prudence, and you fools, be of an understanding heart. ⁶ Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, and from the opening of my lips will come right things; ⁷ for my mouth will speak truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. ⁸ All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; nothing crooked or perverse is in them. ⁹ They are all plain to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge. ¹⁰ Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; ¹¹ for wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

