



Lytle Light

**You Are The Light Of
The World.**

- Matthew 5:14a

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 (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 4PM – Bible Study

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MENTAL TIME TRAVEL

When we're young, we long to be older. As children, we dream of the freedom adulthood promises. As teenagers, we can't wait to graduate from high school, then college, and move on to the next big thing. But as we grow older, we often find ourselves looking back, yearning for the simplicity of childhood or the energy of our youth (Oh, how I miss the energy of youth!).

Though I've never had children, from what I recall of conversations I've had, I think most parents know this well. In the early years, we look forward to when our children sleep through the night, eat their first solid food, speak their first words, become more independent. Yet, when those days arrive, we find ourselves missing the innocence of the baby-phase, and the days when our biggest worry was a clean diaper - not curfews or college choices. It's been said that we are haunted by the past, trapped in the present, and forever guessing the future.

This constant reaching – forward or backward – mental time travel if you will - reveals something deeper: a restlessness in our hearts. Humans have the rare ability to vividly relive the past and imagine the future as if we're already there. It's why we are able to learn from our mistakes, plan for danger and survival, tell stories, teach lessons, pass wisdom forward, store food, create laws and build civilizations. This is a powerful ability of our God-given brains, but like so much of that which men and women are capable of accomplishing

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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.

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 approximately every other 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 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. Thank You!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Enter To Worship
- Announcements
- Scripture Reading
- Opening Prayer
- 116 – *O Worship The King*
- 416 – *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*
- Minister's Intercessory Prayer
- 26 – *For The Beauty Of The Earth*
- 304 – *Jesus Is All The World To Me*
- 163 – *When My Love To Christ Grows Weak*
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon – *See Right Column For Outline*
- 631 – *No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus*
- Final Announcements
- 361 – *I'll Be A Friend To Jesus*
- Offertory & Closing Prayer
- Go In Peace, Departing To Serve In Love

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

– 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

SERMON

- **THE COLT, THE CROWD & THE CHILDREN**

- *SERMON SCRIPTURES*

Matthew 21:1-16; Matthew 16:18; Revelation 19:11-16

- *SERMON OUTLINE*

INTRODUCTION - (1) The Approach To Jerusalem (2) The Entry Into Jerusalem (3) The Disciples, The Donkey, The Details

- I. The Colt (21:2-7)
 - A. Strange Instructions
 - B. Bringing The Unbroken To Him
 - C. The Unbroken Colt
- II. The Crowd (21:8-11)
 - A. The Garments They Spread
 - B. Praising The Lord
 - C. How Fickle They Became
- III. The Children (21:12-16)
 - A. Cleansing The Temple
 - B. The Healings
 - C. Anger Of The Crowd
 - D. The Praise Of The Children

CONCLUSION - (1) Is Our Will Surrendered? (2) Is Our Faith Childlike? (3) Are We As Wise As Need Be?

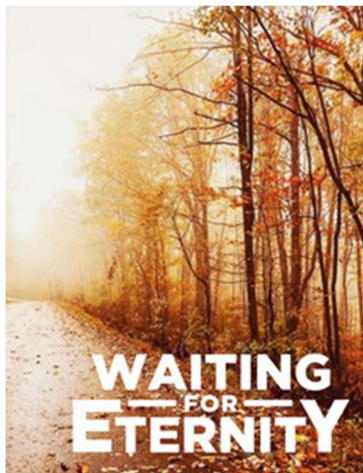
- *INVITATION*



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accomplishing, this capacity can trap us in regret or anxiety; and no matter the season of life, we too often find ourselves discontent, longing for what was or what's to come. Why do we so often get trapped in the past or enraptured by the future?

Scripture gives us insight. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity in their hearts . . ." This longing we feel isn't just nostalgia or ambition — it's a spiritual homesickness because we were made for more than this world. This life, with all its joys and struggles, with all our culture's striving toward more, is not our final destination. As believers, we know our true home is with our Father in heaven.



The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:20, "20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." That unsettled feeling, that inability to

fully rest in any stage of life, is a reminder that we're not meant to get too comfortable here. Like a dog circling its bed, we just can't seem to settle. But that's okay.

While we wait for eternity, God calls us to live fully in the present. Jesus said in Matthew 6:34, "34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." And in Psalm 118:24, we're reminded, "24 This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

WED NIGHT STUDY

TOPIC – Righteousness – Part Two

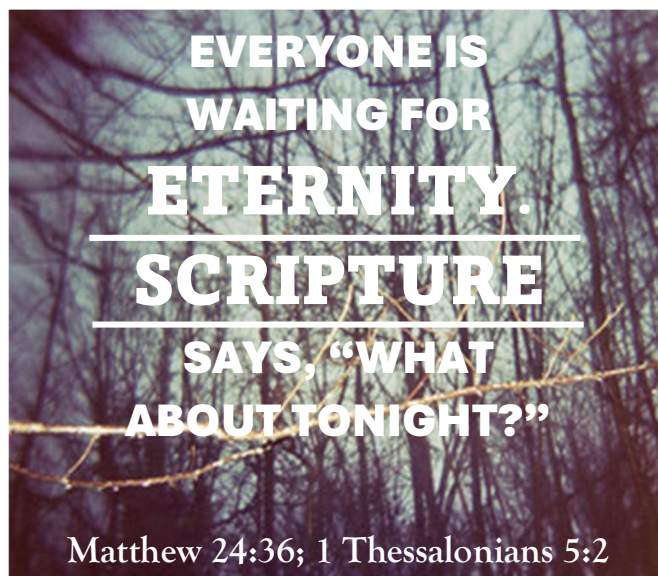
2026 FELLOWSHIPS*

• MARCH 7 – Saturday –
Picnic On The Grounds

- MAY 31 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- JULY 26 – Potluck (Ladies' Choice)
- SEPTEMBER 27 – Potluck (L.C.)
- NOVEMBER 22 – Thanksgiving Meal
- DECEMBER 27 – New Years "Eve"

* Dates May Be Subtracted Or Other Dates Added As Our Ladies Decide To Do So.

We are called to trust God with our past, present, and future: to find joy in today, even as we hope for what's to come; to hold our memories with gratitude, our dreams with open hands, and our hearts anchored in Christ.



So whether you're longing for the past or eager for the future, remember this: your restlessness is not a flaw — it's a beacon pointing you home. Brethren, let it draw you closer to the One who satisfies every longing and makes all things new (Psalm 107:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:5). **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 Sicknesses
- 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., ^[1], At The End Of An Entry Denotes How Many Weeks The Entry Has Been In The Bulletin.

FEBRUARY 22

- ◇ Brown, Colton - He was released on Monday, February 9, from Audie Murphy Veterans hospital after having been admitted briefly for health concerns. ^[NEW]
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell & Justin - Travelling from Zapata today after being there for Wendell's mom, **Praise To GOD!**, Thelma's 90th birthday. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane - **Praise To GOD!** her back surgery on Tuesday, February 4 went well. She's now at home feeling somewhat better. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Roberts, Bob [Once owner of Lytle Feed & Seed] - Bob passed into eternity at age 97. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah - She has a hairline fracture of her kneecap. Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done except to take pain medications until it heals. In addition, she's had several days of suddenly becoming nauseated, breaking out in a cold sweat and feeling faint. ^[NEW]

FEBRUARY 15

- ◇ Cashion, Corena - Continued concerns due to her cancer. ^[01]
- ◇ Dwyer, Meagan [Betty Smith's granddaughter] - She's been experiencing health issues. ^[01]
- ◇ McMeans, Melanie - She's been experiencing at least one migraine a month. ^[01]
- ◇ Moore, Sherry [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law] - Her cancer has spread to her liver and has been upgraded from slow growing to fast growing. ^[01]

◇ Smoot, Beth [Smoot's granddaughter] - Her sister who was living in Haiti passed into eternity Tuesday, February 10. She has also started nursing school. ^[01]

◇ Strunk, Billy - He was released feeling a little better after his bout with obstructed bowel. ^[01]

FEBRUARY 8

◇ Baily, Linzi [Ronda's niece] - She was discharged from the hospital and she'll be commencing oral (rather than IV) chemo for a 3 month period. She was also scheduled to see another doctor for a second opinion Friday, February 6. ^[02]

◇ Dygert, Harold [Melanie McMeans' uncle] - Harold (98) passed into eternity recently. ^[02]

◇ Guzman, Emily [Pat & Tom Woodard's hairdresser for many years] - She passed into eternity recently. ^[02]

◇ Last Name Unknown, Missy [Pam Flatequal's friend] - She's now under hospice care. ^[02]

◇ Smoot, Max [Roger Smoot's cousin] - **Praise To GOD!** his procedure went well. A muscle that was causing issues with his pacemaker was repaired and he was released the next day, Saturday, January 31. ^[02]

◇ Under The Weather - Vierling, Carlene; Watkins, Mitchell ^[02]

◇ Vierling, Gene - He underwent a CAT-Scan on Wednesday, February 4 and has one or more pinched nerves. His doctor said he had an old back. He'll be doing some rehab. ^[02]

◇ Villereal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] - Doug (71) passed into eternity Thursday, February 5. ^[02]

FEBRUARY 1

◇ Moved To A More Recent Date

JANUARY 25

◇ Coombs Derek [Sarah Turner's 16-year-old cousin] - He's had swelling behind his eye and seizures. He's been in the hospital and has had surgery. ^[04]

◇ Moore, Perry [Melanie McMeans' brother] - He was sent home with home health care Monday, January 5, after his time in the hospital due to stroke. He's waiting for PT to begin. He's been trying to use a traditional rollator but with one hand not functioning he's had difficulty controlling the walking aide and has actually fallen a few times. He's going to see about a different rollator. ^[04]

◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] - He's been diagnosed with Esophagogastric Junction (EGJ). ^[04]

◇ Watkins, Mitch - He's now been diagnosed with two mid-line hernias which will require surgery to correct. ^[04]

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 21ST 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, Kelly ^[16]; Alderman, Roy ^[13]; Andrews, Dale ^[17]; Balderrama, Matthew ^[17]; Bradley Family ^[10]; Bridgewater, Larry ^[05]; Brown, Colton family ^[05]; Brown, Diane Family ^[14]; Burris, Joyce ^[18]; Carter, Emily Family ^[09]; Cashion, Corina ^[17]; Duncan, Roberta ^[10]; Fintel, Rick ^[11]; Flatequal Family ^[11]; Flores, Carlos ^[11]; Gabehart, Tom ^[17]; Garay, Mary ^[20]; Gingerella, Ed ^[15]; Gonzalez, Joel ^[14]; Lassen, Peter ^[15]; Lester, Bob ^[14]; Ashley Family ^[15]; McMeans, Wendell ^[07]; Moore, Jennifer ^[06]; Mr. Lowe ^[09]; Persat, Diana ^[14];

Price, Jennifer ^[08]; Rasmussen, Linda ^[15];
 Renninger, Ruane's granddaughter-in-law ^[08];
 Schilling, Gene ^[16]; Schilling, Ina ^[08]; Sims,
 Linda ^[05]; Sisters of Oliver Flores ^[20]; Smith,
 Betty ^[13]; Smith, Jimmie (JD) ^[11]; Smoot, Bailey
^[05]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[09]; Smoot, Roger ^[18];
 Smoot, Tiffany ^[13]; Sparks, Lane & Ashley ^[06];
 Spicer, Ronda ^[14]; Street, Cris ^[12]; Unknown
 Last Name, Katheryn ^[17]; Vierling, Gene ^[18];
 Vierling, Scott ^[14]; Walker, Tony Family ^[14];
 Weisel, Michelle ^[10]; White, Linda ^[05]

O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE

– BY FREDRICH VON SPEE

O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
 Come down, come down with mighty stride;
 Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
 Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

O Father, light from heaven send;
 As morning dew, O Son, descend.
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
 To Jacob's line rain down the King.

O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen;
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare,
 Our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.

O Fount of hope, how long, how long?
 When will You come with comfort strong?
 O come, O come, Your throne forego;
 Console us in our vale of woe.

O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?
 O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

MATTHEW 5:2 & 1 THESSALONIANS 24:36

² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Rick Fintel	Feb 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	Feb 22	Anniversary
Pam Flatequal	Feb 22	Birthday
Cecilia Dzielzanowski	Mar 6	Birthday
Dana Cashion	Mar 11	Birthday
Joyce Burris	Mar 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	Mar 12	Birthday
Abby Brown	Mar 23	Birthday



If Your Special Day Is Between Today And March 31st 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 th Or 5 th 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 - Mar 8	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>God's Morals Never Change</i>	
Sun - Mar 15	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Conversion</i>	
Sun - Mar 22	 In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>The Church Matters</i>	see search tv.org for local time and channel
Sun - Mar 29	In Search Of The Lord's Way - <i>Things Jesus Did Not Say</i>	
----- 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 RD Mon	VFW Auxiliary - Fellowship Room At 6:30PM	
Sun - Feb 22	National ¹ Cook A Sweet Potato And ² Walk Your Dog Days & Scouts 169 th Founder's Day	
Mon - Feb 23	National ¹ Play Tennis And ² Banana Bread Days	
Tue - Feb 24	National ¹ Trading Card And ² Tortilla Chip Days	
Wed - Feb 25	Let's All Eat Right Day & National ¹ Chocolate Covered Nuts And ² Clam Chowder Days	
Thu - Feb 26	Carpe Diem Day & National ¹ Set A Good Example And ² Chili And ³ Toast Days And ⁴ Pistachio Days	
Fri - Feb 27	National ¹ Protein And ² Retro And ³ Strawberry	
Sat - Feb 28	National ¹ Science And ² Chocolate Souffle And ³ Pancake Days	
Sun - Mar 1	International Women Of Color Day & National ¹ Fruit Compote And ² Peanut Butter Lover's 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 For Edification —



OLD & NEW IN 365 —

Daily Readings From Both The Old And New Testaments

SUN – Day 57 - Num 16-17; Mrk 6:33-56

MON – Day 58 - Num 18-20; Mrk 7:1-13

TUE – Day 59 - Num 21-25; Mrk 7:14-37;
8:1-21

WED – Day 60 - Num 26-27; Mrk 8:22-38

THU – Day 61 - Num 28-29; Mrk 9:1-29

FRI – Day 62 - Num 30-31; Mrk 9:30-50

SAT – Day 63 - Num 32-33; Mrk 10:1-31

Num = Numbers | Mrk = Mark

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.

TOM'S DAILY Bible Reading

Sunday	2/22/2026	Genesis 22
Monday	2/23/2026	Genesis 23
Tuesday	2/24/2026	Genesis 24
Wednesday	2/25/2026	Genesis 25
Thursday	2/26/2026	Genesis 26
Friday	2/27/2026	Genesis 27
Saturday	2/28/2026	Genesis 28

MEMORIZE Scripture —

Scripture Verses

John 5:26-27 - ²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

John 5:28-29 - ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Hebrews 9:27-28 - ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.