



# 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.*

## CHOOSE JOY! — BY R. PARSONS - NATIONAL ROAD COC, WV

I don't know about you, but I am thankful for the people who have traveled the road before me. Anyone who can notice the potholes and steer me away from the dangers is greatly appreciated. That is why I am thankful to have the accounts of the very first Christians. Their faith conversations, recorded for us in the inspired Word of God, are a huge bonus for us as we live our lives. Understanding their challenges and the prescribed way to handle them is pure gold. Realizing that our lives today are not much different than theirs empowers us to gain encouragement and direction for our path.

Paul writes the Philippian letter to a group of Christians who are in danger of losing a stable spiritual attitude and adopting the doom and gloom attitude with its precipitating behaviors. In his concluding remarks (Philippians 4:1ff), Paul prescribes a good dose of medicine to prevent the corruption of their attitudes.

Let me tell you why this hits so close to home for me. I'm not sure why, but I was

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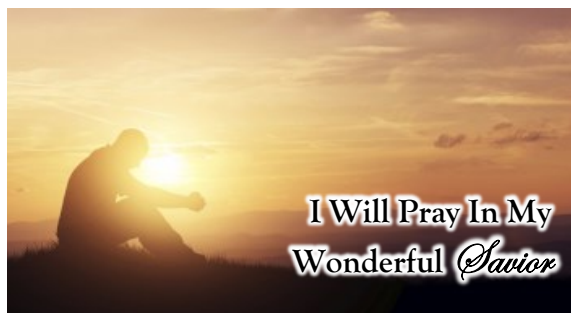
## WELCOME VISITOR!

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. 58—A Wonderful Savior

Song No. 288—Only In Thee

Song No. 406—I Will Pray

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 403—A Blessing In Prayer

Song No. 175—The Lord's Supper

- LORD'S SUPPER •

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 283—I'll Be List'ning

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 293—Yield Not To Temptation

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

## SUN SERMON

— WALKING IN LOVE, LIGHT & WISDOM —



### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Ephesians 5:1- 21; John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-17;  
Romans 12:1-2; Deuteronomy 4:5-6

### SERMON OUTLINE:

#### REVIEW | INTRODUCTION

- I. Walk In Love (1-7)
  - A. Christ Our Example (1-2)
  - B. Pure Love (3-7)
- II. Walk As Light (8-14)
  - A. We Are "Light In The Lord" (8-10)
  - B. Expose "Darkness" (11-14)
- III. Walk As Wise (15-21)
  - A. "Walking As Wise" (15-17)
  - B. "Filled With The Spirit" (18-21)
- IV. Conclusion
  - A. Children Of God Should Rejoice
  - B. Walk In A Worthy Manner Of Our Calling
  - C. Serve Our World
  - D. May God Fill Us With His Spirit

#### 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 2:1-5 —



— 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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raised on a relatively large dose of negativity. There was always something wrong with everything, and if there wasn't, you just hadn't looked hard enough. It took me many years to actually understand this about my past and how it had affected my attitude. I wouldn't call it a gift, but I had a knack for looking at a situation and ignoring any silver lining. My attitude was far from positive and erred on the side of anger, negativity, and gloom. As you can imagine, it didn't work out well for me. I had to learn the hard way. That sort of mindset affects education, work, and relationships. More than anything, it affects your spiritual life. It clouds your vision and dampens your ability to see God at work.

Believe it or not, Paul says to the Philippian church, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Why, you might ask, did the church need to hear that? Basically, between the pressures of living in a hostile world and tensions within the church, the Christians there were in danger of succumbing to the doom

and gloom attitude and allowing it to skew their perspective of God.

I'm not sure I would want to hear "Choose Joy!" when things around me are going south. But, it was exactly what they needed. This isn't

**CHOOSE JOY**

"Slap a smile on and gut it out!" It is Joy in the Lord. It is remembering that, regardless of what is going on in

the world around us, the Lord, Creator, Savior and King is in control. Moreover, he has taken care of sin once and for all by his own blood (Romans 5:6-11, Ephesians 2:12-14). Remembering that will do more than paste a smile on your face; it will transform the most ho-hum attitude into a spirit driven by joy. That joy is precisely the strength we need to continue (Nehemiah 8:10b).

Take some time this week to turn off the world's noise and forget the doom and gloom that our world broadcasts in epic proportions. Remember the only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15), and choose joy

**JOY JOY JOY JOY JOY JOY**

## LET YOUR JESUS BE KNOWN — BY R. PARSONS - NATIONAL ROAD COC, WV

Many years ago, on the shore of a Caribbean island I stood smelling and tasting the humid, still air as I listened to a preacher, in a purple suit, proclaim the Word boldly. It was well into the week's Gospel meeting and there were Christians from all over the island as well as members of the community soaking up the message. At the back of this open air, covered pavilion/fish market, the portable sound system blasted the sermon throughout the village. In the middle of it all, at the back fence, stood a drunk heckler. You heard me right. Ever been in a worship service that involved a heckler? It is an experience you will never forget.

For a week we had walked up and down mountains, through jungles, on dirt paths, dodging large lizards and sitting in small shanties, studying the Bible with willing participants in triple digit temperatures. Although culture shocked and weary, we were excited. The last thing we wanted to do was lose traction. I considered both the double foot drop kick and a blind side spear tackle as my first two options for the heckler. But suddenly I became acutely aware, for the first time, how important it was for me to handle this situation in a Christian way. At this moment, not only was God watching, but the people I had taught and invited to experience Christ were too. Moreover, the drunk guy was only one of several skeptics that stood in the shadows and listened intently for any error or inconstancy in the message that they might use to discredit the

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stroke: She's now in rehab at The Heights of Atascosa in Pleasanton. <sup>[2]</sup>

- ◇ Renninger, Ruane — She fell and (1) suffered a scraped-up and bruised left arm (2) hit her head just above her left eye producing a goodly shiner. Understandably, she's sore all over yet remains in her usual "Ruane" high spirits. <sup>[2]</sup>

## 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. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ 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! <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Carol — **Praise GOD!** Her eye shot procedure went well! <sup>[3]</sup>

## 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!** <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Sparks, Tim [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] — He passed another stress test of his heart, **Praise GOD!** <sup>[4]</sup>

## JUNE 18 & PRIOR

- ◇ 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. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Burris, Joyce — She's doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ 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. <sup>[5+]</sup>

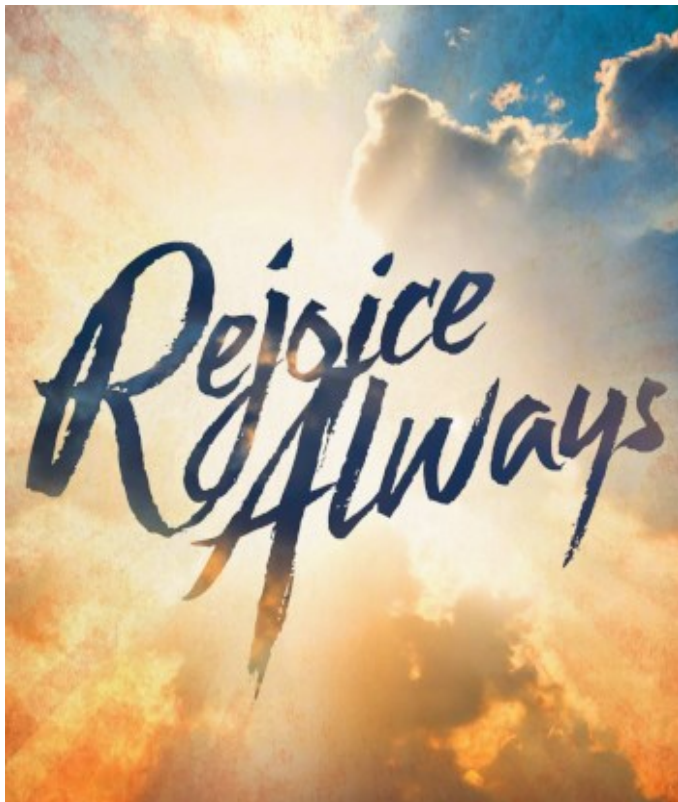
- ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot's friends husband] — His cancer has metastasized. Method of cancer treatment is currently unknown. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling's best friend] — He's been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull. Method of cancer treatment currently unknown. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] — He's dealing with prostate cancer. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Potter, Edna [TOPS friend of the Watkins'] — She is now in a residential nursing home. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Robinson, Betty [Joyce Burris' sister from Laveria, TX] — She fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and then was admitted to rehab. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts' (former member) sister] — She's in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has "given up." <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ 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. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ 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!** <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Strunk, Lea & Billy — She suffers from heart issues and both have been feeling poorly. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ 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! <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy — **Praise To GOD!** She's at home receiving home health care: OT & PT. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] — She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall. <sup>[5+]</sup>
- ◇ 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. <sup>[5+]</sup>

# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22

Rejoice always; <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing; <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit; <sup>20</sup> do not despise prophetic utterances. <sup>21</sup> But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

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Gospel. Despite the stress everyone was feeling, it was paramount that the situation be handled correctly.

Philippians 4:5 tells us to let our "reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;" Scholars have translated "reasonableness" in a few different ways. For simplicity and ease of understanding, I think it is better translated: "Let your Jesus be known to everyone."

If you want to read a biblical story about a heckler, spend some time in Acts 16. Paul promptly dealt with a heckler in Philippi and it led to his arrest and receiving a beating. That night, bleeding and in pain, Paul and Silas sat inside the jail. Rather than rattling the bars, crying out for their rights as Roman citizens, scripture tells us they were...praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them (Acts 16:25). Paul and Silas' "reasonableness" shone through the dark and it led to an entire family being baptized that night. Praise God!

At the time of Paul's letter, the Philippian Christians were in no better of a situation. Stress and mistreatment was still a part of their Christian life. However, Paul is encouraging them to let their hope and rejoicing in Christ shine through and lead to a reasonable, gentle, Christ-like response to everyone around them.

Our world is no different and the way we act now, WILL influence how people perceive Christ. Regardless of the insanity and hate around us, we have to "let our Jesus be known to everyone" by the way we respond. God bless you as you shine for Him this week!



# 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><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—July 23	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Foundation</b> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—July 30	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Pure In Heart</b> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—July 30	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – To Be Announced</b> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Jul 30	<p><b>5th Sunday Fellowship Meal &amp; Games Play After Morning Worship –</b>            Theme: Down Home on the Farm</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—Jul 16	<b>National Ice Cream AND Corn Fritter AND Fresh Spinach Days</b>
Wed—Jul 19	<b>National Hot Dog AND Raspberry Cake Days</b>
Fri—Jul 21	<b>National Junk Food Day</b>
Sat—Jul 22	<b>National Mango AND Chocolate Fudge Days</b>
Sun—Jul 23	<b>National Vanilla Ice Cream AND Peanut Butter-And-Chocolate Days</b>
Wed—Jul 26	<b>National Bagel AND Coffee Milkshake Days &amp; World Tofu Day</b>



## 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	Psa 111; Psa 112; Psa 113; 1 Thes 1; 1 Thes 2
MON	Psa 114; Psa 115; Psa 116; 1 Thes 3; 1 Thes 4
TUE	Psa 117; Psa 118; Psa 119; 1 Thes 5; 2 Thes 1
WED	Psa 120; Psa 121; 2 Thes 2; 2 Thes 3
THU	Psa 122; Psa 123; 1 Tim 1; 1 Tim 2
FRI	Psa 124; Psa 125; 1 Tim 3; 1 Tim 4
SAT	Psa 126; Psa 127; 1 Tim 5; 1 Tim 6

## 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 VARIOUS PSALMS

Psalm 111:1 — Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the company of the upright and in the assembly.

Psalm 116:1-2 — I love the Lord, because He hears my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup> Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

Psalm 117 — Praise the Lord, all nations; laud Him, all peoples! <sup>2</sup> For His lovingkindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord is everlasting. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 118:19-21 — Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous will enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, and You have become my salvation.

Psalm 123:1-2 — To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens! <sup>2</sup> Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He is gracious to us.

