



# 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.*

## HONOR YOUR FATHER

“Honor your father..., which is the first commandment with promise.” (Ephesians 6:2).

For some reason I find it much harder to write a special message about fathers than it is about mothers. I do not know why that is so. The reason may be found in the differing natures of men and women and in the different roles God has given to them. Mothers are, generally, more nurturing, kind, gentle, and tender than fathers; thus, it is easier to write intimate and gentle words of praise about them. Mothers are the nurses, nurturers, and care-givers, while dads are the soldiers, protectors, and leaders. Mothers mend their children's injuries; fathers toughen their children for those injuries. Mothers try to shield their children from the evils that abound in the world; fathers try to equip their children to face those evils. Mothers compassionately weep over their hurts; fathers stoically train their children to endure them. Mother's help their children down the wilderness path of

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# SUN ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 439—Love Divine  
Song No. 36—The Love Of God

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 12—God Of Our Fathers  
Song No. 8—This Is My Father's World  
Song No. 172—There Is A Fountain

- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON •

## — THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD —

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

John 20:17b; 2 Corinthians 12:14; Hebrews 12:7-11;  
2 Chronicles 17:3-4; Ephesians 6:4; Matthew 28:20;  
Philippians 4:13; Galatians 4:4-6

### SERMON OUTLINE:

#### INTRODUCTION

- I. Father's Day & Guilt
- II. Different Kinds Of Fathers
- III. Already Burdened Hearts
- IV. We Have A Father Who Is God & A God Who Is Our Father
  - A. Discipline Children
  - B. Dads Should Be Good Examples
  - C. Instruct Children In God's Saving Word
- V. Fathers Must "Crank It Up A Notch!"
- VI. God Promises His Abiding Presence
- VII. Obedience Waivers, Fails
- VIII. Our Abba
- IX. Assured Of The Father's Love, Forgiveness, Eternal Life
- X. Dads & Abortion
- XI. Under God's Love We Waiver, Fail
- XII. Fully Redeemed
- XIII. Gonna "Crank It Up A Notch!"
- XIV. Adopted In Christ — Living Under God's Love & Forgiveness

#### INVITATION

Invitation Song No. 459—O Master, Let Me Walk...

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 115—O, Thou Fount...

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

# WED NIGHT STUDY

JUNE 21 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall  
Please Join Us If At All Possible!  
(Use Rear Doors)

— Subject To Be Announced —  
LESSON NO. TO BE ANNOUNCED



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS  
FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

— JUNE 25 —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

— JULY 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

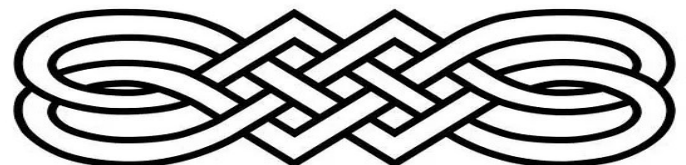
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(See Proverbs 13:24)

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YOU'RE NOT IN TROUBLE ... IT'S JUST  
THAT "SPARE THE ROD SPOIL THE CHILD"  
DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT YOU  
ACTUALLY BEING BAD



[continued from front] life; fathers blaze the trail through it. Fathers may sometimes see their role too narrowly, over-emphasizing leadership over compassion. Paul described himself as a father to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 2:10-12) as he “exhorted” them to walk “worthy of God.” But, he also “comforted” and “implored” them to that same end. Maybe in the burden of being a soldier, leader and protector, fathers fail to develop, or reveal, a tender side. Being a father is not a simple role. It can be overwhelming when we consider that our God, who sits on heaven’s throne, has pre-



sent Himself to mankind in the image of a father. A child’s image of his Father in heaven will derive more from his earthly father than from any other source. No father will measure up well against that standard. Maybe Father’s Day would be best devoted, not so much to paying honor to fathers for a job well done, but to recognizing the ominous task that they have to bear. If fathers seem not to respond as well as mothers to fine words of appreciation, perhaps they would at least covet prayers on their behalf.

“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6:3).



## OUR DELIGHT IN OUR ABBA’S PERFECT LAW

In Scripture, we have a perfect and direct avenue to powerful and transformational encounters with God our Father, our Abba. Jeremiah 15:16 says, “Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.” In

Scripture we find both our weakness and God’s unfailing love portrayed through countless stories. God has spoken to us all we need in Scripture to both understand and pursue wholehearted, unveiled relationship with Him. 2 Peter 1:3 says, “As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.”

The very Spirit who authored the words of Scripture longs to use it to guide us into powerful encounters with our heavenly Father. I fear that many believers today are missing the intended meaning behind Scripture. The Bible is not God. It is designed to act as a guide to knowing its Author. It is designed to give us a desire and understanding about this God who is living, active, and near to us.

Isaiah 55:11 says, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” God’s purpose has always been restored relationship with His people. His goal is our hearts. And His word is powerful in accomplishing His purpose. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account” (Hebrews 4:12-13).

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- had a scan done this past Monday, June 5 and will be seeing a gynecologist.
- ◇ Buckheit, Dan [Art Club member's husband] – **Praise GOD!**, he is doing okay after brain surgery. Doctors will be determining what methods of cancer treatment will be used.
  - ◇ Burrell, Nancy [Deborah Smoot's friend and former coworker] – She passed into eternity Monday, May 1.
  - ◇ Burris, Joyce – She's doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis.
  - ◇ Burris, Joyce's sister [From Washington state] – She fell and broke her wrist. She'll be in a cast from the next 6 weeks.
  - ◇ Burris, Joyce's sister, Betty [From La Vernia, TX] – She fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and then was admitted to rehab.
  - ◇ Burris, Tonya [Joyce Burris' daughter-in-law] – She DID actually have surgery for her ACL/MCL on Monday, April 3 and, **Praise GOD**, she's doing well. It was put off once by her doctor but that was all.
  - ◇ Conran-Meador, Lyra LeeAnn [Watkins' newborn great-niece] – Praise To GOD! She's doing well and thriving via her every-three-hour feeding through her g-tube.
  - ◇ Cook, Charles [Laura Gardner's brother-in-law] – He had a biopsy on his prostate and is looking into a second opinion.
  - ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] – **Praise To GOD!** He's doing much better after the procedure to pulverize some kidney stones that were giving him issues.
  - ◇ Gardner, Jim's 82-year-old neighbor [Name Unknown] [From Hondo, TX] – He's been diagnosed with Multi-myeloma (A type of cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow).
  - ◇ Harris, Hallie Kay [Fintels' new great granddaughter] – **Praise GOD!**, was born healthy on April 13 at 2:36 PM. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length.
  - ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot's friends husband] – His cancer has metastasized and he's planning to start a round of chemo.
  - ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling's best friend] – He's been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull.
  - ◇ Kyler, Terry [Melanie McMeans' cousin's wife] – She stopped breathing, was rushed to the hospital where much fluid was discovered in her lungs. No mention of pneumonia at this time.
  - ◇ (Last Name Unknown), Brandy [Wendell McMeans' coworker] – She was to have a biopsy on her leg and knee where several masses were discovered.
  - ◇ McMeans, Wesley [Wendell McMeans' brother] – He was recently released from the hospital after being admitted for food poisoning which caused other stomach problems.
  - ◇ Messinger, Sarah [Yvette Messinger's (Former Child Member) & Pam Flatequal's niece] – She was married Saturday, April 29.
  - ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] – He's dealing with prostate cancer.
  - ◇ Potter, Edna [TOPS friend of the Watkins'] – 94-year-old Edna fell and broke three bones in her pelvis and hit her head causing a gash. She's now in a nursing home.
  - ◇ Riscon, Allysa [Betty Smith's granddaughter] – She and Billy [Last Name Not Known] were married Wednesday, June 10.
  - ◇ Renninger Family – Harold passed into eternity Sunday, April 6.
  - ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts' (former member) sister] – She's in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has "given up."
  - ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law, Barbara Brown's nephew] – **Praise To GOD!** He is in remission from his leukemia. Doctors will continue to monitor his condition every couple of months and continue with maintenance chemo for a the next two months or so.
  - ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot's cousin's spouse] – She's been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer. **Praise GOD!**, she's responding well to treatment(s).

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# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## ROMANS 13:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.

Do you want to be unafraid of the authority?

Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.



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Psalm 1:1-3 says, “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” The Lord longs to plant us by the streams of His presence. He longs for us to be a people that consistently and purposefully encounter His unending love. He longs for us to meditate on His laws that we might live according to His will and be blessed in all that we do. His heart is for us to know His love through His Spirit and word that we might live a truly abundant life marked by His unceasing faithfulness.

May we as fully loved children of the Most High God seek all that is available to us in Scripture. May we gain heart-knowledge about our Father as His word guides us into more consistent, true, and impactful encounters with Him. May we be a people filled with the stories of God’s redeeming love that we might live in response to the unchanging, active nature of our heavenly Father.



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- ◇ Strunk, Lea & Billy – She suffers from heart issues and both have been feeling poorly.
- ◇ 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!
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – **Praise To GOD!** She at home and still barely ambulatory so she still needs help but she’s determined to get better and is receiving home health care including OT & PT!
- ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] – She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall.
- ◇ Woodard, Ruth [Tom Woodard’s sister] – She had a heart cath procedure on Wednesday, May 24 and **Praise To GOD!** her physician was pleased with the results!
- ◇ Wyrick, Harold [Gardners’ neighbor] – He has Covid yet again.

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Rick & Pam Fintel	June 1	Anniversary
Tom & Pat Woodard	June 10	Anniversary
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–June 25	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Whatever –</b> for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–June 25	<b>Fellowship Lunch</b> after morning worship service

## — 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–Jun 18	<b>Fathers' Day &amp; International Picnic Day &amp; Family Awareness Day</b>
Mon–Jun 19	<b>Juneteenth &amp; National Eat An Oreo Day &amp; Sickle Cell Awareness Day</b>
Tue–Jun 20	<b>American Eagle Day &amp; National Cherry Tart, Vanilla Milkshake, Plain Yogurt, AND Ice Cream Float Days</b>
Wed–Jun 21	<b>First Day Of Summer &amp; National Peaches And Cream AND Smoothie Days</b>
Fri–Jun 23	<b>National Detroit-Style Pizza Day &amp; International Widows' Day</b>
Sun–Jun 25	<b>4th Sunday Fellowship Meal &amp; National Strawberry Parfait 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 27; Psa 28; Psa 29; Rom 10; Rom 11
MON	Psa 30; Psa 31; Psa 32; Rom 12; Rom 13
TUE	Psa 33; Psa 34; Psa 35; Rom 14; Rom 15
WED	Psa 36; Psa 37; Psa 38; Rom 16; 1 Cor 1
THU	Psa 39; Psa 40; Psa 41; 1 Cor 2; 1 Cor 3
FRI	Psa 42; Psa 43; Psa 44; 1 Cor 4; 1 Cor 5
SAT	Psa 45; Psa 46; Psa 47; 1 Cor 6; 1 Cor 7

## 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 ROMANS

*Romans 12:1-3* — <sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

*Romans 14:1-4* — <sup>1</sup> Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. <sup>2</sup> For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge another’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

*Romans 15:1-5* — <sup>1</sup> We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. <sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” <sup>4</sup> For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus.