



# 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.*

## “HEY JUDE!”

When the song, "Hey Jude" became very popular, there was a lot of speculation concerning who Paul McCartney was actually writing about; John Lennon thought Paul was writing about him and his recent separation from his wife, some thought it was about Paul's failing relationship with his longtime girlfriend, and a tabloid journalist in Britain thought it was about her. It was not until 20 years later that Jules Lennon, the son of John Lennon, learned that it was written for him to comfort him during the divorce of his parents. As a matter-of-fact, McCartney originally entitled the song, "Hey Jules." I am not sure why it took so long to let young Lennon know that the words of comfort were for him, but then again, not everything from the Beatles makes sense.

When Jude, the brother of James, wrote his short letter (in the original Greek, 461 words, making it the fifth shortest book in the bible) it was very clear who the audience was. He wrote, "Jude, a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are

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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. 40—Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing

Song No. 439—Love Divine

Song No. 43—Sweet Peace, The Gift Of God's Love

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 45—The Love Of God

Song No. 167—He Loves Me



- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 119—He Loves Me <sup>[I Stand Amazed]</sup>

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 716—God Is So Good

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

## SERMON

### GOD'S MESSENGER & HIS PLANS

#### • SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Romans 15:22-33; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; Colossians 1:28-29; Acts 11:29; Acts 20:35; Romans 1:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

#### REVIEW & INTRODUCTION

- I. The Minister Of God - 15:14-21
- II. The Messenger's Ministry - 15:22-33
  - A. Thorough Job Where He Was
    1. He Stayed The Course
    2. Completed His Ministry
  - B. Worldwide Vision
    1. His Vision
    2. His Expectation
  - C. Remembered His Immediate Needs
  - D. Served In The Gospel
    1. Maintained A Global Vision
    2. Gospel Focus & Nothing Else
  - E. He Requested Much Prayer
    1. Rescued From Unbelievers
    2. Acceptable Service
    3. To Carry Out His Vision
    4. Set Example Of Intercessory Prayer
- III. The Messenger's Commendations - 16:1-16
- IV. The Messenger's Final Warning - 16:17-20
- V. The Messenger's Companions - 16:21-24
- VI. The Messenger's Benediction - 16:25-27

#### CONCLUSION

- INVITATION •

## WED NIGHT STUDY

**FEBRUARY 21 @ 5:00 PM** In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Corinthians 9:20-27 —



— TODAY —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

POTLUCK? TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LADIES...

— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

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are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:1, NASB). So, Jude was written to the "called," the "beloved" in God our Father and for those "kept for Jesus Christ." These three things statements highlight some interesting facts about, not only the recipients of the letter, but you and me.

In reading various web content about the Bible and various other subjects, I think the concept of being "called" has been misunderstood. Paul wrote that we have been "called" by the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). But in the context of Jude, the word "called" means "invited." If you compare the concept of being "invited" to the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22:1-14, I believe it becomes clear what Jude meant, especially when Jesus says in Matthew 22:14 that "Many are called [invited] but few are chosen" (v.14).

We know that those to whom Jude wrote were in a relationship with God because Jude speaks to them as "beloved of God." When someone is "beloved", the idea is that our Heavenly Father is pleased with and fond of that individual; in this case the recipients of Jude's letter. Jude, towards the end of his letter said that we need to "keep yourselves in the love of God" (v.21). This "love" is not the general love that God has for all people but rather the love He has for those that keep His

commandments: "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:2-3).

The idea of being "kept for Jesus" could also be translated as "being guarded by Jesus."

The American military has a term that describes this concept extremely well. They call it "overwatch." Coined in the 1950's, Overwatch is a force protection tactic in modern warfare where one small military unit, vehicle, or aircraft supports another friendly unit against an enemy. When the ground units have taken the high ground, they are able to call in naval and air bombardments and alert mission commanders as to the location of enemy positions and enemy troop movement.

So, Jude addresses this letter to those who have responded to the invitation, to those that love God and are loved by Him and are guarded under the overwatch of Jesus Christ. The fact of these three things should definitely give us comfort and make things better in the midst of all the chaos around us. The question remains, of course, have YOU responded to the invitation? **E**



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HEARTS  
MINDS & SOULS**



years. In another procedure, she also had a deep cyst removed from her back. <sup>[1]</sup>

- ◇ McLay, Gary [Carla's husband] – His last diagnosis showed that his cancer has returned. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Neal, Larry (Friend of the congregation) – He has had, and made still need, surgery on his head where he has what was described as a hole there. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Reilly, Mike & Family (Laura Gardner's cousin's husband) – Mike recently passed into eternity. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Bailey & Dan'iel [Smoots' granddaughters] – They started a six month school/program with YWAM Ships in Hawaii on January 7 to learn to be missionaries for different islands in the Pacific. YWAM stands for Youth With A Mission. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene – She hasn't been feeling well this past week. <sup>[1]</sup>

## FEBRUARY 4

- ◇ Contracted Covid – Stephanie & Hunter Brown [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law & grandson] <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Mary Ann Buckheit [Art Club member who recently lost her husband, Dan] – She recently fell and broke her elbow. <sup>[2]</sup>

## JANUARY 28

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Brown's brother] – He's been falling recently – not sure exactly why – Test revealed that, *Praise GOD*, it is not the brain tumor he's in remission from. He possibly have to undergo a spinal tap in the near future. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Green, Sonia [Tom Woodard's great granddaughter] – She recently had an ear-tube implant procedure to hopefully help with her ears. *Praise GOD* she came through the procedure fine! <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] – His ear is in a mess – he has cholesteatoma (a non-cancerous skin growth in the middle ear). He will most likely have to have surgery. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ LeFluer, Miranda [Preston Davis' (Tom's friend)

friend] – *Praise GOD*, she's now out of rehab after her accident which had caused brain swelling. She seems to continue to recover at a reasonable pace <sup>[3]</sup>

- ◇ McMeans, Velma [Wendell McMeans' mom] – She is to have a spinal cord stimulator trial where electrodes are implanted in the epidural space of the spine in an attempt to alleviate pain. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – Please be in prayer – She had a scary episode (healthwise) Monday, January 22. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Villarreal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] – He's been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasized to several areas of his body. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Welsby, Chris [Vierlings' friend from Georgia] – *Praise GOD*, his back surgery went well and he's recovering nicely. <sup>[3]</sup>

## ONGOING

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

Bippert, Cheryl <sup>[13]</sup>; Bippert, Ernest Family <sup>[13]</sup>; Boldt, Sandy <sup>[13]</sup>; Brown, Scott <sup>[18]</sup>; Brown, Stephanie <sup>[4]</sup>; Buckheit, Dan Family <sup>[19]</sup>; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes <sup>[6]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[19]</sup>; Corren, Jan <sup>[6]</sup>; Davis, R. Family <sup>[13]</sup>; Davis, P. Family <sup>[19]</sup>; Delaney, Sophie <sup>[7]</sup>; Dye, Joyce <sup>[13]</sup>; Evans, Steve <sup>[6]</sup>; Fintel, Pam <sup>[13]</sup>; Green, Marvin <sup>[7]</sup>; Halverson, Rich Family <sup>[19]</sup>; Mays, Alice Family <sup>[8]</sup>; Montalvo, Louie <sup>[15]</sup>; Moore, Michael & Michele <sup>[13]</sup>; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) <sup>[13]</sup>; Noble, David Family <sup>[17]</sup>; Norris, David Family <sup>[6]</sup>; Parra, Rudy <sup>[19]</sup>; Segura, Gilbert Family <sup>[5]</sup>; Sensat, Miriam <sup>[20]</sup>; Shaw, Nancy <sup>[6]</sup>; Slaughter, Ron <sup>[18]</sup>; Smith, Bessie Family <sup>[3]</sup>; Smith, Betty <sup>[17]</sup>; Smith, Zachary Family <sup>[5]</sup>; Smoot, Randy <sup>[9]</sup>; Torres, Donna <sup>[11]</sup>; Turnbow, Elaine <sup>[9]</sup>; Turnbow, Gary <sup>[9]</sup>; Villarreal, Doris Family <sup>[3]</sup>; Wentrcek, James Family <sup>[9]</sup>; Woodard, Sue <sup>[12]</sup>

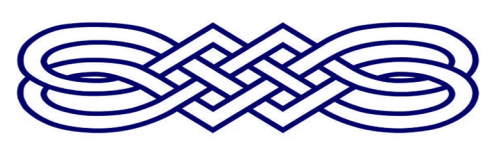


# JUDE – A BRIEF SUMMARY

**A Brief Summary:** According to verse 3, Jude was anxious to write about our salvation; however, he changed topics to address contending for the faith. This faith embodies the complete body of Christian doctrine taught by Christ, later passed on to the apostles. After Jude warns of false teachers (verses 4-16), he advises us on how we can succeed in spiritual warfare (verses 20-21). Here is wisdom we would do well to accept and adhere to as we go through these days of the end times.

**Purpose of Writing:** The Book of Jude is an important book for us today because it is written for the end times, for the end of the church age. The church age began at the Day of Pentecost. Jude is the only book given entirely to the great apostasy. Jude writes that evil works are the evidence of apostasy. He admonishes us to contend for the faith, for there are tares among the wheat. False prophets are in the church and the saints are in danger. Jude is a small but important book worthy of study, written for the Christian of today.

**Practical Application:** We live in a unique time in history and this little book can help equip us for the untold challenges of living in the end times. Today’s Christian must be on guard for false doctrines which can so easily deceive us if we are not well-versed in the Word. We need to know the Gospel—to protect and defend it—and accept the Lordship of Christ, which is evidenced by a life-change. Authentic faith always reflects Christ-like behavior. Our life in Christ should reflect our very own heart-knowledge that rests on the authority of the Almighty Creator and Father who puts faith into practice. We need that personal relationship with Him; only then will we know His voice so well that we will follow no other. **E**



# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## JUDE 1:16-19

<sup>16</sup> These [certain ungodly men, v.4 & dreamers, v.8] are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. <sup>17</sup> But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>18</sup> how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. <sup>19</sup> These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

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# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Rick Fintel	February 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	February 22	Anniversary
Pam Flatequal	February 22	Birthday
Joyce Burris	March 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	March 12	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And March 12, 2024  
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>              Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</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–Feb 18	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>A Sin-Sick Soul</i></b> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–Feb 25	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Freedom In Christ</i></b> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–Mar 3	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>TBA</i></b> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–Mar 10	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>TBA</i></b> – 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–Feb 18	<b>Crab-Stuffed Flounder &amp; Eat Ice Cream For Breakfast Days</b>
Mon–Feb 19	<b>President's Day   Iwo Jima Day   National Chocolate Mint Day</b>
Tue–Feb 20	<b>National Cherry Pie &amp; Muffin Days   Clean Out Your Bookcase Day</b>
Wed–Feb 21	<b>National Sticky Bun Day</b> 
Fri–Feb 23	<b>National Banana Bread Day</b> 
Sun–Feb 25	<b>National Chocolate Covered Peanuts &amp; Clam Chowder Days</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!

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## 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)

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## DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



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

SUN	Feb 18 - Lev 16-18
MON	Feb 19 - Lev 19-21
TUE	Feb 20 - Lev 22-23
WED	Feb 21 - Lev 24-25
THU	Feb 22 - Lev 26-27
FRI	Feb 23 - Num 1-2
SAT	Feb 24 - Num 3-4

Lev = Leviticus | Num = Numbers

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM JUDE

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

<sup>4</sup> For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup> But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

<sup>14</sup> Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, <sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And on some have compassion, making a distinction; <sup>23</sup> but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

