



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.

BUNCH OF EMPTY SEATS!

As a rather graphic warning against the severe consequences of dishonesty, the example, as recorded in Acts, of Ananias and Sapphira is not easily surpassed. Many of the early Christians were encouraged by the generosity of those who sold earthly possessions to meet the needs of others. In particular, the actions of Barnabas, who later became the missionary companion of the apostle Paul, are highlighted in Scripture (Acts 4:36-37). As the story goes, Ananias and Sapphira, his wife, sold a parcel of land and brought a portion

of the proceeds to lay at the apostles' feet. Up to this point, they had done nothing amiss. No one had been commanded to sell everything. Those who sold what they had to contribute to the needs of the poor did so on a purely voluntary basis. Ananias and Sapphira were free to give any amount they wished – or none at all. However, they conspired together to give a portion of the proceeds while pretending to give it all (Acts 5:1-10).

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SUN ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Song No. 106—All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name
 Song No. 388—Take Time To Be Holy
 Not In Song Book—Come Share The Lord

- LORD'S SUPPER •

Song No. 353—How . . . Young Secure Their Hearts
 Song No. 279—Give Me The Bible

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

- SERMON •

— THE HOPE OF ISRAEL'S SALVATION —

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Romans 11:11-24; 1 Thessalonians 2:15-16; Acts 28:27-28;
 2 Corinthians 5:17-18; Jeremiah 24:7;
 Ephesians 1:18; 2 Kings 17:15; Matthew 21:43;
 Isaiah 5:21; Hebrews 3:7-9; Jeremiah 3:22

SERMON OUTLINE:

REVIEW / INTRODUCTION

- I. Stumbled Over Christ (vv.11-12)
 - A. Salvation To The Gentiles (v.11a)
 - B. Israel Can Be Restored (v.11b)
 - C. Rich Blessings Available For All (v.12)
- II. Paul Stirs Them To Salvation (vv.13-15)
 - A. Magnified Gentile Ministry (v.13)
 - B. Paul's Purpose (vv.14-15)
 - C. Stir Some To Aalvation (v.14)
 - D. Bring Restoration To Mankind (v.15)
- III. The Heritage Of Holiness (v.16)
- IV. Warnings to Others (vv.17-24)
 - A. The Olive Tree (v.17)
 - B. Do Not Be Arrogant (v.18)
 - C. Fear Complacency And Unbelief (v.19-21)
 - D. Take A Sharp Look At The Goodness And Severity Of God (v.22)
 - E. The Restoration Is A Probable Event (vv.23-24)

CONCLUSION / INVITATION

Invitation Song No. 578—Trust And Obey

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 370—Take My Life And Let It Be

- PRAYER: OFFERING—CLOSING—LUNCH •

DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

OR STAY FOR LUNCH & GAMES



WED NIGHT STUDY

MAY 3 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

If You're Unable To Attend To Watch The Videos,
 You May Read The Following To Keep Up:

HEBREWS 13:1-25



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS
 FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

— TODAY —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal — After Morning Worship
 5th Sunday Game Day — After Fellowship Meal

— MAY 28TH —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal
 After Morning Worship

SUNNY GLEN

Truck Route

Items Requested:



Sunny Delight (Any Sizes)

Potato Chips (Any Kind, Any Sizes)



Alfredo Sauce (Any Kind)

Seasoning Salt (Any Kind)



Pickup: June 13-14, 2023

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What made the sin of Ananias and Sapphira such an awful transgression? They had not merely lied to men – they had lied to God (well, they tried) as well. Lying to men is bad enough. Lying to God is far more serious. Perhaps, they were motivated by the praise others were receiving for their generosity. Or, they may have had good intentions, but when the money was in their hands, their hearts gave way to greed. We are not told their motives. They may have even feared poverty themselves – and decided to keep some for themselves “just in case.” Or, it may be that they were consumed by covetousness from beginning to end. Whatever their justification, it cost them dearly both in this life and in the life which is to come.

Lying does not always result in physical death



in this life. A preacher stood before his congregation and preached a lesson on Ananias and Sapphira. When he got to the part where they dropped dead, he said, “I’m glad God doesn’t do that today. If He did, you know where I’d be.”

Realizing what he had said, he quickly added, “I’d be here talking to a bunch of empty seats!” But lying still has eternal consequences. John said, “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake

which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8). Lying may buy you some time here on earth, but if you never repent of that sin and make amends where needed, do you want to take the chance that you’ll have an eternity in hell to regret your purchase?

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REVIVAL OF HONESTY

As a nation, we stand in desperate need for a revival in the ways of honesty. So, in a practical way, let me suggest the following five steps toward that end:

1. Learn Bible Principles That Relate To Honesty. In the context of making false vows, Jesus said, “But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil” (Matthew 5:37). Paul wrote the brethren in Ephesus, saying, “Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another” (Ephesians 4:25). There are many such verses in the Bible so, I’d recommend that you make your own list of references and refer to it often. Nothing can change bad habits like a good working knowledge of God’s word.

2. Set The Right Example Of Honesty Before Others. A good example of honesty is vital in the home; but it is essential if we hope to influence friends and neighbors! The power of a good example can hardly be understated. So, make sure your life is a good example of honesty.

3. Encourage And Expect Honesty From Others. This is especially important for children, grandchildren, even great grandchildren! If you make a promise, be sure to keep it (Psalm 15:4). Don’t ask your children to lie for you. Don’t cheat on business transactions. Be humble enough to admit when you have made

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Wednesday, April 12.

- ◇ Conran-Meador, Lyra LeeAnn [Watkins' newborn great-niece] – Her g-tube implantation procedure on Friday, April 14 was successful and she was able to go home for the first time on Friday, April 21. She spent very nearly 3 full months in NicU – remember, her birth was Monday, January 23
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam – She underwent knee surgery Monday, April 17 and is doing well.
- ◇ Gardner, Jim's 82-year-old neighbor [From Hondo, TX] – He was just released from the hospital where he spent a month being treated for Covid and has now been diagnosed with Multiple myeloma (A type of cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow).
- ◇ Malaise/Not Feeling Well – Smith, Betty & Smoot, Deborah
- ◇ 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. Doctors have decided not to operate.
- ◇ Woodard Family [Tom & his sister-in-law, June] – Saturday, April 22 is the anniversary of Bubba's [Tom's brother] passing.
- ◇ Woodard, Ruth [Tom Woodard's sister] – Her doctor didn't like the results of a recent stress test so, he's putting her through another one soon.

APRIL 16

- ◇ Cook, Charles [Laura Gardner's brother-in-law] – He had a biopsy on his prostate and is looking into a second opinion.
- ◇ Barlow, Doris [Tom Woodard's girls, Michelle and Janice's, grandmother] – **Praise GOD**, She's doing well after her move into assisted living on Friday, March 3.
- ◇ Geehan, Tiffany [Smoots' daughter] – **Praise GOD**, she's recovered from Shingles.
- ◇ Harris, Colin & Melanie [Fintels' grandson and granddaughter-in-law] – **Praise GOD!** Melanie gave birth to a health baby girl. She's named

Hallie Kay and she was born April 13 at 2:36 PM. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

APRIL 6 & PRIOR

- ◇ Bailey, Linzi [Ronda Spicer's niece] – She underwent breast reconstructive surgery this past Wednesday and, **Praise GOD!**, all went well.
- ◇ Buckheit, Dan [Art Club husband] – **Praise GOD!** he is doing okay after brain surgery and is currently seeing a speech and physical therapist. Doctors will be determining what methods of cancer treatment to be used.
- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She's doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis.
- ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot's friends husband] – His cancer has metastasized and he's planning to start a round of chemo. But, he's already decided to discontinue treatment if it makes him too sick.
- ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling's best friend] – He's been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull. He's searching for a team of doctors to treat him while he winters in Florida with his wife.
- ◇ Kyler, Terry [Melanie McMeans' cousin's wife] – She stopped breathing, was rushed to the hospital where much fluid was discovered in her lungs, but no mention of pneumonia at this time.
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell's coworker, Brandy – She was to have a biopsy on her leg and knee where several masses were discovered.
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] – He's dealing with prostate cancer.
- ◇ Orr, Lori – She continues to improve while in palliative care whose goal is focused upon improving the quality of life for individuals suffering from serious and/or longtime health issues.
- ◇ Orr, Myrna [Dan Orr's mother] – She's better, **Praise GOD!**, and has been instructed to see her doctor for tests relative to her heart issue.



SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

MARK 13:14-23

¹⁴ “So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁷ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹ For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. ²⁰ And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

²¹ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, He is there!’ do not believe it. ²² For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³ But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.”

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a mistake and ask for forgiveness.

4. Be Willing To Confront Dishonesty In Others. This does not mean that we have to be contentious or nit-picky. It means when you hear facts, people, or issues misquoted, politely correct the mistake. This makes others aware of their own honesty; but it must be done with kindness. No one likes to be attacked or have everything called into question. Diplomatic confrontation is one way Christians can influence the morality of the people around us.

5. Make Honesty A Prayer-Priority. We tend to be more conscious of things for which we continually pray. Ask God to help you keep truth and fiction separated in your mind and in your conversation. Ask Him to help you keep your word. It used to be said, “A man’s word is his bond.” We need to restore that level of verbal integrity. So, commit yourself to a new level of honesty in every aspect of your life. You will be better for it and the world a better place in which to live.

So, brethren, make **A Pledge To Be Honest.** Honest, even when others are not around to notice. Honest, even when others are compromising truth. Honest, in both adversity and prosperity. Hard economic times are no excuse for dishonesty. Neither is “politics” or “business.” Dishonesty is a slippery slope. There is no telling where even a small departure from truth will eventually take us. So, let’s be honest in all things, following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:22).

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**Are You
 Being
 Honest
 With
 God?**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Cris Street	April 27	Birthday
Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And May 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>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM Every 4th Sunday Of <i>Every</i> Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday — MAY 28, 2023 —</p>
Every Monday	 <p>Sewing Sisters – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy.</p>
Sun–Apr 30	Fellowship Lunch after morning worship service & Games after fellowship lunch
Sun–May 7	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Finding The Truth</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–May 14	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Am Not Ashamed</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–May 21	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Rejoice In The Lord</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–May 28	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Can I Repent?</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–May 28	Fellowship Lunch after morning worship service

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>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)</p>
3rd Mondays	VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM 
4th Tuesdays	 Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM
Sun–Apr 30	National Oatmeal Cookie And Raisin And Bubble Tea Days
Thu–May 4	National Day Of Prayer & World Giving Day
Fri–May 5	Cinco De Mayo & National Hoagie Day
Fri–May 5	National Roast Leg Of Lamb Day & World Laughter Day

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 —



Immersive — Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	1 Chr 20; 1 Chr 21; 1 Chr 22; Mrk 1; Mrk 2
MON	1 Chr 23; 1 Chr 24; 1 Chr 25; Mrk 3; Mrk 4
TUE	1 Chr 26; 1 Chr 27; 1 Chr 28; Mrk 5; Mrk 6
WED	1 Chr 29; 2 Chr 1; 2 Chr 2; Mrk 7; Mrk 8
THU	2 Chr 3; 2 Chr 4; 2 Chr 5; Mrk 9; Mrk 10
FRI	2 Chr 6; 2 Chr 7; 2 Chr 8; Mrk 11; Mrk 12
SAT	2 Chr 9; 2 Chr 10; 2 Chr 11; Mrk 13; Mrk 14

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 —

SOME MEMORY VERSES FROM MARK

Mark 13:5-8 — ⁵ And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.”

Mark 13:9-11 — ⁹ “But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 13:12-13 — ¹² “Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ¹³ And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

