



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.

MATURING IN FAITH'S DAILY GUIDANCE

— HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO?

— by **Andy Davis**, twojourneys.org; edited by **Mitch Watkins**

If you're maturing in your faith, know that maturing Christians are tasked to develop a consistent sense of practical guidance by the Holy Spirit. This world is complex, and so are the many decisions a maturing Christian must make in daily life: where to live, what job to pursue, moving closer to the children and grandkids, who to marry, how often and much to read the Bible, what ministry best lines up with his/her gifts, what Christian charity to donate to, whether to go on a mission trip, etc., how often to attend church services and Bible studies. Faith is the spiritual eyesight by which we can perceive the specific path God wants us to take. The more we mature in faith, the clearer will be the strong sense of guidance God will give us, through His word, for these various decisions.

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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. 233—Am I A Soldier Of The Cross
Song No. 145—Nailed To The Cross

- MINISTER’S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 171—When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Song No. 432—Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross



- LORD’S SUPPER •
- SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 562—Kneel At The Cross

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 156—Must Jesus Bear The Cross...

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

ONLY TWO CHOICES — GALATIANS 6:11-18

• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Galatians 6:11-18; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Galatians 2:20; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Corinthians 1:19-21; 3:19-20; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 4:16; Galatians 6:8

• SERMON OUTLINE •

CONCLUSION — (1) Summary Of Galatians | (2) In Closing, Paul References: (a) The Size Of His Letters; (b) Particular Contrasts That Paul Makes

- I. Boasting In A Show Of The Flesh
 - A. It Is Tempting To So Boast
 - B. Do We So Boast In The Flesh?
 1. Caring What Others See And Think?
 2. Examples Of Fleshly Boasting
 - a. Expensive Clothing
 - b. Religious Titles To Impress Others
 - c. Elaborate Buildings For Appeal
 - d. Emphasis On Numbers
 - e. Showcasing Celebrities In The Church
- II. Boasting In The Cross Of Christ
 - A. This Was The Boast Of Paul
 - B. Do We Boast In The Cross Of Christ?

Conclusion — ((1) Wherein Do We Boast Today? | Paul's Final Words Include: (a) A plea; (b) A Prayer

— INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)

Please Join Us When Possible!

— 1 Corinthians 13:1-9 —



— APRIL 28 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

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It is true that these decisions involve more than faith. We develop wisdom and sight into the world and ourselves by living and learning every day. God expects us to use that practical wisdom when we must make decisions. The “rubber meets the road” daily wisdom employed by worldly-wise people offers helpful guidance, and Jesus himself said, “The children of this world are in this generation wiser than the children of light” (Luke 16:8). However, the eye of faith sees beyond the mere physical and practical decisions to what’s best for the kingdom of God and for eternity. And as Christians mature, they have more and more a sense of what God is doing in this or that situation. This sense comes from the Holy Spirit who speaks through His inspired word, and it is vital so that we do not waste life’s precious resources, especially time and strength, on things that are at cross purposes with what God’s wise plan calls for.

So, in James 1:5-6, the text tells Christians to ask God for wisdom in these situations. And it directly links the reception of that guidance to



faith – we must believe and not doubt that God will give it. The failure of this kind of faith is described in terms almost exactly like the words used by Paul in Ephesians 4:14 to describe spiritual infants – immature Christians. So, maturing Christians develop a capacity to ask and receive from God all the wisdom needed for vital decisions that shape the entire direction of their lives.

Isaiah 30:21 also gives a sense of this guidance, the ability to “hear” the voice (the Bible) of the Lord which guides us day by day, telling us where to go and what to do and how to do it. Another key passage is John 14:21, “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father; and I too will love him and manifest myself to him.” This manifesting of Christ to the obedient Christian is a vital revelation of Christ’s person and purposes in this world. The more faithfully obedient we are to God, the more he will include us in His ways and purposes. That form of daily guidance is essential to the life of faith in a maturing Christian. **E**

MATURE IN LOVING AS CHRIST LOVES

– DOES OUR HEART WANT WHAT GOD WANTS?

– by **Andy Davis**, twojourneys.org; edited by **Mitch Watkins**

Maturing Christians develop a heart that loves what Christ loves and hates what Christ hates. Christian maturity is a matter of the heart. It is not an outward show devoid of inner reality. It is not putting another coat of whitewash over a tomb of stinking corpses. It is true to the core. And therein lies the challenge of genuine Christian growth. For while we can accept the concept of justification by faith alone, we know that sanctification is a matter of matching the reality with what God has declared about us. God says, “Let there be light” (Genesis 1:3), and there IS light. God says, “Let him (her) be holy,” and there IS holiness... actual, real conformity to Christ! And it all starts with the heart, what the Bible reveals as the core of our very being. But the Bible reveals that the heart of man is treacherous and dark... desperately so... and “Who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). How then can we see our core nature being actually transformed to that of Christ’s?

It begins with regeneration, with being made new by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a change so radical that Jesus calls it being “born again” (John 3:7). Ezekiel likens it to having our heart of stone removed

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- ◇ Smoot, Jeremy [Smoots' nephew] – He was hospitalized due to chest pains. He had 100% blockage. Doctors implanted one stint Wednesday and another Thursday, April 11. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vierling, Gene – He's been experiencing heart rate issues. He has an appointment with his doctor Tuesday, April 16. ^[NEW]

APRIL 7

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] – Praise GOD! His surgery to implant a shunt to drain excess liquid from his brain went well! ^[1]
- ◇ Bridgewater, Rebecca [Mitch Watkins' sister] – Experiencing health issues. She's seeing several doctors about her condition(s). ^[1]
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam – **Praise GOD!** She's excited to be a soon-to-be great grandmother! Pray all goes well with the pregnancy! ^[1]
- ◇ Taiwan – Taiwanese People as they recover from the 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake. Pray for the Victims – 9 Killed, 50 Missing, Over 900 injured. ^[1]
- ◇ U.S. Northeast – Any peoples affected by the 4.8 earthquake followed by 4.0 aftershock and any others that may still occur. ^[1]
- ◇ Watkins, Mitch – He's asking for prayers for my back and hips which have been bothering me more and more. Also the strength to take care of Betsy, as she deserves, and to do so to the best of my ability ^[1]

MARCH 31

- ◇ Haby, Casey [Mark Cashion's (Friend of the congregation) sister-in-law?] – She had a double mastectomy sometime in the past. Unfortunately, now at age 51, the cancer has returned and she is not doing well. ^[2]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She may possibly have a stint(s) implanted in her heart. ^[2]
- ◇ Slaughter, Mary [Melanie McMeans' sister] – She was in a head-on collision but Praise GOD! she wasn't hurt badly – mostly bruises and soreness. ^[2]
- ◇ Smoot, Bailey & Dan'iel [Smoots' granddaughters]

– Both girls left (Friday, March 29) for three months of mission work. Bailey will be in South Africa and Dan'iel will be visiting the remaining Hawaiian Islands. ^[2]

- ◇ Vela, John & Cheryl [Ruane Renninger's son-in-law and daughter] – Praise GOD! They arrived safely to Japan! But upon arriving there, they both were sick. Then, a doctor said Cheryl needs a different brace for her knee and John had to go to the dentist. ^[2]

ONGOING

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

Barron, Pat Family ^[3]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[19]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[19]; Boldt, Sandy ^[19]; Brown, Hunter ^[9]; Brown, Scott ^[26]; Brown, Stephanie ^[12]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[27]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[14]; Burris, Gloria ^[7]; Burris, Joyce ^[4]; Corren, Jan ^[14]; Davis, Randy Family ^[21]; Davis, Preston ^[9]; Davis, Preston Family ^[27]; Delaney, Sophie ^[15]; Dye, Joyce ^[22]; Evans, Steve ^[15]; Fintel, Pam ^[22]; Green, Marvin ^[16]; Green, Sonia ^[12]; Lopez, Emily ^[6]; Mays, Alice Family ^[14]; McLay, Carla ^[9]; McLay, Gary ^[9]; McMeans, Velma ^[11]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[21]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[21]; Neal, Larry ^[9]; Noble, David Family ^[25]; Norris, David Family ^[14]; Parra, Rudy ^[27]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[9]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[13]; Shaw, Nancy ^[14]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[11]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[13]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[7]; Smoot, Randy ^[6]; Sparks, Janice ^[3]; Strunk, Lea ^[3]; Torres, Donna ^[19]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[17]; Turnbow, Gary ^[17]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[11]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[6]; Welsby, Chris ^[11]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[17]

“⁴ One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

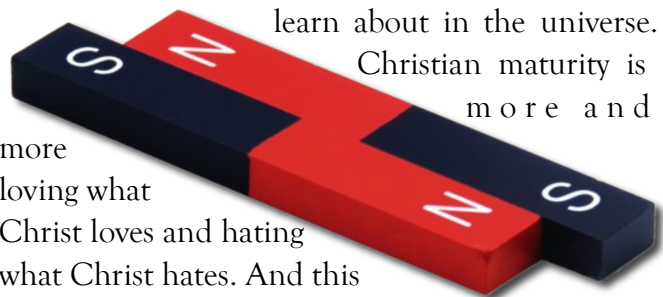
– Psalm 27:4-5

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and a heart of flesh put in its place – from death to life in the core of our being. And while that happens instantaneously at baptism, we know that the heart’s habits are still a matter of gradual change by obedience to the word of God and by the power of the Spirit. The central attribute of the heart’s new life must be love. What is love? It is likened to a magnet in its powerful attractions or repulsions. Take two powerful bar magnets with poles stamped into the iron – “N” and “S.” Put the N of one near the S of the other and you can feel an invisible force of attraction start to act, powerfully pulling the two together. Reverse one of them and put the N near the other N and you can feel just as powerfully the force of repulsion. The mystery of magnetism!

So it is with the heart and its power to love and to hate. Love is an inner attraction of the heart toward something; hatred is an inner repulsion of the heart away from something. Our hearts do this all the time about everything we learn about in the universe.

Christian maturity is more and more loving what Christ loves and hating what Christ hates. And this should be a matter of degree. Just as some magnets are stronger than others, so our heart attraction to God – Father, Son, and Spirit – should be the strongest love we have. If our heart has a stronger pull toward any created thing in the universe, that thing is an idol! So, we learn to kill idolatrous loves and to feed holy loves. Our love for Christ is too weak so we plead with God to make it stronger. Our love for other Christians is similarly too weak so we plead in the same way to make that stronger as well. Conversely, we know we should hate wickedness with the pure passion that Christ does. We learn in the process of making or declaring a thing to be holy (known as sanctification) just how weak our hatred of sin is and



SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 31:1-5

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. 2 Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me. 3 For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me. 4 Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength. 5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

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“The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? — Psalm 27:1

how much more powerful it should become.

The great good news of the gospel is that God will finally and perfectly conform us to Christ’s heart when we are glorified. And we will spend eternity in heaven loving what Christ loves in the way he loves it and hating what Christ hates in the way he hates it. Oh, how we should yearn for that day! **E**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Darrell Ranne	April 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	April 16	Birthday
Cris Street	April 27	Birthday
Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And May 22, 2024
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 – <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 Thursday	 <p>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – 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–Apr 21	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Can Know The Answer</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 28	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Have Hope For Heaven</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–May 5	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Back To The Bible</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–May 12	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>One Body</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— 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	 <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Apr 14	<p>National ¹Pecan • ²Do Good Deeds • ³Grits Days</p> 
Mon–Apr 15	<p>Income Tax Pay Day ¹National Glazed Spiral Sliced Ham; ²Patriots' Day</p>
Wed–Apr 17	<p>National ¹Banana; ²Cheeseball; ³Crawfish; ⁴School Librarians' Days</p>
Fri–Apr 19	<p>National ¹Chicken Parmesan; ²Garlic; ³Riceball Days</p> 
Sat–Apr 20	<p>National ¹Pineapple Upside-Down Cake; ²Cheddar Fries; ³Husband Appreciation Days</p>
Sun–Apr 21	<p>National ¹Chocolate Covered Cashews; ²Chickpea; ³Kindergarten Days</p> 

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 —



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

SUN	Apr 14 - 1 Sam 21-24
MON	Apr 15 - Ps 7, Ps 27, Ps 31, Ps 34, Ps 52
TUE	Apr 16 - Ps 56, Ps 120, Ps 140-142
WED	Apr 17 - 1 Sam 25-27
THU	Apr 18 - Ps 17, Ps 35, Ps 54, Ps 63
FRI	Apr 19 - 1 Sam 28-31, Ps 18
SAT	Apr 20 - Ps 121, Ps 123-125, Ps 128-130

Sam = Samuel | Ps = Psalms

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 PSALMS

17:6-9 — ⁶I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech. ⁷Show Your marvelous loving-kindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You from those who rise up against them. ⁸Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings, ⁹from the wicked who oppress me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

35:9-10 — ⁹And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in His salvation. ¹⁰All my bones shall say, “Lord, who is like You, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?”

63:1-5 — ¹O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. ²So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. ³Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. ⁴Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. ⁵My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.