



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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Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship
~12:00PM — Every 4th Or 5th Sunday

- Potluck Fellowship Meal •

Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

May 27, 2024 — Memorial Day
May We Remember Those Who
Have Given Their Life
For Our Freedom



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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.

PSALM 98 (PART TWO)

Synopsis from Part One: As stated last week, Psalm 98 is a beautiful song of praise and points our attention to our victorious God where He is our deliverer (vv. 1-3), our King (vv. 4-6), and our righteous Judge (vv. 7-9). Scholars believe that this Psalm can be thought of as noble and spirit-stirring, one that may have originally been written for some great national triumph of its time.

There is much mentioned to praise God for throughout this Psalm, but one attribute worth thinking on today is that our God is a God who does not forget (v. 3). That's hard to imagine, because we forget — a lot — and even more so as we as we age! We forget about appointments, commitments, where we put things. But God doesn't forget. He doesn't forget the promises He made to us. He doesn't forget to keep His word. He doesn't forget about us or neglect us. Not even the sparrows are forgotten in His eyes (Luke 12:6).

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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. 242—Soldiers Of Christ Arise

Song No. 413—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 219—Sound The Battle Cry

Song No. 338—My Faith Looks Up To Thee



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

Invitation Song No. 368—All To Jesus I Surrender

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 471—Abide With Me

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE

OR

STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND A MEAL

SERMON

SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIANITY 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

1 Corinthians 15:58; Proverbs 23:7; Acts 2:46-47; Philippians 4:4; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Galatians 6:10; Titus 2:11-14; Matthew 7:12; 2 Timothy 1:12

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) Many Ways To Measure Christian Success | (2) Much Of It Is Attitude | (3) Things That Make Christians Successful

- I. Confidence About Being A Christian
 - A. The Early Church Showed It
 - B. Christians Should Feel Good
- II. Be A Good Person
 - A. Do What Is Right
 - B. The Golden Rule In Practice
- III. Become More Involved
 - A. Saving Souls
 - B. The Greatest Of Works
- IV. Our Disposition: Enthusiasm, Positivity, Happiness
- V. Totally Committed
 - A. No Partial Commitment
 - B. Popular Song — "I Surrender All"

CONCLUSION — (1) These Things Will Result In: (a) Effectiveness In The Kingdom; (b) Church Growth | (2) God Will Never Forsake Us

— INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

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

Please Join Us When Possible!

— 1 Corinthians 15:39-16:1 —



— TODAY —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK

— JUNE 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR THEME WILL BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

SUNNY GLEN

Truck Route

Pickup: This Week, June 11-12, 2024

Items Requested:

Cake Mix & Frostings (Any)



Aluminum Foil (Any Kind, Any Sizes)

Capri Sun & Other Juice Pouches
(Any Kind & Flavor)



Fabuloso Floor Cleaner

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But brethren, when we see all that is happening in the world, how are we to have joy? When we consider our own personal struggles in life, how can we find joy and hope? During difficult time, the psalms are, of course, always a great place to turn to find strength and words of hope. Many of the psalms were written during personal distresses experienced by God’s people. Some of the psalms were written after the nation of Judah was invaded, captured, and carried away into captivity at the hands of foreigners. The psalms are God’s book of hope to His people.

Just look at how often the psalm calls for joy and singing. Verse 1 reads, “Sing to the Lord.”

Verse 4 reads, “Make a joyful noise, sing praises, break forth into joyous song.” Verses 5-6 repeat these calls for joyous songs and joyful noises. Verse 8 says to clap the hands and sing for joy together. The point of this psalm is for God’s people to sing and have joy. So, how is this possible?

First, we must realize that our God is a sovereign Savior (vv. 1-3). The new song His people are to sing is a song of salvation offered to the Lord in the context of military victory. For us, we look at God’s deliverance from our sins when we see the cross. Our hope in difficult times is the knowledge of God’s deliverance – a deliverance that He has revealed to the earth through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Continuing: Verses 4-6 are a call for all the earth to make joyful noises and sing praises to the King, the Lord Who is Sovereign King of all. Notice again that our worship is to be joyful. Our worship is not to come from a feeling of obligation but from the joy in our heart that the Lord is king – our God reigns!

This picture of God as king over all the earth is the second reason we can have joy in the midst of distress and fear. God rules over the cosmos – He rules over the earth – He rules. Daniel 2:20-22 (ESV) talks to this point: ²⁰ Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ²²



He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²² he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with

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Woodard's schoolmate] – Steve passed into eternity at age 72 back on Monday, March 24. ^[2]

- ◇ Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling [Her: Ronda's granddaughter; Him: Gardner's grandson] – They're now engaged! Congratulations! ^[2]
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She's still feeling rather poorly off and on. ^[2]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – Shee continues to experience foot issues. ^[2]

MAY 5

- ◇ Gibbon, Tucker [Bill Ragsdale's (Deborah Smoot's brother-in-law) son's grandson] – Tucker, a newborn, will have to have several procedures to correct some health issues. ^[3]
- ◇ Gail Kuehler's Sister [Gail is one of the Art Club members] – Sister passed into eternity. ^[3]
- ◇ McMeans, Justin [McMeans' son] – He recently lost his job and will be looking for something new. ^[3]
- ◇ Smoot, Roger & Deborah – On the road again... Still! Can you say, "Road Trip!" ^[3]

APRIL 21

- ◇ Bentley, Sage [Wife of an administrator at the school where Tom subs] She had an emergency hospital visit for unknown reasons. ^[4]
- ◇ French, Missae – She's back home from her hospitalization Wednesday, April 10 and subsequent convalescence with her daughter. ^[4]
- ◇ Gardner, Jim – He is starting a series of weekly dental procedures, each taking about 2 hours, the first of four was Tuesday, April 23. ^[4]
- ◇ Montalvo, Louie [Laura Gardner's son's best friend] – He's back in the hospital with suspected heart issues. ^[4]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's in the process of scheduling some heart tests. ^[4]
- ◇ Woodard Family – The 3rd year anniversary of Tom's brother "Bubba's" passing was Monday, April 22. ^[4]

APRIL 14

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] –

Praise To GOD! He continues to improve and is currently undergoing OT & Speech therapy. ^[5]

- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – Her doctor told her that her knees are bone-on-bone. As her doctor no longer performs surgeries, she's to receive steroid shots for now to see if they'll work before referral to a orthopedic surgeon. ^[5]
- ◇ Vierling, Gene – He's been taken off his heart meds for a bit. He'll see his doctor in about 3 weeks, perhaps the week of May 5. ^[5]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – She had a seizure on April 14. The hospital ran several tests and they all came back normal so they put her on an antiseizure medicine and sent her home. She's scheduled for an EEG with a new neurologist on September 30. ^[5]

ONGOING

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

Barron, Pat Family ^[9]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[24]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[24]; Boldt, Sandy ^[24]; Bonin, Danny ^[6]; Bonin, Donna ^[6]; Bridgewater, Rebecca ^[7]; Brown, Hunter ^[14]; Brown, Stephanie ^[17]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[19]; Burris, Gloria ^[12]; Burris, Joyce ^[9]; Vela Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia ^[9]; Corren, Jan ^[19]; Davis, Randy Family ^[26]; Davis, Preston ^[14]; Delaney, Sophie ^[20]; Evans, Steve ^[20]; Green, Marvin ^[21]; Green, Sonia ^[17]; Haby, Casey ^[7]; LaFleur, Miranda ^[6]; Lopez, Emily ^[11]; McLay, Carla ^[14]; McLay, Gary ^[14]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[26]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[26]; Neal, Larry ^[14]; Noble, David Family ^[20]; Norris, David Family ^[19]; Parra, Rudy ^[6]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[15]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[20]; Shaw, Nancy ^[21]; Slaughter, Ron ^[6]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[18]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[18]; Smoot, Bailey ^[7]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[12]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[7]; Smoot, Jeremy ^[6]; Smoot, Randy ^[11]; Sparks, Janice ^[8]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[22]; Turnbow, Gary ^[22]; Vela, John & Cheryl ^[7]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[11]; Watkins, Mitch ^[7]; Welsby, Chris ^[16]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[22]

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him, And in Daniel 4:28-32, as King Nebuchadnezzar is bragging of his great power, he is struck dumb by the Lord of all and became as the beasts of the field. Daniel concludes that this will be an ongoing curse until, “seven periods of time shall pass over you, ***until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will***” (v. 32 – emphasis mine).

Further, consider the title that is on the thigh of Jesus in the book of Revelation: “On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’” (Revelation 19:16 ESV). Since Jesus is the King over all other kings and the Lord over all other masters, then our joy rests in the knowledge of God’s sovereign rule over the events of the earth. This was the message of the book of Revelation – you can have joy and comfort in the knowledge that Jesus is King and Jesus rules over the earth.

In the final verses of Psalm 98 (vv. 7-9) the Psalmist points to God as Sovereign Judge. All of the earth is called upon to rejoice in the Lord. We have already seen that our joy comes from our God as our savior and our God as our king. But we also see in these concluding verses that we can even have joy in distress because God is the judge. Notice this particularly in verses 8-9. “Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.”

The judgment of the Lord is a great occasion for joy! There is statement I’ve semi-often heard amongst God’s people when speaking of His return: “Come Lord Jesus (Just not today!). That my brethren is a sad indictment of the saints of God, our Father.” But Jesus will judge the world and we are to sing of the coming judgment day. We are to look forward to the return of Christ. Jesus will make things right. So, in this we can find joy and hope in the judgment of the Lord. There are several New Testament expressions of this truth – 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 and 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 are just two.

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 37:34-40

³⁴ Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. ³⁵ I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a native green tree. ³⁶ Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; indeed I sought him, but he could not be found. ³⁷ Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; for the future of that man is peace. ³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; the future of the wicked shall be cut off. ³⁹ but the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

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When it comes to our enemies, God will right the wrongs we may have (probably) experienced. When it comes to the world’s evils – failing national leadership, terrorism, ISIS, wars and all such ilk – God is the righteous judge who will judge them according to their deeds. In the first three centuries of Christendom the world must have seemed to collapse for the faithful as they

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS




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| Missae French | May 4 | Birthday |
| Carol Vierling | May 22 | Birthday |
| Gene Vierling | May 31 | Birthday |
| Rick & Pam Fintel | June 1 | Anniversary |
| Tom & Pat Woodard | June 10 | Anniversary |
| Lea Strunk | June 27 | Birthday |

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And June 30, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

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| 4th OR 5th Sundays |  "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) |
| Every Thursday |  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. |
| Sun–Jun 2 |  IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Fearing The Lord</i> – for channel: searchtv.com |
| Sun–Jun 9 |  IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Wisdom</i> – for channel: searchtv.com |
| Sun–Jun 16 |  IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Foolishness</i> – for channel: searchtv.com |
| Sun–Jun 23 |  IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>The Truth</i> – for channel: searchtv.com |

— Non Church Stuff —

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| Every Tuesday |  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) |
| 3rd Mondays | VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM  |
| Sun–May 26 | National ¹ Blueberry Cheesecake And ² Cherry Dessert Days |
| Mon–May 27 | Memorial Day  |
| Wed–May 29 | International Coq Au Vin (Chicken w/ Wine Casserole) Day National Biscuit Day |
| Friday–May 31 | National Macaroon Day  |
| Sun–Jun 2 | National ¹ Rotisserie Chicken And ² Rocky Road Days And ³ Frozen Yogurt  |
| Fri Sat Sun– Sep 27-29 | Women Of Joy Conference @ San Antonio – Theme: <i>He Must Become Greater; And I Must Become Less</i> Early Bird Rate: \$129 For Entire Conference [womenofjoy.org] |

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were killed for their love of the Lord, but God judged those evildoers. It appears we have entered yet another time of global distress but we know that God will judge every evil act committed by every evil person. Our joy is in the return of our Lord.

My brothers and sisters, let us all try to the very best of our ability (and perhaps even further) to remember that our joy and hope come, not from ourselves, but from the Lord who saves, rules, and judges the earth. We do not have to be disturbed by life problems or political issues or global events because God reigns and in the end, he *will* put all his enemies under his feet (1 Corinthians 15:24-26)! **E**

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

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| SUN | May 26 - Ps 131; 138-139; 143-145 |
| MON | May 27 - 1 Chr 26-29; Ps 127 |
| TUE | May 28 - Ps 111-118 |
| WED | May 29 - 1 Kgs 1-2, Ps 37; 71; 94 |
| THU | May 30 - Ps 119:1-88 |
| FRI | May 31 - 1 Kgs 3-4; 2 Chr 1; Ps 72 |
| SAT | Jun 1 - Ps 119:89-176 |

Ps = Psalms | Chr = Chronicles | Kgs = Kings

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 —

SELECTED SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PSALM 37

3-8 — ³Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. ⁴Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. ⁶He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. ⁷Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. ⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret — it only causes harm.

27-33 — ²⁷Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore. ²⁸For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. ²⁹The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell in it forever. ³⁰The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice. ³¹The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. ³²The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him. ³³The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

