



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.

SATAN HAS ASKED FOR YOU

— BY LANNY SMITH, FISHER COC, FISHER, INDIANA & EDITED BY MITCH WATKINS

“And the Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.’ But he said to Him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.’ Then He said, ‘I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.’” (Luke 22:31-34). We often read this passage as though it were an isolated incident in the life of Peter, with no application for us. Yet, I believe that there are greater lessons to be learned, which can really help us in our walk with Jesus. So, let’s consider this text, and the lessons to be gleaned from it!

First, Satan must ask permission before he can attack us (“Satan has asked for you”). This is exemplified not only here, but also in the book of Job (chapters 1-2). This tells us that, ultimately, God is in charge. Satan can ONLY do what God allows Him to do. But

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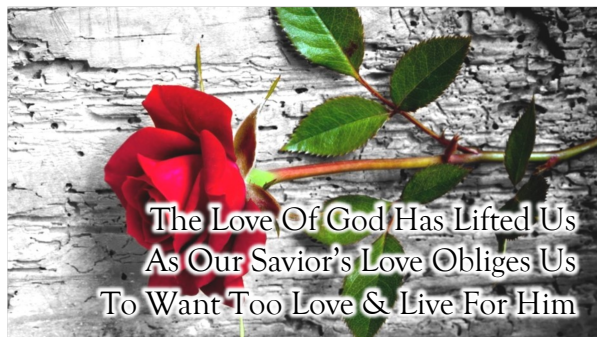
WELCOME VISITOR!

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. 36—*The Love Of God*

Song No. 101—*Wonderful Story Of Love*

Song No. 453—*Savior, Thy Dying Love*

• MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 616—*Love Lifted Me*

Song No. 138—*In Gethsemane Alone*



• LORD'S SUPPER •

• SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 336—*I'll Live For Him*

• FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 57—*I Love You, My Jesus*

• PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON



GOD'S MESSENGER & HIS PLANS

• SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Romans 15:14-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Ephesians 3:19;
2 Corinthians 5:20; John 15:16; Psalm 44:8;
Acts 13:11; 14:3; Isaiah 52:15; Luke 24:47

• SERMON OUTLINE •

REVIEW & INTRODUCTION

- I. The Minister Of God - 15:14–21
 - A. Gracious With People - 15:14
 1. Treated Brethren Equally
 2. Paul Mentioned Three Qualities
 - a. Full Of Goodness
 - b. Filled With Knowledge
 - c. Respect For Other Believers
 - B. Bold In Gospel Truths - 15:15
 - C. Ministered The Gospel - 15:16
 - D. Glories In Christ And God - 15:17–19
 - E. Seeks To honor The Great Commission - 15:20–21
- II. The Messenger's Ministry - 15:22–33
- 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 14 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— *1 Corinthians 9:6-19* —



— FEBRUARY 25 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

POTLUCK? TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LADIES...

— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship

ANNUAL CHURCH "PICNIC"

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this raises another question: Why does God allow Satan to do anything at all? The answer is found in “free will” – the idea that God has given us the ability to choose. We are not pre-programmed robots; instead, we are beings with the ability to choose (Joshua 14:15). However, there is a catch: **we** are responsible for those choices! God, I think, **tries** to influence our choices by appealing to our intellect through His word (Acts 17:1-4). And Satan tries to influence us by appealing to our fleshly lusts (Luke 4:1-13; cf. 1 John 2:15-17).

But **WE** cast the deciding vote! Knowing that Satan must ask God first, I would hope, would reassure us that, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Second, Satan, when allowed, can turn our lives upside down (“that he may sift you as wheat”). If you’ve ever watch the process of sifting you’ll know that it’s a violent process, whereby the wheat is agitated in order to separate the grain from the chaff. When Satan is sifting us, he is violently agitating our lives, to see if there is any “chaff” – i.e., bad things that he can exploit to ruin us! On the positive side, God can use that same sifting process to bring out the “good part.” And once again, **WE** cast the deciding vote! However, as said, the whole process is violent, and our lives can literally become disordered, haywire, a bundle of chaos and downright topsy-turvy by this “sifting.” This is one reason there is so much suffering in the world. But forewarned is forearmed! We know that the trials of life are part of the sifting process that we must endure – a process that

can either make or break us (James 1:12-16).

Third, Christ prays for us, to help avert failure (“But I have prayed for you”). This text is a specific application of a more general principle: “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25). As Christ prayed for Peter, so He prays for each of us! Since He knows us better than we know ourselves, I would hope we would find comfort in the fact that He is praying for us. Not only does Christ intercede, but “the



Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Romans 8:26-27). Just think of it! **TWO** Divine beings praying for us! Indeed, “if God is for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31). God gives us every possible advantage in

our struggle with Satan. But once again, **WE** cast the deciding vote! With free will, God may teach, persuade, beg, appeal, and even pray. But ultimately, **WE** must make the right choice.

Forth, our salvation includes returning to God (“when you have returned to Me”). Yes, God plays a role in our salvation, for He sent Jesus, and gave us His word. But **WE** must accept Jesus and obey His word (John 12:48)! This principle is true in our initial salvation (cf. Acts 2:38, “repent”), as well as our ongoing salvation (Acts 8:22; cf. 1 John 1:7-9). In Peter’s case, Jesus foreknew how it would turn out for this leader of the Apostles. I also believe He is capable of knowing how our situation will turn out. So, what does He foreknow about us? Will you return to Him if you’ve fallen away or have been indifferent to His commands? Or will you ultimately fall so far away that you are beyond all hope (Hebrews 6:4-6)? Only you and God know for sure! **E**

[Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law & grandson] ^[1]

- ◇ Mary Ann Buckheit [Art Club member who recently lost her husband, Dan] – She recently fell and broke her elbow. ^[1]

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- ◇ 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. ^[2]
- ◇ Davis, Preston [Friend of the congregation] – He has moved to Somerset, NJ. We all, I'm sure, wish him success! ^[2]
- ◇ 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! ^[2]
- ◇ 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. ^[2]
- ◇ Geehan, Kieran [Roger & Deborah Smoot's son-in-law] – Praise GOD, He's come through his latest Covid illness and is feeling much better! ^[2]
- ◇ 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 ^[2]
- ◇ 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. ^[2]
- ◇ Smith, Bessie & Family [Betty Smith's daughter-in-law] – Bessie passed into eternity Wednesday, January 24. ^[2]
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She was feeling a bit out of sorts this past week. ^[2]

- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – Please be in prayer – She had a scary episode (healthwise) Monday, January 22. ^[2]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – She still has some congestion and a cough. It may be allergies. ^[2]
- ◇ Villarreal, Doris & Family [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law's mother] – Doris, age 95, passed into eternity Thursday night, January 25. ^[2]
- ◇ 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. ^[2]
- ◇ Welsby, Chris [Vierlings' friend from Georgia] – **Praise GOD**, his back surgery went well and he's recovering nicely. ^[2]

JANUARY 21

- ◇ Brown, Stephanie [Ronda Brown's daughter-in-law] – She fell off a trailer while working with Ronnie. Unfortunately, she sustained a concussion. ^[3]

ONGOING

NOTE: All Individuals Or Families Who Have Been On The List Above For 20+ Weeks Will Be Removed. If You Know Of Anyone Who Should Be Placed Back On This List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Bippert, Cheryl ^[12]; Bippert Family ^[12]; Boldt, Sandy ^[12]; Brown, Scott ^[17]; Buckheit Family ^[18]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[5]; Burris, Joyce ^[18]; Corren, Jan ^[5]; Davis, R. Family ^[12]; Davis, P. Family ^[18]; Delaney, Sophie ^[6]; Dye, Joyce ^[12]; Evans, Steve ^[5]; Fintel, Pam ^[12]; Green, Marvin ^[6]; Halverson Family ^[18]; Mays Family ^[7]; Montalvo, Louie ^[14]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[12]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[12]; Noble Family ^[16]; Norris Family ^[5]; Parra, Rudy ^[18]; Renninger, Ruane ^[7]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[4]; Sensat, Miriam ^[19]; Shaw, Nancy ^[5]; Slaughter, Ron ^[17]; Smith, Betty ^[16]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[4]; Smoot, Randy ^[8]; Torres, Donna ^[10]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[8]; Turnbow, Gary ^[8]; Wentrcek Family ^[8]; Woodard, Sue ^[13]

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

JOB 1:6-7

⁶ *Now there* was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan (Adversary) also came among them. ⁷ And the Lord said to Satan (Adversary), “From where do you come?”

So Satan (Adversary) answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”

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SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ACTS 3:19-21

¹⁹ *Repent therefore* and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

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**The sons of *God* and
 Satan, the Adversary,
 come to present
 themselves
 before the
Lord.**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Rick Fintel	February 16	Birthday
Mitch & Betsy Watkins	February 22	Anniversary
Pam Flatequal	February 22	Birthday
Joyce Burriss	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>"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 Monday	 <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–Feb 18	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>A Sin-Sick Soul</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Feb 25	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Freedom In Christ</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Mar 3	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>TBA</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Mar 10	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>TBA</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–Feb 11	National Latte & Peppermint Patty & Chicken Wing Days Autism Awareness Day
Mon–Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday Paul Bunyan Day National Plum Pudding Day
Tue–Feb 13	National Cheddar, Italian Food, Tortellini, Pancake & Crab Rangoon Days
Wed–Feb 14	Valentin's, Library Lovers, Read To Your Child & Cream-Filled Chocolate Days
Fri–Feb 16	Fried Fish, Tartar Sauce & Do-A-Grouch-A-Favor Days
Sun–Feb 18	Crab-Stuffed Flounder & Eat Ice Cream For Breakfast Days

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	Feb 11 — Ex 36-38
MON	Feb 12 — Ex 39-40
TUE	Feb 13 — Lev 1-4
WED	Feb 14 — Lev 5-7
THU	Feb 15 — Lev 8-10
FRI	Feb 16 — Lev 11-13
SAT	Feb 17 — Lev 14-15

Ex = Exodus | Lev = Leviticus

MEMORIZE Scripture —

ACTS 17:22-31 — YES, IT'S LONG. TRY TO MEMORIZE IN SENTENCES, ONE AT A TIME — I'VE COLORED EACH SENTENCE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO MEMORIZE IN STAGES

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

