



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.

LIFE IS SHORT — PRAISE GOD!

Allow me to ask you three questions for you to reflect upon while reading this article: (1) When you consider how brief your life is, how do you respond? Does it lead you to praise God or become discouraged? (2) How does recounting God's compassionate, fatherly love for His children, from the Bible and from history, lead you to praise God? (3) As a Christian, how does recounting God's compassionate, fatherly love for you during this short life lead you to praise Him?

Psalm 103, particularly verses 15 and 16 tells us that mankind's days are as fleeting as grass, as brief as a Bluebonnet. The wind blows and we are no more.

As I often do, I was listening to a vlog (Video Log) - similar to a blog (Web Log) which is the sum of the posts of a written nature such as articles, stories, events, memories and photos. Vlogs are the same except all the posts are in video form. But I digress... I was listening to the man who'd posted the video and he recounted that recently he had presided over a memorial service for one of his congregations' older saints. The deceased has

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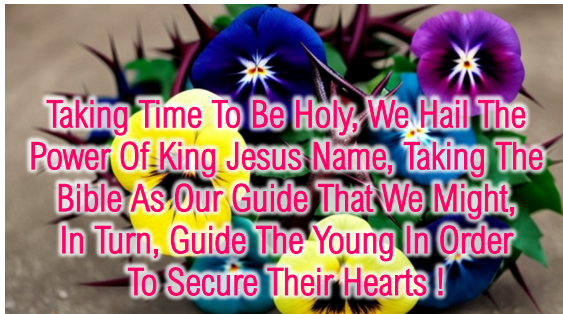
WELCOME VISITOR!

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. 106—All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 388—Take Time To Be Holy
Not In Song Book—Come Share The Lord



Song No. 353—How Shall The Young Secure . . .

Song No. 279—Give Me The Bible

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 578—Trust And Obey

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

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

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

REWARDS OF DISCIPLESHIP—MATTHEW 10:36-40



• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Matthew 10:32-40; Job 14:1-2; John 10:10; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Matthew 20:26-28; Romans 12:1-2; Acts 20:35; Philippians 3:13-14; Matthew 16:26; John 14:1-4

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) We Must Openly Confess Christ | (2) He Will Not Embarrass Us

- I. The Preciousness Of Life
 - A. Life Is Brief
 - B. Life Is Beautiful
 - C. Life Is Bestowed By God
- II. The Possibilities Of Life
 - A. Have A Good Life
 - B. Have A **GODLY** Life
 - C. Have A Giving Life
- III. The Priorities Of Life
 - A. Reach Forward
 - B. Reach Outward
 - C. Reach Upward
- IV. The Preparations Of Life
 - A. Preparation In Attitude
 - B. Preparation In Affection
 - C. Preparation In Aspirations

Conclusion — (1) Find Life And Lose It | (2) Lose Life And Find It |(3) Is It Worth Dying For?

— INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

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

Please Join Us When Possible!

— *1 Corinthians 14:6-28* —



— NEXT WEEK —

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

SUNNY GLEN

Truck Route

Items Requested:

Cake Mix & Frostings (Any)



Aluminum Foil (Any Kind, Any Sizes)



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



Fabuloso Floor Cleaner



Pickup: June 11-12, 2024

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has spent most of her childhood in an orphanage and when the preacher looked at her date of birth, it struck him that she had been born just two years before the Great Depression (1929-1939). And on the heels of the Depression came World War II (September 2, 1939 when Germany first invaded Poland [The U.S. didn't enter the war until December, 1941]). During the war, she wrote letters to the older "boys" from the orphanage who had been called up to serve their country in battle, and she kept the home front, making incredible sacrifices for those she considered her family, friends, and country. In short, she was part of what Tom Brokaw calls "The Greatest Generation."

Well, as we well know, the Greatest Generation is passing away, and a new generation is rising. The Psalmist captures this reality when he says, "As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more" (Psalm 103:15-16).



King David understood that life is short. But, if we look closely, I think that's really not the point of Psalm 103. I believe that David points us to the brevity of life in order to magnify the grandeur and magnificence of God's steadfast love - His covenant love. Like the grass that emerges in the spring, then dies in the winter, we too will die in due season. Like a flower that grows and blossoms and blooms, only to shrivel up, fade, and die at the end of its ephemeral cycle, so too will be our life. But God's love for His children never

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◇ Watkins, Betsy – While Mitch was driving home Sunday afternoon (April 14), he received a call to tell him Betsy had had a seizure. Fortunately her sister and a good friend were with her. She went to Seaton Austin Main where blood work and an MRI were performed. Nothing was found in either that could possibly/typically cause a seizure. She was placed on an antiseizure medicine and will have an EEG soon. ^[1]

APRIL 14

◇ Bonin, Danny [Husband of friend of Watkins'] – He's been in severe pain due to a cyst pressing against his back. He's supposed to have surgery May 9, but only if his cardiologist approves (pending). ^[2]

◇ Bonin, Donna [Friend of Watkins'] – She had a suspicious area in her last mammogram and is scheduled for an ultrasound May 6. ^[2]

◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] – He will definitely have reconstructive surgery to repair his cholesteatoma in his middle ear but there's no date set yet. ^[2]

◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] – She'll be having a procedure(s) to rebuild her brain floor along with cosmetic surgery(s) on her face and mouth due to her vehicle accident. ^[2]

◇ Parra, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor and friend] – He saw a heart specialist Friday, April 12. ^[2]

◇ Renninger, Ruane's Cheryl Vela's granddaughter Olivia – She's been in the hospital with RSV. ^[2]

◇ Slaughter, Ron [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] He has a painful hernia but cannot have corrective surgery until he's one year out (approximately November/December 2024) from his heart stint procedure. ^[2]

◇ Smoot, Jeremy [Smoots' nephew] – He had stints implanted Thursday, April 11 due to having 100% blockage. ^[2]

APRIL 7

◇ Bridgewater, Rebecca [Mitch Watkins' sister] –

Experiencing health issues. She's seeing several doctors about her condition(s). ^[3]

◇ Flatequal, Pam – **Praise GOD!** She's excited to be a soon-to-be great grandmother! Pray all goes well with the pregnancy! ^[3]

◇ Taiwan – Taiwanese People as they recover from the 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake. Pray for the Victims – 9 Killed, 50 Missing, Over 900 injured. ^[3]

◇ U.S. Northeast – Any peoples affected by the 4.8 earthquake followed by 4.0 aftershock and any others that may still occur. ^[3]

◇ Watkins, Mitch – His back and hips have been bothering him more and more. ^[3]

ONGOING

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

Barron, Pat Family ^[4]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[20]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[20]; Boldt, Sandy ^[20]; Brown, Hunter ^[10]; Brown, Scott ^[27]; Brown, Stephanie ^[13]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[28]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[15]; Burris, Gloria ^[8]; Burris, Joyce ^[5]; Corren, Jan ^[15]; Davis, Randy Family ^[22]; Davis, Preston ^[10]; Davis, Preston Family ^[28]; Delaney, Sophie ^[16]; Dye, Joyce ^[23]; Evans, Steve ^[16]; Fintel, Pam ^[23]; Green, Marvin ^[17]; Green, Sonia ^[13]; Haby, Casey ^[3]; Lopez, Emily ^[7]; Mays, Alice Family ^[15]; McLay, Carla ^[10]; McLay, Gary ^[10]; McMeans, Velma ^[12]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[22]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[22]; Neal, Larry ^[10]; Noble, David Family ^[26]; Norris, David Family ^[15]; Parra, Rudy ^[28]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[10]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[14]; Shaw, Nancy ^[15]; Slaughter, Mary ^[3]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[12]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[14]; Smoot, Bailey ^[3]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[8]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[3]; Smoot, Randy ^[7]; Sparks, Janice ^[4]; Torres, Donna ^[20]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[188]; Turnbow, Gary ^[18]; Vela, John & Cheryl ^[3]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[12]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[7]; Welsby, Chris ^[12]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[18]



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dies, nor does it ever fade! That's why David praises God for all the benefits he has received, flowing from God's steadfast love: forgiveness of sin, redemption from the pit, and satisfaction with all that is good (see verses 1-5).

Taking his cue from Exodus 34:6-7 (compare with verses 6-8), David explains what God's steadfast love is like. Our vlogging preacher recounts that when his girls were younger, he tucked them into bed and told them, "I love you to the sky." They would respond, "we love you to the moon." He would say, "I love you to the sun." They said, "I love you more." From this picture of fatherhood, we can gather that a father's love is quite lovely and beautiful. And that is what David pictures here. Our heavenly Father's love is as high as the sky (verse 11). And He throws our sins away as far as the east is from the west (verse 12). Oh, what amazing love!

Our Father is mindful that we are fragile (verse 14), and that our life is short (verses 15-16). But when we compare His everlasting love with our short life, it should help us remember that His steadfast love is everlasting to those who fear Him (verse 17). That's the point of Psalm 103. Because of His everlasting love, God is worthy to be praised!

- ⇒ Life is short - praise God, for He has forgiven your sin.
- ⇒ Life is short - praise God, for He has redeemed you from sin and death and hell.
- ⇒ Life is short - praise God, for He has not dealt with you in the manner your sins deserve.
- ⇒ Life is short - praise God, for He has and will continue to love us as a compassionate father until He brings us home.
- ⇒ **LIFE IS SHORT - PRAISE GOD!**

I bring your attention back to the three questions at the beginning that I asked you to reflect upon as you read this brief article: (1) How do you respond to knowing our lives are fleeting? (2) Are you led to praise God when thinking on his kindhearted, fatherly love for His children? (3) Are you praising God, as a Christian, as you re-

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 103:15-18

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. ¹⁶ For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. ¹⁷ But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.

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count His compassionate, fatherly love?

In some ways, the title of this article says it all: Life is short - praise **God!** **E**

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, 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–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>
Sun–May 19	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Til Death Do Us Part</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–May 26	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Devoted Christianity</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 28	National ¹ Blueberry Pie & ² Pet Parents & ³ Superhero Days Clean Comedy Day
Mon–Apr 29	National ¹ Shrimp Scampi & ² Peace Rose Days 
Tue–Apr 30	National ¹ Raisin & ² Oatmeal Cookie & ³ Mr. Potato Head & ⁴ Bubble Tea Days
Wed–May 1	May Day National ¹ Bread Pudding & ² Chocolate Parfait & ³ Salad Days
Thu–May 2	National Day Of Prayer National ¹ Raspberry Popover & ² Truffle & ³ Tuna Days
Sat–May 4	National Orange Juice Day Herb Day International Drone Day 
Sun–May 5	National ¹ Hoagie & ² Enchilada & ³ Oyster Days Holocaust Remembrance 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 For Edification —



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

SUN	Apr 28 - Ps 81, Ps 88, Ps 92-93
MON	Apr 29 - 1 Chr 7-10
TUE	Apr 30 - Ps 102-104
WED	May 1 - 2 Sam 5:1-10, 1 Chr 11-12
THU	May 2 - Ps 133
FRI	May 3 - Ps 106-107
SAT	May 4 - 2 Sam 5:11-6:23, 1 Chr 13-16

Sam = Samuel | Ps = Psalms | Chr = Chronicles

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

103:1-5 — ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: ³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵ Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

103:8-13 — ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. ⁹ He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him.

Forgiveness