



# 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.*

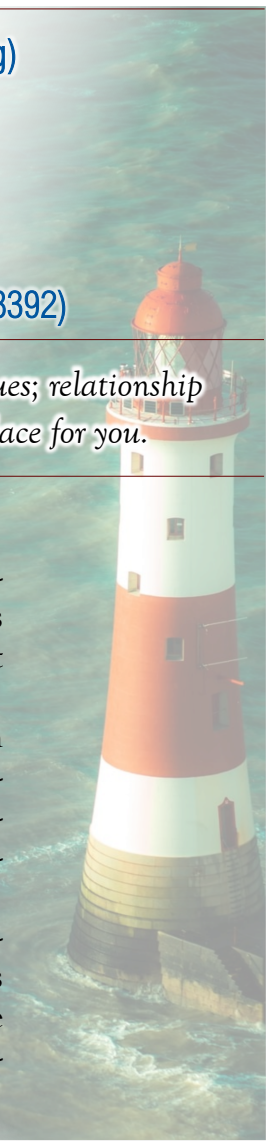
## ABOUT GENESIS — FROM ANSWERSINGENESIS.ORG

The Book of Genesis, meaning "creation" or "generation," is the first book of the Bible. The book of Genesis was named by the Septuagint (LXX) translators because it gives an account of the origin of all things. Genesis tells us what God wants us to know about his creation.

**The Book of Genesis: Overview** — The book of Genesis covers the history of earth from creation until the time of Joseph and his brothers in Egypt. The first eleven chapters contain foundational doctrines including the origin of marriage, sin, death, the beginning of God's plan of redemption, the flood which accounts for most of the fossil record, the origin of languages and ethnic groups, and the historical background of nations.

**Introduction: Genesis Is Foundational** — Genesis is foundational to our understanding of reality. Genesis explains how we got here, where stars, oceans, animals, and trees come from. It tells us why there is sin and death in the world, why there are immense fossil beds, and why there are different languages and people groups with different char-

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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. 616—*Love Lifted Me*

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 439—*Love Divine*

Song No. 43—*Sweet Peace, The Gift Of God's Love*

Song No. 178—*By Christ Redeemed*



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

Invitation Song No. 146—*My Jesus, I Love You*

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 471—*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

## SERMON

— RELATIONS TO OUR FELLOW MAN —

### • SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Romans 13:8-14; Acts 21:20ff; John 13:34; 15:12; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; James 4:14-17; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Peter 1:19; Colossians 3:5-8; Ephesians 4:20-24; Matthew 26:41

### • SERMON OUTLINE •

**REVIEW & INTRODUCTION** — (1) Paul Commanded Obedience To Authorities (2) Next, Duty To Our Fellow Man (3) We Owe More Than Money

- I. Indebted To Love (13:8-10)
  - A. Why The Debt
    1. Fulfills The Law
    2. Supports The Gospel
  - B. How We Pay The Debt
    1. Imitating Jesus
    2. Active Good Will
- II. It's Time To Wake Up! (13:11-14)
  - A. Why Awaken
    1. Know the Time
    2. Salvation Nearer
    3. The Night Is Far Spent
    4. Day Is At Hand
  - B. How We Walk
    1. Cast Off Darkness
    2. Put On Armor Of Light
    3. Put On Jesus
    4. Make No Provision For Flesh



**CONCLUSION** — (1) We Cannot Afford Indifference (2) It May Be Time To Change (3) Let Christ Live Through Us

### • INVITATION •

## WED NIGHT STUDY

**JANUARY 17 @ 5:00 PM** In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— *1 Corinthians 7:15-33* —



— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship  
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acteristics. Genesis also establishes the basic parameters of living on God's earth according to the precepts in his Word. It sets forth the Creator's design and instruction for all that is, including humanity.

All major biblical doctrines are founded in Genesis. The first 11 chapters are foundational to the Christian worldview—including the saving gospel (Genesis 3:15). Here is a partial list of doctrines initially grounded in the book of Genesis:

- The doctrine of sin is founded in Genesis where the first man and first woman rebelled against God and ate from the forbidden tree.
- Genesis records God's plan for gender. God made humans male and female from the beginning, as recorded in the Bible's first book. God, not a politician or a panel of social engineers, laid the foundation for a correct approach to gender and sexuality.
- The doctrine of marriage, defined as one man for one woman, is founded in Genesis. God, not a panel of judges, invented and defines marriage.
- The gospel is founded in Genesis. We need a Savior because Adam (the father/head of the human race) sinned and brought literal death into creation (Genesis 3). That's why Jesus had to come and literally die a physical death to take our place.



**Who Wrote Genesis & When Was It Written?** — One of the major attacks on the Bible in the past 300 years has been directed against Moses and his authorship of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament (Genesis-Deuteronomy). Such attacks on these foundational books of the rest of the Bible come both from non-Christians as well as professing Christians.

There is abundant biblical and extra-biblical evidence that Moses wrote the Pentateuch during

the wilderness wanderings after the Jews left their slavery in Egypt and before they entered the Promised Land (about 1450 BC). Contrary to liberal theologians and other skeptics, Genesis was not written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon (ca. 500 BC). Christians who believe Moses wrote the Pentateuch do not need to feel intellectually intimidated. It is the enemies of the truth of God that are failing to think carefully and face the facts honestly.

**The Structure of Genesis** — The book of Genesis can be naturally divided into sections. The English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible translates the Hebrew *תולדות* as “These are the generations of.” This phrase occurs in ten places throughout the text and forms a natural outline for the book. Biblical scholars call the divisions “toledoth” meaning “generations.” Here are the natural divisions in Genesis:

1. Genesis 2:4 — “These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.
2. Genesis 5:1 — “This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.”
3. Genesis 6:9 — “These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.”
4. Genesis 10:1 — “These are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Sons were born to them after the flood.”
5. Genesis 11:10 — “These are the generations of Shem. When Shem was 100 years old, he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.”
6. Genesis 11:27 — “Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.”
7. Genesis 25:12 — “These are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's servant, bore to Abraham.”
8. Genesis 25:19 — “These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac,”
9. Genesis 36:1 — “These are the generations of
- 10.







waii today, January 7 to enroll Bailey and Dan'iel at YWAM (Youth With A Mission) Ships where the girls will spend the next six months preparing for the mission field. <sup>[1]</sup>

- ◇ Vela, Cheryl & John [Ruane Renninger's daughter & son-in-law] – They are flying to and from Florida. <sup>[1]</sup>

## DECEMBER 31

- ◇ Burris, Cody & Spouse [Joyce Burris' grandson and wife] – **Praise To GOD**, Cody & Spouse are the proud new parents of Hayes Thomas (see below). <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Burris, Hayes Thomas [Joyce Burris' great grandson] – **Praise To GOD** & Congratulations! Hayes was born on Dec 26 and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long. <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Corren, Jan [Betty Smith's sister] – She is still ailing. <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Norris Family [David Norris, husband of Ruth Norris, a friend of Carol Vierling's since 7th grade] – David passed into eternity recently. <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Shaw, Nancy [Betsy Watkins' friend for the past 56 years] – She's started another round of chemo for her breast and liver cancers. <sup>[2]</sup>

## DECEMBER 24

- ◇ Delaney, Sophie [Elaine Turnbow's mother (Elaine is Deborah Smoot's friend)] – She passed into eternity when she had a reaction to a flu shot. <sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Green, Marvin [Visitor] – He is asking for us to pray for: God's forgiveness of his sins, God's comfort during times of sorrow, help to be a better person at serving God. <sup>[3]</sup>

## DECEMBER 17

- ◇ Davis, Preston [Tom Woodard's friend] – He's travelling "around the country," here and there, hither and yon, mostly between New Jersey, Virginia, and Texas. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Mays, Alice [Melanie McMeans aunt] – She passed into eternity Saturday, December 9. Her funeral is scheduled for Wednesday, December

20. <sup>[4]</sup>

- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's been feeling poorly and has developed a bad cough. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She drove up to Marble Falls to visit her ailing sister. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – **Praise GOD!** Her hand surgery this past Tuesday, December 12 went well! <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Randy [Roger Smoot's brother] – Unfortunately, his Parkinson's is worse but Praise GOD! His back surgery on Thursday, December 14 went well! <sup>[4]</sup>

## DECEMBER 10

- ◇ Turnbow, Elaine [Deborah Smoot's friend] – She fell and broke her pelvis. <sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Turnbow, Gary [Deborah Smoot's friend, Elaine's husband] – He is recovering from back surgery. <sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Velma McMeans [Wendell's mom] – She's been experiencing low blood sugar episodes. <sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Wentrcek Family [James, Father of Jeremy Wentrcek, a teacher where Tom Woodard's subs ] – James passed into eternity Wednesday, December 6. <sup>[5]</sup>

## DECEMBER 3 & OLDER

**NOTE:** As Of January 14, 2024, All Individuals Or Families Who Have Been On The List Below For 20+ Weeks Have Been Removed. If You Know Of Anyone Who Needs To Be Back On The List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Bippert, Cheryl <sup>[9]</sup>; Bippert Family <sup>[9]</sup>; Boldt, Sandy <sup>[9]</sup>; Brock Family <sup>[19]</sup>; Brown, Scott <sup>[14]</sup>; Bucheit Family <sup>[15]</sup>; Burris, Joyce <sup>[15]</sup>; Davis, R. Family <sup>[9]</sup>; Davis, P. Family <sup>[15]</sup>; Dye, Joyce <sup>[9]</sup>; Fintel, Pam <sup>[9]</sup>; Halverson Family <sup>[15]</sup>; LeFluer, Miranda <sup>[8]</sup>; Montalvo, Louie <sup>[11]</sup>; Moore, Michael & Michele <sup>[9]</sup>; Noble Family <sup>[13]</sup>; Orr & Burris Families <sup>[18]</sup>; Parra, Rudy <sup>[15]</sup>; Sensat, Miriam <sup>[6]</sup>; Slaughter, Ron <sup>[14]</sup>; Smith, Betty <sup>[13]</sup>; Spicer, Ronda <sup>[18]</sup>; Strunk's Neighbor, Nancy (Last Name Unknown) <sup>[9]</sup>; Torres, Donna <sup>[6]</sup>; Vierling, Carol <sup>[18]</sup>; Villarreal, Nick <sup>[18]</sup>; Woodard, Sue <sup>[10]</sup>

Esau (that is, Edom).”

10. Genesis 37:2 - “These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.”



**Key Themes in Genesis** – Of the “Seven C’s of History” – Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consumption (When God brings all things to completion or fulfillment), let us look at the first four as being the first four major themes of Genesis, to which we will add a fifth theme – Abraham’s Family:

- Creation – “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).
- Corruption – “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17).
- Catastrophe – “He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark” (Genesis 7:23).
- Confusion – “Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” 8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city” (Genesis 11:7-8).
- Abraham’s Family – “Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### GENESIS 25:19-23

<sup>19</sup> This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham’s son. Abraham begot Isaac. <sup>20</sup> Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. <sup>21</sup> Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. <sup>22</sup> But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If all is well, why am I like this?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. <sup>23</sup> And the Lord said to her: “Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.”

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families of the earth shall be blessed” (Genesis 12:1-3). **E**

— Next Week — Review, Issues, Conclusion —



# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Dan Orr	January 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	January 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	January 30	Birthday
Rick Fintel	February 16	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And February 16, 2024  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## — Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p><b>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch –</b>  <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i>                      Every 4th Sunday Of <b>Every</b> Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters</b> (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—Jan 21	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Meant For Good</b>— for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Jan 28	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – But He Lied</b>— for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Feb 4	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Who Is Jesus</b>— for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun—Feb 11	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Examine Yourself</b>— for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>

## — Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p><b>Lytle Friendship Art Club</b> – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM                      Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch &amp; Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p><b>VFW Auxiliary</b> – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p><b>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA)</b> –                      Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun—Jan 14	<b>National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day   National Sunday Supper With Family Day</b>
Mon—Jan 15	<b>National Strawberry Ice Cream &amp; Bagel &amp; Fresh Squeezed Juice Days   Martin Luther King Jr. Day   Humanitarian &amp; Service Days</b>
Wed—Jan 17	<b>Benjamin Franklin Day   Kid Inventors Day   National Hothead Chili Day</b>
Fri—Jan 19	<b>National Popcorn Day   Tin Can Day</b>
Sat—Jan 20	<b>National Buttercrunch &amp; Cheese Lovers Day   Plight Of The Penguin Awareness Day</b>
Sun—Jan 21	<b>National Granola Bar &amp; New England Clam Chowder   National Sanctity Of Life Day</b>



## 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](http://video.wvbs.org/spotlight)

## DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



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

SUN	Jan 14 — Job 38-39
MON	Jan 15 — Job 40-42
TUE	Jan 16 — Gen 12-15
WED	Jan 17 — Gen 16-18
THU	Jan 18 — Gen 19-21
FRI	Jan 19 — Gen 22-24
SAT	Jan 20 — Gen 25-26

Job = Job | Gen = Genesis

## 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 VERSES FROM GENESIS

**Genesis 12:1-3** — <sup>1</sup> Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Genesis 17:1-8** — <sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: <sup>4</sup> “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup> Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”