



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.

ELEVEN REASONS TO MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

How can we train ourselves in God's way if His Word is not continually in our hearts, guiding our daily living and giving us the strength we so (desperately!) need to get through these days? I'm here to encourage all of us (yes, ALL us older folks! And the few younger in our midst!) to memorize Scripture and reap God's bountiful blessings!

Do you struggle memorizing bible verses? I must admit I do - especially if I just read the verse. But by using different creative methods, memorizing doesn't have to be a drudgery - it can actually be fun! What if we were offered \$100.00 for every bible verse we could memorize in the next seven days? Do you think perhaps our attitude toward Scripture memory and our ability to memorize would improve? Of course in reality, any monetary reward would be small compared to the immense and incalculable value of the treasure of God's Word deposited within our mind.

The Word of God is like a treasure chest absolutely full of extremely valuable gold

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ORDER OF SERVICE

- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 99—Praise Him! Praise Him!

Song No. 187—In Heavenly Love Abiding

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 225—The Ninety And Nine

Song No. 147—On The Cross Of Calvary

- LORD'S SUPPER •

- SERMON •

— NATHAN'S REBUKE —

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

2 Samuel 12:1-15; 1 Corinthians 10:11-12; Romans 2:5-11;
Acts 10:34-36,42-43; Romans 3:23; Mark 16:15-16;
Psalm 51:3-4; John 8:24; Acts 2:38; 22:16;
1 John 1:9; Ephesians 1:7

SERMON OUTLINE:

INTRODUCTION —

- (1) David's Sin Involving Bathsheba
- (2) These Were Dark Pages In David's Life
- (3) They Were Preserved That — 1 Corinthians 10:11-12
- (4) Nathan Confronted David's Sin

- I. Blind To Our Own Faults
 - A. True For David
 - B. True For Us
- II. Repentance The Best Course
 - A. God's Love
 - B. Reveal Sin
- III. Proper Attitude In Repentance
 - A. David's Example
 - B. Failed Repentance
- IV. Pardon Provided By God
 - A. David's Forgiveness
 - B. God's Pardon Today Is Similar
- V. Pardon Doesn't Cancel Consequences
 - A. David's Lesson From Nathan
 - B. Often True Today

CONCLUSION -

- (1) Lessons From "Nathan's Rebuke"
- (2) Lessons From Scripture Today

Invitation Song No. 182—Savior, Like A Shepherd...

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 48—The Lord's My Shepherd

- PRAYER FOR OFFERING & CLOSING •

- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

WED NIGHT STUDY

January 11 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!

(Use Rear Doors)

If You're Unable To Attend To Watch The Videos,
You May Read The Following To Keep Up:

HEBREWS 4:12-5:4



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS
FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal & Game Day
After Morning Worship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal
After Morning Worship

“¹ Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

— Romans 10:1-4

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 and gems and there is no safer place to put it than in our hearts (Psalm 119:11; Matthew 13:44). And if WE are enthusiastic and eager to learn the Word of God, then our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren may just want to follow our example. Think how wonderful it would be to go through a difficult time, a trial or a temptation, and have memorized verses available, at a moments recall, to encourage us in our walk with God or to comfort a friend or relative.

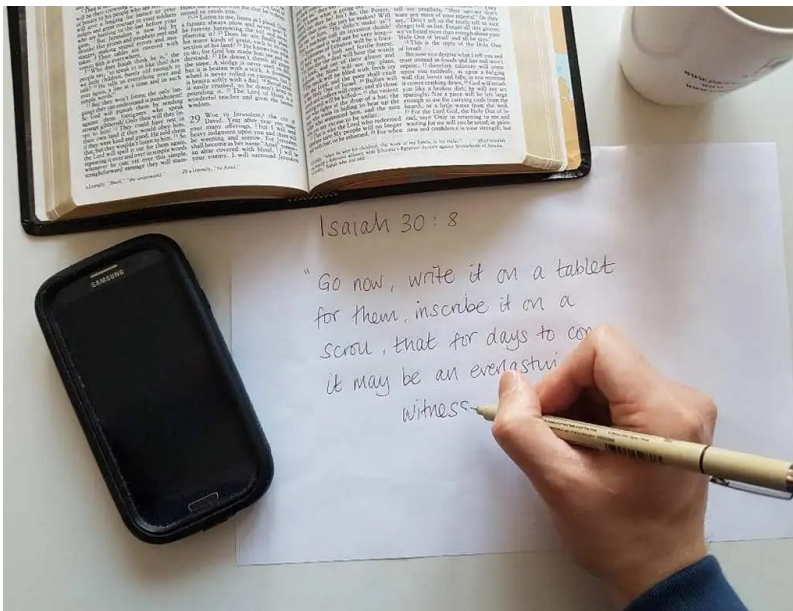
I would like to invite each of you to look into some of the incredible benefits of memorizing. . . And stay tuned for a future bulletin article where I will be sharing some of my favorite Scripture Memory Tools!

So, why memorize? Are there any benefits of knowing the Bible by heart - after all most people HAVE a bible (if not 2 or 3 or more!) and, often today, most of us even have at least one Bible app on our phones. If that's true, couldn't we just READ the Bible? Well, that's always better than not ever looking at our Bible at all but let's take a look at some of the benefits of memorizing Bible verses.

First, we would be imitating Jesus! Jesus often quoted Scripture showing that he had memorized what was the Bible in the first century – what we call the Old Testament today. He is our example and we should follow Him. In Matthew 4:1-11 He begins His quotes with “It is written.” Altogether in the New Testament, He quoted 24 of the 39 books of the Old Testament 180 times! Memorizing Scripture has the effect of making our gaze on Jesus steadier and clearer. If we want

to be like Jesus we will recite Scripture from memory like He did.

Second, memorization is required for our spiritual growth and we should view committing Scripture as a privilege, not a task to be endured. Though at first we may consider our capability to memorize to be defective, just like our muscles, our mind will gain strength by exercise. So, after a time we will delight in being able to treasure up God's Words of truth! Like me, do you need to write things down in order to remember them?



I make lists of things I need to accomplish such as grocery shopping so as not to forget important items. This last week, I didn't have my usual list when I went to the grocery store and bought everything I thought I needed. The next day I had to return to buy two thirds again what I bought the day before – all

because I didn't have a list the first time! God knows we can't remember everything or keep His commands without being frequently reminded. This is why He told us to renew our minds in Scripture daily. He already wrote down what we need to know! Bible memorization renews and transforms our minds. (Romans 12:2) Do YOU need to be spiritually transformed? I know I do!

Third, we are called to memorize the Word! We're told to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly, making it an integral part of our life (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Colossians 3:16). And brethren, this command is not burdensome but life-giving! Several times each day – or maybe in the beginning, at least once a day – any precious golden moments we experience should be consecrated to prayer and the study of the Scriptures if



Most Current Printout Of
On-Going Concerns Is

JAN 1, 2022

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CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, Be Done
- People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & *Mass Shootings*
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

ALL ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER

AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME

NEW THINGS TO PRAY FOR:

JANUARY 8

- ◇ Bailey, Linzi [Ronda Spicer's niece] – *Praise GOD* she'll not need chemo nor radiation therapies. She's now preparing for reconstructive surgery after her double mastectomy. Surgery should happen sometime in April.
- ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling's best friend] – He's been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull. He's searching for a team of doctors to treat him while he winters in Florida with his wife.
- ◇ Orr, Lori – She's been placed in palliative care whose goal is focused upon improving the quality of life for individuals suffering from serious and/or longtime health issues.
- ◇ Renninger, Harold – He's been retaining fluid (about 20 pounds) and it's mostly in his legs, causing the to swell greatly.
- ◇ Roeder, Gary [Pam Flatequal's brother-in-law and former member] – He's much better and has resumed preaching per a Facebook post.
- ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts' (former member) sister] – She's in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has "given up."
- ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law, Barbara Brown's nephew] – He was diagnosed with leukemia in November. Recent tests show his numbers have increased so his chemo medicine has been increased. After his number come down he'll have to have a bone marrow transplant.
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – She went back to work after her neck surgery and it kicked her tail. She's now working half days for awhile.
- ◇ Sparks, Olivia [Tom Woodard's great granddaughter] – She's being treated for RSV.
- ◇ Lea Strunk – She is somewhat better but still weak and unsteady. She may have to have surgery.
- ◇ Family & Friends Of Taylor, Steve [Barbershop singing buddy of Mitch Watkins] – Age 69, he

passed into eternity on Thursday, January 5 after suffering a heart attack. His funeral will be held on Thursday or Friday, January 12 or 13.

- ◇ Family & Friends Of Watkins Sr., Mitchell [Mitch's Father] – Age 83, he passed into eternity Christmas morning at 6:57 AM. He will be interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Monday, January 23. A viewing and memorial service will be held the same day prior to his burial.

JANUARY 1

- ◇ Family & Friends of Powell, Grace [Mitch & Betsy's longtime friend] – Age 78, she passed into eternity Christmas Eve. Her funeral was held Friday, December 30.

DECEMBER 18

- ◇ Brown, Abbey [Ronda Spicer's granddaughter-in-law] – She suffers from bi-polar issues.
- ◇ Brown, Colton [Ronda Spicer's grandson] – He suffers from bi-polar issues.
- ◇ Fintel, Pam – Her cataract surgery on Wednesday, December 14 went well, *Praise GOD* and she is doing nicely!
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – She had a heart monitor which she'll have to wear for 30 days from Friday, December 16. She'll also be undergoing several more tests throughout the month of January 2023.
- ◇ Street, Cris – (This was supposed to be in the bulletin BEFORE today – I thought I had put it in over 2 weeks ago... sigh... – Apologies, Cris!) She underwent hernia surgery this past Wednesday, December 14. *Praise GOD*, all went well and she is doing pretty good, all things considered!

DECEMBER 11

- ◇ Lloyd, Linda [Ronda Spicer's son, Jason's mother-in-law] – She's been released to a rehab center after her most recent fall on Friday afternoon, November 18.
- ◇ Family & Friends Of Caitlin Michelle Jaworowski

[Wife of the son of the Owner of County Hugs in Devine] – Age 31, she passed into eternity on November 30. She had battled cancer for several years. She leaves two small children.

- ◇ Ray, Chris [Daughter of former members, Jean & Larry Neal] – *Praise GOD*, her two back surgeries went well and now the healing begins.
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She's been struggling with a sinus infection.

OLDER THAN DECEMBER 11

- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She's been diagnosed with tendonitis by a new orthopedic surgeon which he/she feels is the true cause of the pain in her feet and legs.
- ◇ Harris, Missy [Pam & Rick Fintel's daughter] – She was to have a sedation biopsy this past Thursday, November 10.
- ◇ Herbert, Donald [Former 70-something Coworker & Friend of Deborah Smoot] – He underwent surgery for his gall bladder and his testicular cancer. He's also been diagnosed with spinal cancer but no news on that as of this bulletin printing.
- ◇ Jackson, April [Watkins' friend] – She had three more places in her esophagus banded on Monday, November 7th.
- ◇ Ragsdale, Lisa [Deborah Smoot's sister] – She is restricted from driving for the next 3 months due to suffering another seizure this past Monday, November 7.
- ◇ Shaw, Nancy [Betsy Watkins' long-time friend (53+ years)] – (1) Her liver cancer medication appears to be working, *Praise GOD!* – the spots haven't grown since treatment started.
- ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot's cousin's spouse] – She's been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer.
- ◇ Christian Stepanovich [Tom Woodard's grandson-in-law] – Now looking for work in Arkansas after his discharge from the military.



SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

MARK 7:5-8 (NIV)

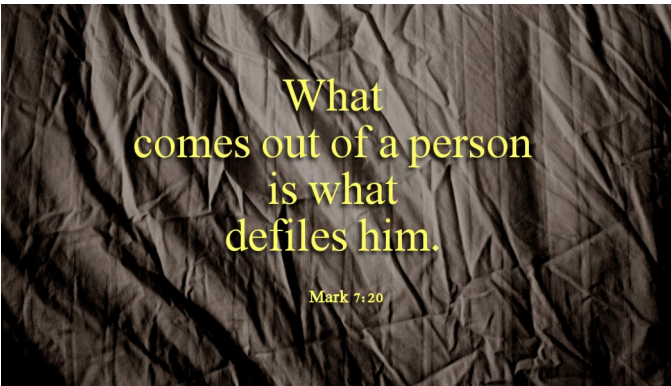
⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophe-
sied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

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only so that we may experience spiritual life in our soul. If we would be loyal to the King of Heaven, we should study and commit to memory daily, His Holy Word!

Fourth, it gives us wisdom we ALL desperately need! The Bible says wisdom is more precious than rubies (Proverbs 8:11) and gold (Proverbs 16:16). Wisdom, however, is only words if not applied to our daily life and words ONLY become wisdom when they are internalized which allows the heart to change. Are we prepared to sacrifice ALL to acquire the wisdom God wants to freely give us if we ask? God is the author and giver of all wisdom (James 1:5; James 3:17). When we study and memorize the Bible we acquire a knowledge of God, Who He is, what He has promised and who WE are in Christ. Luke 2:52 says Jesus grew in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man. MEMORIZING Scripture gives us the wisdom required to make the best possible decisions each day (Psalm 119:97-100); it equips us to handle the headaches and heartaches of life (Proverbs 3:5-6) and we learn what His will is for our lives (Romans 12:2).

Fifth, there is a remedy for every malady found in the Bible and that remedy is Jesus Christ as found in God's Word. He is the Word made flesh! (John 1:14) Memorizing Scripture is like having a handy first-aid kit with you all the time – we are more ready for any emergency that comes our way! We can be better equipped to meet the needs of our family, teaching and modeling the way of righteousness and discipling our family members in the ways of Christ. The Word of God is “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect (complete) thoroughly furnished (equipped) unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16).

— PART TWO NEXT WEEK —



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Dan Orr	January 11	Birthday
Billy Strunk	January 26	Birthday
Jim Gardner	January 30	Birthday
Harold & Ruane Renninger	January 30	Anniversary
Rick Fintel	February 16	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And February 16, 2023,
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>Fellowship Potluck Lunch – After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM Every 4th Sunday Of Every Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday</p>
Every Monday	 <p>Sewing Sisters – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy.</p>
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>
TODAY	National English Toffee Day & National Sunday Supper Together Day
Mon–Jan 9	National Apricot Day & National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
Tue–Jan 10	National Bittersweet Chocolate And Oysters Rockefeller Days & Save The Eagles Day
Wed–Jan 11	National Milk Day & National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
Thu–Jan 12	Curried Chicken And National Marzipan Days & Healthy Weight, Healthy Look Day
Fri–Jan 13	National Peach Melba Day & National Rubber Ducky Day
Sat–Jan 14	National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day & Take A Missionary To Lunch Day
Sun–Jan 15	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>The Gift Of Repentance</i> – see searchtv.com for channel</p>
Sun–Jan 15	National Bagel And Strawberry Ice Cream Days & Humanitarian Day
Mon–Jan 16	National Fig Newton Day & Martin Luther King Jr. Day & Elementary School Teacher Appreciation 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 —



Immersive —
Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Gen 22; Gen 23; Gen 24; Matt 22; Matt 23; Matt 24
MON	Gen 25; Gen 26; Gen 27; Matt 25; Matt 26; Matt 27
TUE	Gen 28; Gen 29; Gen 30; Matt 28; Mk 1; Mk 2
WED	Gen 31; Gen 32; Gen 33; Mk 3; Mk 4; Mk 5
THU	Gen 34; Gen 35; Gen 36; Mk 6; Mk 7; Mk 8
FRI	Gen 37; Gen 38; Gen 39; Mk 9; Mk 10; Mk 11
SAT	Gen 40; Gen 41; Gen 42; Mk 12; Mk 13; Mk 14

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”):

- ◇ Fill out the *front and back* of 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

- ◇ Place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

MARK 3:20-30 (NIV)

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

