



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.

ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE

“Just as out of the dark ground comes the blossom, so out of the night, a morning appears” (Author Unknown).

One of the most endearing qualities of humanity is our ability to look at life with optimism. This largely arises from the belief that we are the special creation of God. And it is strange but true that even amongst those who declare there is no God, they feel that humanity is the pinnacle of everything on this planet. So, in contrast between those who follow God and those who have no belief in Him, some of the most hopeless and despairing individuals on earth are those who possess no hope beyond the grave.

One of the most encouraging messages of the Bible has to do with the fact that God “causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). ALL things work together for good. Why? Because God is active in the affairs of men. He is the Prime Mover and works

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ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 227—We Have Heard The Joyful Sound

Song No. 55—Again, The Lord Of Light & Love

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 217—Send The Light

Song No. 303—Heavenly Sunlight

Song No. 473—Break Thou The Bread Of Life

- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON •

— GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS & ISREAL'S REJECTION —

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Romans 9:30-10:5; Romans 2:14; John 1:11; 1 Corinthians 1:23;
Revelation 3:16; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Leviticus 18:5; John 14:6;
Galatians 1:13-14; Matthew 5:17-18

SERMON OUTLINE:

INTRODUCTION/REVIEW

- Conclusions On Sovereign Selection - 9:30-33
 - The Righteousness Of The Gentiles - 9:30
 - No Righteousness Through The Law -v9:31-33
- God's Righteousness - 10:1-3
 - Paul's Prayer (10:1)
 - Jews' Problem (10:2-3)
- Source of God's Righteousness - 10:4-5
 - In Christ - 10:4
 - Foretold By Moses - Rom 10:5

CONCLUSION/INVITATION

Invitation Song No. 300—Sunlight

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 250—Let The Lower Lights...

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING & MEAL •
- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

WED NIGHT STUDY

March 22 @ 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:

TO BE ANNOUNCED



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS
FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

— TODAY! —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal
After Morning Worship

— APRIL 30TH —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal & Game Day
After Morning Worship

WALKING IN TRUTH IN A WORLD OF LIES

— LADIES DAY —

At Canyon Lake Church Of Christ

April 15, 2023

8:30 AM — Registration

9:00 AM To 1:00 PM — Program

Speaker — Brenna Rhodes

Lunch Will Be Served

RSVP Requested By April 1st @

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[continued from front] providentially to bring about that which is in accordance with His will and best for our lives. In the face of such an overruling sovereignty as belongs to God, we must trust in His wisdom and power. ALL things will work together for good. For whom? For those who love God. What does it mean "for those who love God?" If we are pliable, He will shape us into conformity to the likeness of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29).



But, if we are stubbornly rebellious, life's difficulties and hardships will work to our undoing.

God can and does use difficult situations to mold our character and forge a stronger, more resilient faith. James reminds us, "Consider it all joy, by brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect [complete] result, that you may be perfect

[complete] and complete [unimpaired] lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4). When we place our complete trust in God, even life's most difficult moments can produce what is good.

Brethren, don't lose sight of the promises of God. Paul wrote, "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Keeping these things in mind, we can look at the world with an optimistic outlook. "Just as out of the dark ground comes the blossom, so out of the night, a morning appears." Ultimately, this world will pass away; but out that darkness will dawn the brightness of heaven's eternal day.

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ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE

Writing to first-century Christians who were suffering for the sake of righteousness, Peter wrote, "but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence..." (1 Peter 3:15). Giving reason for the hope that is within us is both a blessing and a challenge.

Consider the fact that we are creatures of hope and when hope is gone we are devastated. When things are bad, we hope they will get better. When things are good, we hope they will stay that way. Such hope is often little more than wishful thinking. Christian hope, on the other hand, could be defined as "an expectation of fulfillment or of good in spite of the obvious presence of multiple obstacles to a positive outcome." It is not merely wishful thinking. It is based on credible evidence. For us to entertain such a hope, there must be a reason for it.

Our hope is grounded in the sacrifice of Jesus. The most thrilling story ever told is found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. When sin had wrapped us up in its sentence of death (Romans 3:23; 6:23), Jesus died on the cross to provide the opportunity for spiritual cleansing (Hebrews 9:22; 10:19). Where would we be without the Lord? We would have no hope and would be without God in this world (Ephesians 2:12). But, Christ changed all that, for the next verse goes on to say, "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Take away the sacrifice of Jesus, and the hope of a Chris-

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Most Current Printout Of
On-Going Concerns Is

MAR 5, 2022

Pick Up A Copy Next To The Bulletins!

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 Sickneses
- 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

**PEOPLE/SITUATIONS FOR
WHOM/WHICH TO PRAY,
NOT YET LISTED:**

MARCH 26

- ◇ *Arnold, Bowen* [Tom Woodard’s daughter, Janice’s Boss’ Son] – He recently surprised his parents by joining the Army.
- ◇ *Burris, Joyce* – She’s doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis.
- ◇ *Orr, Lori* – She continues to improve while 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 home and is doing okay for his circumstances which includes weekly blood transfusions. Fortunately Audie Murphy picks him up and brings him home.
- ◇ *Watkins, Betsy* – She finally saw the trauma orthopedic specialist surgeon from Round Rock. After just one look at her most recent X-Ray which his office took he said, “Let’s address the elephant in the room – yes, you have to have surgery.” He wants to operate and implant plates to bring her bones together, which requires somewhere between a 6” to 10” incision, this coming week, but no date is set yet. I expect it to be Thursday, March 30 or Friday, March 31.

MARCH 19

- ◇ *Orr, Myrna* [Dan Orr’s mother] – She’s better and has been instructed to see her doctor for tests relative to her heart issue.
- ◇ *Renninger, Ruane* – She’s exhausted.
- ◇ *Deborah Smoot* – She been under the weather with some bug but has been feeling better the last few days.
- ◇ *Sparks, Janice & Tim* [Tom Woodard’s daughter and son-in-law] – Travelling between Arkansas and Lytle, TX for a visit.
- ◇ *Woodard, Pat* – Her leg is healing ever so slowly but it is healing.

MARCH 12

- ◇ *Flatequal, Pam* – She’s scheduled for cataract surgery around the end of March.

MARCH 5

- ◇ Barlow, Doris [Tom Woodard's girls, Michelle and Janice's, grandmother] – She was to move into assisted living on Friday, March 3.
- ◇ Barron, Pat [Laura Gardner's sister-in-law] – She's to have her second AFib procedure on Thursday, March 9.
- ◇ Burris, Tonya [Joyce Burris' daughter-in-law] – She was to have had surgery in February due to tearing her ACL & MCL in a skiing accident after having undergone PT to diminish swelling and bruising.
- ◇ Fintel, Pam – She was to have had her second cataract surgery back on Saturday, February 11.
- ◇ Lyra LeeAnn Conran-Meador [Watkins' newborn great-niece] – Her procedure to open her nasal passages on Tuesday, February 28 at University Hospital went very well. She may have to have another procedure Tuesday, March 7 depending on how much scar tissue is found.
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's exhausted.
- ◇ Stevens Family [Stevens, Steve – Mitch Watkins' barbershop friend] – He passed into eternity several days ago.
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She is suffering from heart issues.

FEBRUARY 26 & PRIOR

- ◇ Bailey, Linzi [Ronda Spicer's niece] – She underwent breast reconstructive surgery this past Wednesday and, **Praise GOD!**, all went well.
- ◇ Buckheit, Dan [Art Club husband] – **Praise GOD!** he is doing okay after brain surgery and is currently seeing a speech and physical therapist. Doctors will be determining what methods of cancer treatment to be used.
- ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot's friends husband] – His cancer has metastasized and he's planning to start a round of chemo. But, he's already decided to discontinue treatment if it makes him too sick.
- ◇ 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.

- ◇ Kyler, Terry [Melanie McMeans' cousin's wife] – She stopped breathing, was rushed to the hospital where much fluid was discovered in her lungs, but no mention of pneumonia at this time.
- ◇ Last Unknown, Brandy [Wendell McMeans' co-worker] – She noticed something wrong in her leg while dismounting from a forklift. She went to the hospital where several masses were discovered in her legs and knee. She'll have a biopsy in the near future.
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] – He's dealing with prostate cancer.
- ◇ 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. He also had his gall bladder removed and is now at home doing well. He's taking chemo and will have a bone marrow transplant in the near future.
- ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot's cousin's spouse] – She's been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer. She's responding well to treatment(s).
- ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] – She fell down steps and broke 6 ribs and her collarbone. She's was also having respiratory issues and was kept in an induced coma. She's now out of the coma but still has a long row to hoe.
- ◇ Wyrick, Harold [Gardners' neighbor] – He was to have knee surgery but it's been postponed because he had a temperature and flu-like symptoms.

“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise. — Jeremiah 17:14

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

1 PETER 3:15-17

¹⁵ But sanctify [set apart] the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense [rebuttal/refutation] to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness [patience/long-suffering] and fear [sense of awe/submission to God]; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame [libel/slander] you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

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tian vanishes like a cloud of dust. Our hope is based on what Jesus did for us at Calvary.

But, our hope is also founded upon the resurrection of Christ. If the story ended at the cross, it would be a good story of love and sacrifice, but would lack both saving and life-changing power. Peter said that we are “born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3). Christ is our hope (1 Timothy 1:1). Christian hope is reasonable. This is why the resurrection of Jesus is so important – it provides credible evidence upon which to establish our hope. Paul said that Jesus “was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead...” (Romans 1:4). While mankind has always feared death (Hebrews 2:15), Jesus provides a hopeful answer to His followers. Our hope in a future resurrection is based on the resurrection of Christ. Because He arose, we will arise (1 Corinthians 15:20). Concerning those who have died in Christ, we do “not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

Our hope is built on the death and resurrection of Christ. But separating these two events was His burial. The framework of the gospel is



the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

Union with these three elements of the gospel takes place when we are immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Romans 6:3-54; Acts 2:38). When a penitent believer confesses faith in Christ and is baptized, he or she is raised up to walk in newness of life. There is great rejoicing because sins have been washed away (Acts 8:39; 22:16). There is great hope because the blood of Jesus has been applied to the heart. And, there is a bright future because we will be raised in glory at Christ’s return.



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Joyce Burris	March 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	March 12	Birthday
Lori Orr	March 31	Birthday
Darrell Raine	April 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	April 16	Birthday
Harold Renninger	April 24	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And April 24, 2023,
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Every 4th Sunday Of Every Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday — TODAY, MARCH 26TH —</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>
Sun–Apr 2	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Being Lost</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 9	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Being Saved</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sat–Apr 15	Ladies Day – <i>Walking In Truth In A World Of Lies</i> – for more info see page 2 of this bulletin
Sun–Apr 16	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Grace Thru Faith</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 23	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Take Up Ur Cross</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 30	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Can A Christian Be Lost</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 30	Fellowship Lunch after morning worship service & Games after fellowship lunch

— 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>

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!**

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 —

SOME MEMORY VERSES FROM 1 & 2 PETER

1 Peter 1:22-24 — "22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because 'All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.'"

1 Peter 2:24-25 — "24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

2 Peter 1:5-7 — "5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love."



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	1 Sam 17; 1 Sam 18; 1 Sam 19; Jas 2; Jas 3
MON	1 Sam 20; 1 Sam 21; 1 Sam 22; Jas 4; Jas 5
TUE	1 Sam 23; 1 Sam 24; 1 Sam 25; 1 Pet 1; 1 Pet 2
WED	1 Sam 26; 1 Sam 27; 1 Sam 28; 1 Pet 3; 1 Pet 4
THU	1 Sam 29; 1 Sam 30; 1 Sam 31; 1 Pet 5; 2 Pet 1
FRI	2 Sam 1; 2 Sam 2; 2 Sam 3; 2 Pet 2; 2 Peter 3
SAT	2 Sam 4; 2 Sam 5; 2 Sam 6; 1 Jhn 1; 1 Jhn 2