



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.

WORTH EVERYTHING

Samuel Rutherford (1600-1661 - Scottish Presbyterian minister and theologian) is attributed with having said, "Our little time of suffering is not worthy of our first night's welcome home to heaven." I believe Rutherford was trying to say that heaven is worthy of our constant attention. Paul writes, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

How can any of us compare this life on earth, no matter how lucky and wonderful you believe your life to have been thus far, to the glories of heaven? No way. It can't be done. And if your life has been what you consider to be a series of unfortunate events, it will pale in comparison to that stupendous glory of eternal life with God our Father.



SUN ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 242—Soldiers Of Christ Arise

Song No. 413—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

- MINISTER’S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 219—Sound The Battle Cry

Song No. 338—My Faith Looks Up To Thee

- LORD’S SUPPER •
- SERMON •

— THE BELIEVER & UNBELIEVERS —

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Romans 12:14-21; 1 Peter 3:9; Ephesians 4:32;
 1 Corinthians 1:10; James 2:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:15;
 Hebrews 12:14; Hebrews 10:30; Deuteronomy 32:35;
 Matthew 5:39-41

SERMON OUTLINE:

- REVIEW / INTRODUCTION —
- I. Bless The Persecutors (v.14)
- II. Be Genuine (v.15)
- III. Be In Harmony With The Lowly (v.16)
 - A. One Mind (v.16a)
 - B. Not Snobbish (v.16b)
 - C. Avoiding Conceit (v.16c)
- IV. Live Above Reproach (v.17)
 - A. Do Not React (v.17a)
 - B. Show Good Behavior (v.17b)
- V. Live At Peace With All (v.18)
 - A. If Possible (v.18a)
 - B. As Far As Possible (v.18b)
- VI. No Place For Revenge (v.19-21)
 - A. It Belongs To God (v.19)
 - B. Kindness Will Conquer Him (v.20)
 - C. Vengeance Scars Us (v.21)
- CONCLUSION / INVITATION —

Invitation Song No. 360—I Am Thine, O Lord

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 275—Faith Is The Victory

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

WED NIGHT STUDY

MAY 31 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!
(Use Rear Doors)

— PREPARING FOR HEAVEN —

Lesson 4: Dealing With Anger



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS
FOR “TABLE” FELLOWSHIP:

— TODAY —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal
After Morning Worship

— JUNE 25TH —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal
After Morning Worship



Truck Route

Items Requested:



Sunny Delight (Any Sizes)

Potato Chips (Any Kind, Any Sizes)



Alfredo Sauce (Any Kind)

Seasoning Salt (Any Kind)



Pickup: June 13-14, 2023

Which means that when we live for self and Satan, it is nothing short of spiritual insanity! Jim Elliot (1927-1956 - American missionary to the Huaorani people of Ecuador killed on his first trip to Ecuador) wrote, “He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.” Brethren, the greatest fool of all is (s)he who places their trust in those things which are temporary. We need to look around and see that “all that is in the world is the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life...” (1 John 2:16). The things of this world are not the things of our Father in Heaven because “. . . the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever” (vs. 17).



It seems to me that America’s view of the future is woefully short-sighted. We worry about the deficit/debt ceiling – the current federal funds interest rate – the environment – the border – the threat of terrorism. And while these are significant issues, what about the next life? James says that life is “just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away” (4:14). That, to

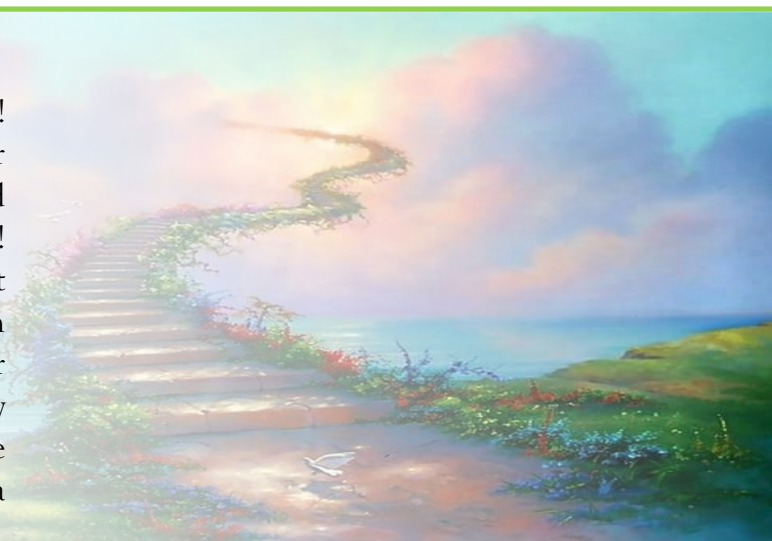
me, means that life is like speeding down a dusty, country road but when the dust settles, where will that road have taken us?

I believe we all need to think more about heaven. More than that, we need to prepare to make heaven our eternal home. Heaven will not be found by following the crowd. Jesus said, “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). It’s not going to be popular opinion that leads to life eternal. The way to heaven requires following Jesus. He is our forerunner (Hebrews 6:20). He is the One upon whom we must fix our attention (Hebrews 12:2). So, how do we follow Jesus? We follow Jesus as we obey His word. It is then that heaven becomes more than “pie-in-the-sky” – it becomes our life – it becomes our future. And no matter how great or not-so-great our life has been, it will have been worth it all!

— END —

TOO MUCH!

“This world is not my home!” Aren’t you glad! Doesn’t that just make all the difference in your day knowing that “there’s a beautiful place called heaven” that is “reserved” for you (1 Peter 1:4-5)! The very thought of heaven...the very thought that we do not deserve to be in that place for even one second... the very thought that God longs for us to be there with Him forever... the very thought that we can dwell in His blessed presence throughout eternity... is just TOO much! It is a
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Most Current Printout Of
On-Going Concerns Is

MAY 7, 2023

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 Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & *Mass Shootings*
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

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

ALL ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME

MAY 28

- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] – *Praise To GOD!* He's doing much better after the procedure to pulverize some kidney stones that were giving him issues.
- ◇ Vela, Olivia Raye [Ruane Renninger's newest great granddaughter] *Praise To GOD!* She was born May 19 and is a healthy girl. Congratulations to the Velas and Renningers!
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – *Praise To GOD!* She was released from Granite Mesa and is now at home! Probably too soon but the insurance company said the rehab center couldn't help anymore despite those AT the rehab center said they could help more. She's barely ambulatory and still needs help but she's determined to get better!
- ◇ Woodard, Ruth [Tom Woodard's sister] – She had a heart cath procedure on Wednesday, May 24 and *Praise To GOD!* her physician was pleased with the results!

MAY 21 & PRIOR

- ◇ Arnold Family [Tom Woodard's daughter, Janice's, Boss' Son, Bowen] – While on maneuvers with the Army, he broke his hip. He's convalescing at home.
- ◇ Bailey, Linzi [Ronda Spicer's niece] – *Praise GOD!*, she's doing quite well after breast reconstructive surgery.
- ◇ Barron, Pat [Laura Gardner's sister-in-law] – She's dealing from AFib complications and rehabbing after she fell and broke her hip.
- ◇ Buckheit, Dan [Art Club member's husband] – *Praise GOD!*, he is doing okay after brain surgery. Doctors will be determining what methods of cancer treatment will be used.
- ◇ Burrell, Nancy [Deborah Smoot's friend and former coworker] – She passed into eternity Monday, May 1 from GPA – Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis, aka Wegeneer's Syndrome, not

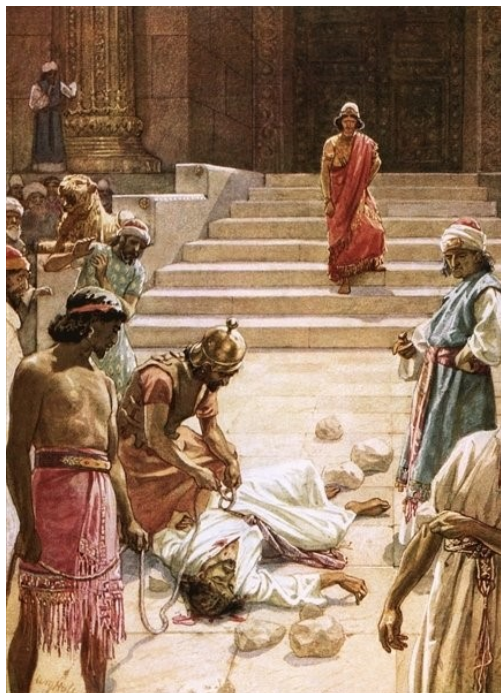
- pneumonia as originally diagnosed.
- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She’s doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis.
 - ◇ Burris, Joyce’s sister [From Washington state] – She fell and broke her wrist. She’ll be in a cast from the next 6 weeks.
 - ◇ Burris, Joyce’s sister, Betty [From La Vernia, TX] – She fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and then was admitted to rehab.
 - ◇ Burris, Tonya [Joyce Burris’ daughter-in-law] – She DID actually have surgery for her ACL/MCL on Monday, April 3 and, **Praise GOD**, she’s doing well. It was put off once by her doctor but that was all.
 - ◇ Conran-Meador, Lyra LeeAnn [Watkins’ newborn great-niece] – Praise To GOD! She’s doing well and thriving via her every-three-hour feeding through her g-tube.
 - ◇ Cook, Charles [Laura Gardner’s brother-in-law] – He had a biopsy on his prostate and is looking into a second opinion.
 - ◇ Gardner, Jim’s 82-year-old neighbor [Name Unknown] [From Hondo, TX] – He’s been diagnosed with Multi-myeloma (A type of cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow).
 - ◇ Harris, Hallie Kay [Fintels’ new great granddaughter] – **Praise GOD!**, was born healthy on April 13 at 2:36 PM. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length.
 - ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot’s friends husband] – His cancer has metastasized and he’s planning to start a round of chemo.
 - ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling’s best friend] – He’s been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull.
 - ◇ Kyler, Terry [Melanie McMeans’ cousin’s wife] – She stopped breathing, was rushed to the hospital where much fluid was discovered in her lungs. No mention of pneumonia at this time.
 - ◇ (Last Name Unknown), Brandy [Wendell McMeans’ coworker] – She was to have a biopsy on her leg and knee where several masses were discovered.
 - ◇ McMeans, Wesley [Wendell McMeans’ brother] – He was recently released from the hospital after being admitted for food poisoning which caused other stomach problems.
 - ◇ Messinger, Sarah [Yvette Messinger’s (Former Child Member) & Pam Flatequal’s niece] – She was married Saturday, April 29.
 - ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard’s football official friend] – He’s dealing with prostate cancer.
 - ◇ Murphy Family [Tom’s high school friend] – Phil: undisclosed surgery on June 5 | wife, Donna: she had back surgery on April 11 and she continues to do well, **Praise GOD!** | daughter, Beth: knee surgery on May 10.
 - ◇ Orr, Lori – She continues to improve while in palliative care.
 - ◇ Potter, Edna [TOPS friend of the Watkins’] – 94-year-old Edna fell and broke three bones in her pelvis and hit her head causing a gash. She’s now in rehab.
 - ◇ Rincon, Allbysa [Betty Smith’s granddaughter] – She and Billy [Last Name Not Known] are set to be married Wednesday, June 10.
 - ◇ Renninger Family [Harold] – He passed Sunday, April 6. His funeral is scheduled for Friday, May 12 at Fort Sam Houston.
 - ◇ 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] – **Praise To GOD!** He is in remission from his leukemia but doctors will be monitoring his condition ever couple of months and continue with maintenance chemo for a couple more months.
 - ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot’s cousin’s spouse] – She’s been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer. **Praise GOD!**, she’s responding well to treatment(s).
 - ◇ Strunk, Lea – She suffers from heart issues.
 - ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] – She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall.
 - ◇ Wyrick, Harold [Gardners’ neighbor] – He has Covid yet again.

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

ACTS 7:51-53

⁵¹ “You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, ⁵³ who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”

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“joy” that is “inexpressible and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

Do you ever get down? Do you ever get distracted by this world? Do you ever get frustrated by all that is happening around us? The writer of Hebrews spoke of “knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven” (10:34). There is no “better” life than being a Christian, but Paul said that (in comparison) getting to go and “be with Christ” is “very far better” (Philippians 1:23). May we (as the word is literally translated in Hebrews 11:16) “stretch out after” that “better country”!



This World Is Not Our Home!

¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

— Hebrews 13:13-16

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday
Rick & Pam Fintel	June 1	Anniversary
Tom & Pat Woodard	June 10	Anniversary
Lea Strunk	June 27	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And June 30, 2023,
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> Every 4th Sunday Of Every Month EXCEPT For Months With a 5th Sunday — TODAY —</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>
TODAY	Fellowship Lunch after morning worship service
Sun–June 4	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>We Need The Church</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–June 11	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Understanding The Bible</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–June 18	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Morality</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–June 25	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Whatever</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–June 25	Fellowship Lunch after morning worship service

— 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>
TODAY	International Hamburger Day & National Brisket Day
Mon–May 29	Memorial Day & National Biscuit Day & International Coq Au Vin Day
Fri–Jun 2	National Donut And Rotisserie Chicken And Rocky Road Ice Cream 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 —



Immersive —
Through OT Once & NT Three Times

SUN	Job 6; Job 7; Job 8; John 17; John 18
MON	Job 9; Job 10; Job 11; John 19; John 20
TUE	Job 12; Job 13; Job 14; John 21; Acts 1
WED	Job 15; Job 16; Job 17; Acts 2; Acts 3
THU	Job 18; Job 19; Job 20; Acts 4; Acts 5
FRI	Job 21; Job 22; Job 23; Acts 6; Acts 7
SAT	Job 24; Job 25; Job 26; Acts 8; Acts 9

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 —

SOME MEMORY VERSES FROM ACTS

ACTS 1:8 — But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 2:38 — Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the [a]remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 3:17-19 — Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 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.

ACTS 4:10-12 — Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.