



# THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

Believers are appointed to be a lighthouse to others;  
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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**Sunday Schedule:** 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship | 12:00PM - Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

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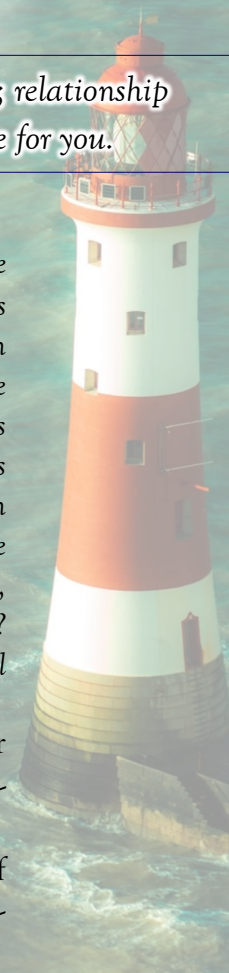
*If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.*

## ALL THAT IS, WAS; ALL THAT IS, WILL BE AGAIN – PART THREE

Our memory verse two weeks ago was Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 — <sup>1</sup> The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> “Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher; “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” <sup>3</sup> What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun? <sup>4</sup> One generation passes away, and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever. <sup>5</sup> The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose. <sup>6</sup> The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north; the wind whirls about continually, and comes again on its circuit. <sup>7</sup> All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again. <sup>8</sup> All things are full of labor; man cannot express it. the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. <sup>9</sup> That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Is there anything of which it may be said, “See, this is new”? It has already been in ancient times before us. <sup>11</sup> There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come by those who will come after.

We stated that these first eleven verses could be broken into three parts: (1) Life under The Sun Is Frustrating (vv. 2-3); (2) Earth Remains Constant (vv. 4-7); and (3) Man Remains Discontented (vv. 8-11). We now turn our attention to verses eight through eleven.

(3) Man Remains Discontent (8-11) - In the previous verses we see that the circuits of creation only seem to perpetuate our reality. Starting in verse eight, the Preacher makes ap-  
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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. 652—My Country, 'Tis Of Thee  
Song No. 651—America The Beautiful

### • MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 178—By Christ Redeemed



Song No. 242—Soldiers Of Christ

Song No. 253—Onward Christian Soldiers

### • SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 185—He Leadeth Me

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

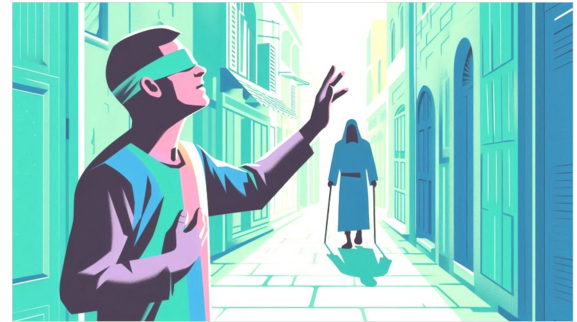
Closing Song No. 389—Take The Name Of Jesus . . .

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

**GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE  
OR STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP & A MEAL!**

## SERMON

### IS JESUS PASSING BY? LUKE 18:31-43



#### • SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Luke 18:31-43; Luke 9:51-56; Revelation 1:5; 1 Peter 1:3;  
2 Corinthians 6:2; Ephesians 2:4-5; Habakkuk 2:20;  
Hebrews 11:6; Isaiah 26:4; Romans 15:6

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

*INTRODUCTION* — (1) *The Trek to Jerusalem* | (2) *The Blind Beggar*

- I. The Blind Man's Condition – v.35
  - A. Problems He Faced
  - B. The Spiritual Blindness Of The Lost
  - C. The Blind Man's Curiosity
- II. The Blind Man's Cry – v.38-39
- III. The Blind Man's Conversion – v.40-43

*CONCLUSION* — (1) *Jesus Of Nazareth Is Passing By*  
(2) *What Do You Want Him To Do?* | (3) *Salvation Is Near Us*

- INVITATION •

## WED NIGHT STUDY

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

Please Join Us When Possible!

— *Prophecies Concerning the Church—Part 2* —



— TODAY, JUN 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship  
SANDWICHES, CHIPS, DIPS, FRESH VEGGIES/FRUITS, ETC.

— JULY & AUGUST —

- NO FELLOWSHIP MEALS •

THE LADIES HAVE OFF FOR JULY & AUGUST!



## Congratulations To Colton Brown Who Was Baptized Into Christ Last Sunday, June 23, 2024, After Morning Services!

Colton: May The Grace, The Blessings, The Peace, The Strength, And The Joy You Receive From God Be A Guide In This Fallen World Throughout The Rest Of Your Life. And May You, When Times Are Difficult And Bringing You Low (and they will), Always Remember That You Are Not Alone In Your Journey – You Have God And This Small Part Of His Earthly Family To Help You When You Feel Lost And/Or Alone And/Or [*You Fill In The Blank*]! Allow God To Be That Guiding Light And Give You Wisdom And Strength To Follow The Path That Will Lead You To Him. God Bless You!

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parent our connection with creation – the reality of mankind not making any sign of progress while creation’s ceaseless activity goes on – that is a vivid picture of our existence.

In verse eight, the weariness of life is exemplified by the inability of a man to speak, as well as the dissatisfaction of his eyes to see and ears to hear. There is no rest because we are never content with our circumstances. We are constantly striving, chasing after the wind as he will mention later on. A similar point is made in Proverbs 27:20: “<sup>20</sup> Hell <sup>[Sheol]</sup> and Destruction <sup>[Abaddon]</sup> are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.” Just as the grave and the underworld are never satisfied by the dead bodies they receive, so our eyes are continually seeking to find something new to gaze upon, our ears are constantly seeking for something tickling to hear; we are perpetually discontent.

The Preacher continues with his observations in verses nine and ten by telling us the history repeats itself. We see mankind making the same mistakes their ancestors made generations before. There is even a statement by George Santayana in his 1905 book, “The Life of Reason” which has become a cliché used to describe this condition: “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Historians are oftentimes incredibly skilled at predicting where a culture is headed by considering what previous generations did. And for many, the future is bleak. When we look at the path our culture is on, few people find reason to rejoice. Rather, they are filled with anxiety and fear. But the Preacher here is saying, “Don’t worry! You’ll be forgotten just like every

other generation that has passed before you!”

Then in verse eleven, the Preacher says that although we strive to leave a legacy for ourselves, future generations (our posterity) are able to wipe from memory all the records – all the traces of that heritage. A legacy is defined several different ways and can be physical or not. It can be one’s faith, ethics and core values, it can be monetary, and it can come from one’s character, reputation and the life they’ve led. Legacies often tremendously impact, encourage, and leave pathways for future generations. A legacy can provide guidance and inspiration for family members and those impacted by you, to live lives that may impact those same individuals’ faith, homes, communities and businesses. Yet with all that a legacy can be, it can be eradicated within a generation. Authors and artists and all that come under those two categories often leave their life’s work for future generations to pick up and read or gaze upon in wonder, but Hey Mario Kart and the multitude of other video games! ... Artificial Intelligence! ... Tik Tok, Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat! ... Sports of every kind whether amateur or professional along with all the various sports and other activities in which parents and grandparents enroll their precious ones – with no thought to their spiritual being! ... All of this has and will continue to affect the church of Christ in a myriad of ways ... after all, they’re all so much more FUN than all that “religion stuff!” In author Neil Postman’s book “Amusing Ourselves to Death,” he warns of this very thing:

When a population becomes distracted by

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## CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *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
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sick-nesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Coun-tries

## JUNE 30

**A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,<sup>[1]</sup>, AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN**

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

- ◇ Green, Dory Ann [Tom Woodard's 29-year-old granddaughter] – She having tubes implanted in her ears and she's concerned about the procedure. <sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Woodard, Pat – She fell at the airport after attempting to wrangle her luggage, hitting her head and necessitating a trip to emergency where she incurred stiches. She's doing okay. She did see her doctor this week who ran some tests but nothing conclusive was detected as to a cause of her fall. <sup>[NEW]</sup>

## ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

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## JUNE 23

- ◇ Dadd, Jaime [Tom Woodard's co-worker at Castle Hills] – She's just learned that she has breast cancer at age 30. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Shaw, Nancy [Betsy Watkins' longtime friend] – Her cancer markers have not been good. She's started a different infusion for her liver as the old one wasn't working. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – She headed back to Arkansas this past Friday. <sup>[1]</sup>

## JUNE 16

- ◇ Brown, Jason [Ronda Spicer's son] – He is currently looking for employment. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Evans, Kamryn [Tom Woodard's great niece] – She recently had sinus surgery and *Praise To GOD!* all went well. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ McMeans, Velma [Wendell McMeans' mom] – Since she fell while gardening a few weeks ago, she's fallen twice more – once while getting out of bed and once when stooping to pick something off the floor. Needless to say, she continues to have considerable pain in her back. She's scheduled to have an MRI on Tuesday, Jun 18. <sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – She is to have right knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, August 7. <sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Torres, Donna [Laura Gardner's son's girlfriend's mother] – She was released from her hospitalization due to her operated upon lung filling with fluid and running a temperature. She's still in a significant amount of pain. <sup>[2]</sup>

## JUNE 9



- ◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] – She'll be having a procedure(s) to rebuild her brain floor on Wednesday, July 3. *Praise To GOD!* – She recently asked for her mom to obtain a Bible – *REALLY COOL!*<sup>[3]</sup>
- ◇ Strunk, Billy – He had to be hospitalized due to unknown causes. Lea said something to the effect that they almost lost him. Even so, he was released from the hospital without a diagnosis on Sunday, Jun 2. <sup>[3]</sup>

## JUNE 2

- ◇ Flatequal, Pam – She arrived safely to Tennessee, *Praise To GOD!*<sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ McMeans, Justin [McMeans' son] – His boss at work intervened after Justin lost his job, allowing him to return, *Praise To GOD!*<sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Orr, Dan – He was admitted to the hospital due to chest pains, several tests were run and everything came back okay so, he was subsequently released. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – She's to have cataracts surgery July 2 for preop clearance and July 12 for the actual surgery on one of her eyes. Afterwards (2 weeks) she'll have her other eye done. <sup>[4]</sup>
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She's been diagnosed with Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), the cause of her feet issues. She's been put on a new med to make the interior of her arteries "slick." <sup>[4]</sup>

## MAY 26

- ◇ Misty-Last Name Unknown [Pam Flatequal's friend] –She's been involved in a Johnson & Johnson law suit due to cancer she's had. Unfortunately, a recent body scan showed that she has 10 brain tumors. <sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Street, Brian [Laura Gardner's Son] – He's developed a serious ulcer. It will be expensive to treat, it is unfortunate but he doesn't have insurance. <sup>[5]</sup>

## MAY 19

- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] – His

left ear now looks good... somehow... and no long needs surgery at this time, but... his right ear may be in need of a surgery (he's already had one surgery on that ear)<sup>[6]</sup>

- ◇ Lloyd-Brown, Family [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law's mother] – Linda Lloyd passed into eternity Thursday, May 16. <sup>[6]</sup>

## MAY 12

- ◇ Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling [Her: Ronda's granddaughter; Him: Gardner's grandson] – They're now engaged! Congratulations!<sup>[7]</sup>

## MAY 5

- ◇ Gibbon, Tucker [Bill Ragsdale's (Deborah Smoot's brother-in-law) son's grandson] – Tucker, a newborn, will have to have several procedures to correct some health issues. <sup>[8]</sup>
- ◇ Gail Kuehler's Sister [Gail is one of the Art Club members] – Sister passed into eternity. <sup>[8]</sup>

## ONGOING

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

Alderman, Roy<sup>[9]</sup>; Barron, Pat Family<sup>[13]</sup>; Bentley, Sage<sup>[9]</sup>; Bonin, Danny<sup>[10]</sup>; Bonin, Donna<sup>[10]</sup>; Bridgewater, Rebecca<sup>[11]</sup>; Brown, Hunter<sup>[18]</sup>; Brown, Stephanie<sup>[19]</sup>; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes<sup>[23]</sup>; Burris, Gloria<sup>[16]</sup>; Burris, Joyce<sup>[13]</sup>; Vela Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia<sup>[13]</sup>; Corren, Jan<sup>[23]</sup>; Delaney, Sophie<sup>[24]</sup>; French, Missae<sup>[9]</sup>; Green, Marvin<sup>[25]</sup>; Green, Sonia<sup>[21]</sup>; Haby, Casey<sup>[11]</sup>; Lopez, Emily<sup>[15]</sup>; McLay, Carla<sup>[18]</sup>; McLay, Gary<sup>[18]</sup>; Montalvo, Louie<sup>[9]</sup>; Norris, David Family<sup>[23]</sup>; Parra, Rudy<sup>[9][10]</sup>; Reilly, Mike Family<sup>[19]</sup>; Renninger, Ruane<sup>[4]</sup>; Slaughter, Ron<sup>[10]</sup>; Smith, Bessie Family<sup>[22]</sup>; Smith, Zachary Family<sup>[22]</sup>; Smoot, Bailey<sup>[10]</sup>; Smoot, Cody & Emily<sup>[15]</sup>; Smoot, Dan'iel<sup>[11]</sup>; Smoot, Jeremy<sup>[10]</sup>; Smoot, Randy<sup>[15]</sup>; Sparks, Janice<sup>[12]</sup>; Turnbow, Elaine<sup>[26]</sup>; Turnbow, Gary<sup>[26]</sup>; Vela, John & Cheryl<sup>[11]</sup>; Villarreal, Douglas<sup>[15]</sup>; Vierling, Gene<sup>[9]</sup>; Watkins, Betsy<sup>[9]</sup>; Watkins, Mitch<sup>[9]</sup>; Welsby, Chris<sup>[20]</sup>

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trivia, when cultural life is redefined as a perpetual round of entertainments, when serious public conversation becomes a form of baby-talk, when, in short, a people become an audience, and their public business a vaudeville act, then a nation finds itself at risk; culture-death is a clear possibility.

Right about now, I'm sure you're nodding your head thinking. "Amen! That's right. This generation is in chaos. Our nation will soon be in ruins if we're not already there!" We tend to point our wagging fingers at the world outside.

But what about us? What about you? Where does your idle heart find satisfaction? Are you personally discontent? Be honest.

This is really where we should approach our study of the first eleven verses of Ecclesiastes – indeed the entire book – with an honest assessment of our discontentment. Here's why: because until we've done that, we won't realize that we've been made for so much more than a mere life under the sun. God has blessed us with a soul that will never die, well, blessed if we are Christ's, not so much otherwise.

The frustration we experience in this life is universal. And believers aren't immune from worldly pessimism. But the Christian does have a hope that the unbeliever lacks. That hope stems from the cross. Read what Isaiah 53:10 tells us and see for yourselves, "10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise <sup>[crush]</sup> Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand."

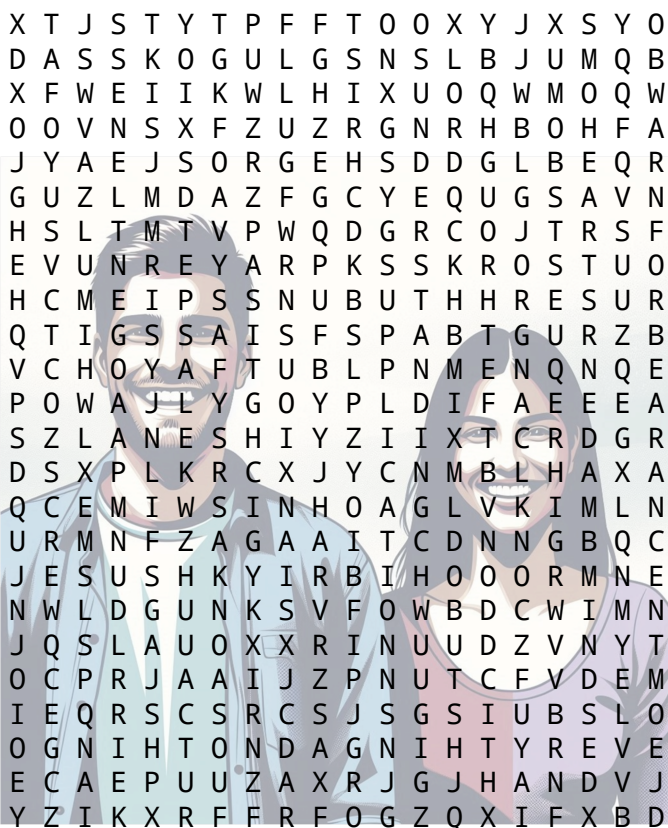
The grief that our Lord Jesus endured as He was crushed on the cross points to the fulfillment of all the frustration stemming from the result of our sin. Remember the word "toil" from Ecclesiastes 1:3? In the next verse of Isaiah 53 we see that word again, but this time it is translated "labor" (NKJV) or "anguish" (ESV): "11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> *Rejoice* in the *Lord* *always*. *Again* I will *say*, rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Let your *gentleness* [*graciousness*, *forbearance*] be *known* to all *men*. The Lord is at *hand*. <sup>6</sup> Be *anxious* for *nothing*, but in *everything* by *prayer* and *supplication*, with *thanksgiving*, let your *requests* be *made* known to *God*; <sup>7</sup> and the *peace* of God, which *surpasses* all *understanding*, will *guard* your *hearts* and *minds* *through* *Christ Jesus*.



many, for He shall bear their iniquities."

Brethren, we have hope, because we have a Savior whose eyes were satisfied by what He saw as the result of His redemptive work. What did He see? His offspring (v.10). That's you and me, and all who believe and obey!

Jesus' cry of despair, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" is the fulfillment of the frustration that all believers face in this life. And, in the midst of suffering that toil, labor, anguish, our Lord saw the fruit of His turmoil, and He was satisfied. On the cross, Jesus bore our life of vani-

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# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Lea Strunk	Jun 27	Birthday
Wendell & Melanie McMeans	July 20	Anniversary
Pam Fintel	July 27	Birthday
Tom Woodard	August 1	Birthday
Carlene Vierling	August 7	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And August 7, 2024  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

———— Church Stuff ——— Church Stuff ——— Church Stuff ———

4th OR 5th Sundays		<b>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch –</b> <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)
Every Thursday		<b>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!)</b> – 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.
Sun–Jul 7		<b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – One Another –</b> for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jul 14		<b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Is God Active Today –</b> for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jul 21		<b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – The New Covenant –</b> for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jul 21		<b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Are You Persuaded? –</b> for channel: searchtv.com
Fri Sat Sun– Sep 27-28-29		<b>Women Of Joy Conference @ San Antonio – Theme: <i>He Must Become Greater; And I Must Become Less</i>   Early Bird Rate: \$129 For Entire Conference [womenofjoy.org]</b>

———— Non-Church Stuff ——— Non-Church Stuff ——— Non-Church Stuff ———

Every Tuesday		<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 & Demonstration(s)
3rd Mondays		<b>VFW Auxiliary –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM
Sun–Jun 30		<b>International Asteroid Day   National Meteor Day   Log Cabin Day</b>
Tue–Jul 2		<b>Made In The USA Day   Special Recreation For The Disabled Day</b>
Wed–Jul 3		<b>National <sup>1</sup>Eat Your Beans &amp; <sup>2</sup>Chocolate Wafer &amp; <sup>3</sup>Fried Clams Days</b>
Thu–Jul 4		<b>Independence Day   National <sup>1</sup>BBQ &amp; <sup>2</sup>Caesar Salad &amp; <sup>3</sup>Country Music Days</b>
Fri–Jul 5		<b>National <sup>1</sup>Apple Turnover &amp; <sup>2</sup>Graham Cracker Days</b>
Sun–Jul 7		<b>National <sup>1</sup>Chocolate &amp; <sup>2</sup>Strawberry Sundae &amp; <sup>3</sup>Macaroni Days</b>

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ty and replaced it with purpose and hope!

In summary, the quest for life’s meaning begins with an honest assessment of our discontentment – let’s not sugarcoat this reality. For, fortunately, for all who believe and obey Christ, there is a hope received in our redemption. Because of the resurrection, our toil and hard labor is NOT in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58 reminds us: “<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

The resurrection of Jesus Christ has cleared up any ambiguity left by Ecclesiastes regarding the afterlife. The Preacher argued that nothing is remembered (v.11), but He taught: “<sup>25</sup> . . . ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” (John 11:25-26). If not, we will remain discontent as we search in vain for that elusive meaning in life. **E**

## DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



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

SUN	Aug 30 - 2 Chr 19-23
MON	Jul 1 - Obad 1; Ps 82-83
TUE	Jul 2 - 2 Kgs 1-4
WED	Jul 3 - 2 Kgs 5-8
THU	Jul 4 - 2 Kgs 9-11
FRI	Jul 5 - 2 Kgs 12-13; 2 Chr 24
SAT	Jul 6 - 2 Kgs 14; 2 Chr 25

Chr = Chronicles | Obad = Obadiah | Kgs = Kings

## WANT TO BE

### Part Of The Local Family Of Christ?

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 CONCERNING JOY

**Romans 15:13** — <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 12:9-13** — <sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

**James 1:2** — <sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

**John 16:21-24** — <sup>21</sup> A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. <sup>23</sup> “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.