



# 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.*

## PROMISES, PROMISES

— BY GLEN ELLIOTT, GREENBRIAR COC, AR

The world paints a distorted picture of sin. It is glorified. It is glamorized. It glitters with the bling of worldly wisdom but delivers nothing by way of substance. It glows with a warmth straight from the devil's hell. Because sin's consequences are unlike its promises, it would be wise to know something about what sin actually does for us.

In the first place, sin separates us from God. Isaiah reminded his readers that "the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; neither is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear" (Is. 59:1-2). Sin separates from God. The apostle Paul reminded the Ephesians that prior to their conversion, they were separate from Christ (Eph. 2:12). When severed from Christ, there is no opportunity for spiritual life. Sin separates us from the source of all life.

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# SUN ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Song No. 484—In The Morning Of Joy

Song No. 498—Wonderful City Of God

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 513—I Have Heard Of A Land

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Song No. 159—I Gave My Life For Thee

- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON •

Invitation Song No. 485—In The Land Of Fadeless...

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 521—Just Over In The Glory Land

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

“<sup>14</sup> Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. <sup>15</sup> You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup> And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.’

— Acts 22:14-16

# WED NIGHT STUDY

JUNE 7 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

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

— Heaven—

LESSON NO. TO BE ANNOUNCED



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS  
FOR “TABLE” FELLOWSHIP:

— JUNE 25 —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

— JULY 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

# SUNNY GLEN

## 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



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In the second place, not only does sin separate; it also enslaves. Just as sinful habits can enslave the body, so also sin enslaves the soul. Jesus says, “everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin” (Jn. 8:34). Paul says that we “are slaves of the one whom we obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness” (Rm. 6:16). Sin separates and enslaves.

Finally, sin kills us. Listen carefully to Paul’s statement in Romans 6:23 where he writes, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Although physical death is the result of sin having been brought into the world, in this passage, Paul is talking about spiritual and eternal death. In order to be cleansed from sin and escape its sen-

tence of death so as to enjoy paradise with God, we must take advantage of the benefits of Christ’s blood. The author of the book of Revelation writes: “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city” (Rev. 22:14). Earlier in the book, it is revealed that their robes had been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14).

So, what does sin do for us? It separates us from God, our source of life and blessing. It hopelessly enslaves us to our own passions and desires. And, finally, if untreated, sin kills us spiritually and eternally. All of this is sufficient cause for us to seek the only cure; that is, having our robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb.

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## FREE AT LAST! — BY GLEN ELLIOTT, GREENBRIAR COC, AR

Sin carries tragic consequences. It separates us from God. It enslaves us to our own passions and desires. And, it eventually destroys our soul. Shifting gears from the negative, consider how the blood of Christ remedies the problem of sin.

In the first place, while sin separates us from God, the blood of Jesus brings about reconciliation. In Romans 5:10, Paul writes, “For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” We are reconciled to God through the death of His Son. Again, in Ephesians 2:13, Paul says, “But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” The good news is that we can be brought back into the favor and friendship of God through the blood of Jesus.

Another way the blood of Jesus remedies the problem of sin is through the process of redemption. “Redeem” means “to buy back.” So, while sin enslaves the soul, the blood of Jesus purchases redemption and sets us free. Peter tells us that we “were not redeemed with perishable things like

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On-Going Concerns Is

**JUNE 4, 2023**

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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

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

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

**JUNE 4**

◇ No New Added

**MAY 28 & 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 Wegener'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.
- ◇ 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.
  - ◇ 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, Allysa [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.
  - ◇ 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!
  - ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] – She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall.
  - ◇ 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!

# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## ACTS 17:10-12

<sup>10</sup> As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup> Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. <sup>12</sup> As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.



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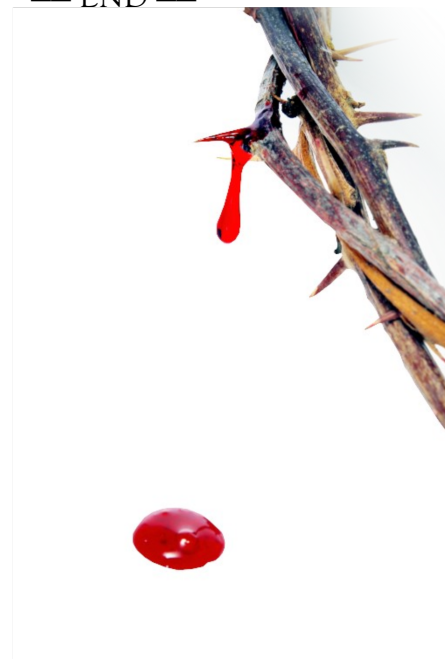
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silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ” (1 Pet. 1:18-19). Sin enslaves – it captivates the soul. But Jesus paid the ransom for sin, setting us free through the offering of His life’s blood on the cross of Calvary.

Finally, the third way that the blood of Jesus remedies the problem of sin is that, while sin kills and destroys, the blood of Jesus gives spiritual life. Paul opens the second chapter of his letter to the Ephesians reminding them that they had been dead in their sins. Then, beginning in verse four, he draws a contrast between where they had been and where they were now in Christ. He says, “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ...” (Eph. 2:4-5). A similar contrast is drawn in 1 Corinthians 15:22 where Paul writes, “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.” Truly, life is in the blood and, spiritually speaking, spiritual life is in the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The blood of Jesus is the perfect cleansing agent for the problem of sin. It removes completely the effects and stain of sin in the human heart. If we hope to be saved from our sins, we must be washed in the blood of Jesus.

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# 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><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 (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.</p>
Sun–June 11	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY –</b> <i>Understanding The Bible</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–June 18	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY –</b> <i>Morality</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–June 25	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY –</b> <i>Whatever</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–June 25	<b>Fellowship Lunch</b> after morning worship service

### — 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>
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>National Cheese Day &amp; National Child’s Day &amp; International Day Of Innocent Children–Victims Of Aggression Day &amp; National Cancer Survivors Day</b>
Tue–Jun 6	<b>D-Day &amp; National Applesauce Cake And Churro And Hunger Awareness Days</b>
Wed–Jun 7	<b>National Chocolate Ice Cream Day</b>
Sun–Jun 11	<b>National German Chocolate Cake And Corn-On-The-Cob Days</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 —



**Immersive —  
Through OT Once & NT Three Times**

SUN	Job 27; Job 28; Job 29; Acts 10; Acts 11
MON	Job 30; Job 31; Job 32; Acts 12; Acts 13
TUE	Job 33; Job 34; Job 35; Acts 14; Acts 15
WED	Job 36; Job 37; Job 38; Acts 16; Acts 17
THU	Job 39; Job 40; Job 41; Acts 18; Acts 19
FRI	Job 42; Psa 1; Psa 2; Acts 20; Acts 21
SAT	Psa 3; Psa 4; Psa 5; Acts 22; Acts 23

## 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 —

### ACTS 11:19-26

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

