



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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Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship
~12:00PM — Every 4th Or 5th Sunday

- Potluck Fellowship Meal •

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.

LA UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST, HONDURAS



The congregation sent this image to us of a recent Ladies Day at the La Union Church of Christ in Honduras. They also sent their great thanks for the small bit we do monthly (\$200.00) in support of their congregation and minister.



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. 29—Praise The Lord

Song No. 459—O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Not In Song Book—We Thank Thee God For...

Sung To Tune Of Song No. 342—O For A Faith That...

Not In Song Book—The Virtuous Wife

Sung To Tune Of Song No. 323—Living By Faith

Song No. 180—In Memory Of The Savior's Love



- SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 328—Hold To God's...

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song Not In Song Book—Day By Day

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

A WOMAN OF GOD 2 KINGS 4:8-37



- SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

2 Kings 4:8-37

- SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) The Woman At Shunem – v 8 / (2) What Made This Woman Great?

- I. Her Compassion Cor Elisha – vv. 9-10
 - A. Elisha Cay Have Often Traveled To Shunem
 - B. Observed Elisha's Need For Lodging
 - C. She Cared Enough To Be Involved
 - D. Same Compassion Needed Today
- II. Her Contentment Rewarded Anyway – vv. 12-17
 - A. Elisha Wanted To Repay The Woman
 - B. She Turned Down The Offer
 - C. Elisha's Promise To Her
 - D. God Honored Her
- III. Confidence In The Power Of God – vv. 18-37
 - A. The Child Died
 - B. The Woman's Confidence
 - C. Her Faith In God Rewarded
 - D. The Child Lives - vv. 32-37

CONCLUSION — (1) A Mother's Faith Rewarded | (2) Do We Share His Blessings? | (3) What Will We Do With Our Gifts?

— INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

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

Please Join Us When Possible!

— 1 Corinthians 15:9-29 —



— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR WILL BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— JUNE 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR WILL BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

SUNNY GLEN

Truck Route

Items Requested:

Cake Mix & Frostings (Any)



Aluminum Foil (Any Kind, Any Sizes)



Capri Sun & Other Juice Pouches
(Any Kind & Flavor)



Fabuloso Floor Cleaner



Pickup: June 11-12, 2024

REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 13

This psalm, like so many others, honestly expresses feelings of fear and frustration. It is commonly believed by the majority of Bible scholars that David most likely composed Psalm 13 during David's time of hiding in the wilderness from King Saul (1 Samuel 19:1-2) or when David fled from his son Absalom (2 Samuel 15:13-37). This Psalm of David has been, is, and will continued to be pertinent and applicable to all peoples who would trust God for their salvation. This is one of many passages where we see believers sincerely crying out to God with their confusion and pain, not understanding why God has chosen to allow such events to occur (read Psalm 73:2-3 and Habakkuk 1:2-4). But though we would call out to God in our anguish, still, as with other Scriptures, this impassioned plea ends in an expression of trust and praise.



David begins this psalm on a note of despair. He feels that the Lord is far from him causing him to filled with sorrow as he contemplates his enemy. This may have been written during the time when King Saul sought to kill David (1 Samuel 19:1-2) or nearer the end of David's life when he was enduring trials and tribulations and conflict with his rebellious son, Absalom (2 Samuel 15:13-37). With David's enemy using the resources of most of the entire nation to pursue him, David, I'm sure, would have felt overwhelmed and helpless. Expressing sincere emotion, David feels as if God has forgotten him. He

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- ◇ Montalvo, Louie [Laura Gardner's son's best friend] – He's back in the hospital with suspected heart issues. ^[2]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She's in the process of scheduling some heart tests. ^[2]
- ◇ Woodard Family – The 3rd year anniversary of Tom's brother "Bubba's" passing was Monday, April 22. ^[2]

APRIL 14

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] – Praise GOD! He continues to improve and is currently undergoing OT & Speech therapy. ^[3]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – Her doctor told her that her knees are bone-on-bone. As her doctor no longer performs surgeries, she's to receive steroid shots for now to see if they'll work before referral to an orthopedic surgeon. ^[3]
- ◇ Vierling, Gene – He's been taken off his heart meds for a bit. He'll see his doctor in about 3 weeks, perhaps the week of May 5. ^[3]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – She had a seizure on April 14. The hospital ran several tests and they all came back normal so they put her on an antiseizure medicine and sent her home. She's scheduled for an EEG with a new neurologist on September 30. ^[3]

APRIL 14

- ◇ Bonin, Danny [Husband of friend of Watkins'] – He's been in severe pain due to a cyst pressing against his back. He's supposed to have surgery May 9, but only if his cardiologist approves (pending). ^[4]
- ◇ Bonin, Donna [Friend of Watkins'] – She had a suspicious area in her last mammogram and is scheduled for an ultrasound May 6. ^[4]
- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal's son] – He will definitely have reconstructive surgery to repair his cholesteatoma in his middle ear but there's no date set yet. ^[4]
- ◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] – She'll be having a procedure(s) to rebuild her brain floor along with cos-

metic surgery(s) on her face and mouth due to her vehicle accident. ^[4]

- ◇ Parra, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor and friend] – He saw a heart specialist Friday, April 12. ^[4]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane's Cheryl Vela's granddaughter Olivia – She's been in the hospital with RSV. ^[4]
- ◇ Slaughter, Ron [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] He has a painful hernia but cannot have corrective surgery until he's one year out (approximately November/December 2024) from his heart stint procedure. ^[4]
- ◇ Smoot, Jeremy [Smoots' nephew] – He had stints implanted Thursday, April 11 due to having 100% blockage. ^[4]

APRIL 7

- ◇ Bridgewater, Rebecca [Mitch Watkins' sister] – Experiencing health issues. She's seeing several doctors about her condition(s). ^[5]

ONGOING

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

Barron, Pat Family ^[6]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[22]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[22]; Boldt, Sandy ^[22]; Brown, Hunter ^[12]; Brown, Stephanie ^[15]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[17]; Burris, Gloria ^[10]; Burris, Joyce ^[7]; Corren, Jan ^[17]; Davis, Randy Family ^[24]; Davis, Preston ^[12]; Delaney, Sophie ^[18]; Dye, Joyce ^[25]; Evans, Steve ^[18]; Fintel, Pam ^[25]; Green, Marvin ^[19]; Green, Sonia ^[15]; Haby, Casey ^[5]; Lopez, Emily ^[9]; McLay, Carla ^[12]; McLay, Gary ^[12]; McMeans, Velma ^[14]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[24]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[24]; Neal, Larry ^[12]; Noble, David Family ^[18]; Norris, David Family ^[17]; Parra, Rudy ^[30]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[13]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[18]; Shaw, Nancy ^[19]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[16]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[16]; Smoot, Bailey ^[5]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[10]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[5]; Smoot, Randy ^[9]; Sparks, Janice ^[6]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[20]; Turnbow, Gary ^[20]; Vela, John & Cheryl ^[5]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[9]; Watkins, Mitchell ^[5]; Welsby, Chris ^[14]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[20]

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looks in vain for a way to defeat his enemies. He finally turns to the Lord in faith and asks for an answer. His question is not merely a request for knowledge, but for explanation – to know *why* these things are happening. David asks for enlightenment – “Give light to my eyes” (NIV); “Enlighten my eyes” (NKJV) – In the original language the Hebrew uses two words, “eiare oini” which conveys the idea of, not just understanding, but energy and strength because he knows that only God can rescue him. Unless the Lord intervenes, David expects to be defeated, and believes his enemies are already celebrating because of his fear (Psalm 13:1-4).



However, David's faith does not fail. Though he does not fully understand "why" these things happen, he maintains his trust in God. He relies on the Lord's unfailing love and rejoices in His salvation. David recalls the Lord's goodness to him, and this causes him to sing. The psalm begins on a note of sorrow yet ends with a joyful song – doubt brings sorrow; faith brings praise (Psalm 13:5-6).

So, when our life is a hot mess, either due to the machinations and schemes of others or our own choices, and our faith is on rocky ground and we cry to God, "Why?!" as did David, we should try to remember that the God of the universe should be trusted as we remember his unfailing love (13:5) and rejoice that through Him we have eternal salvation! Finally, as difficult as it may be in our times of woe, we should **try our**

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 13 (NIV)

¹ How *long*, Lord? Will you *forget* me *forever*? How long will you *hide* your *face* from me? ² How long *must* I *wrestle* with my *thoughts* and *day* after day have *sorrow* in my *heart*? How long will my enemy *triumph over* me? ³ *Look* on me and *answer*, Lord my *God*. *Give light* to my *eyes*, or I will *sleep* in *death*, ⁴ and my *enemy* will *say*, “I have *overcome* him,” and my *foes* will *rejoice* when I *fall*. ⁵ But I *trust* in your *unfailing love*; my heart *rejoices* in your *salvation*. ⁶ I will *sing* the Lord's *praise*, for he has been *good* to me.

S V U I U H T J Y D X A I U G O E I N S
G T N A H P E E L S H V W D O L L B A T
N W F R F P G T H J W Z M X D H G Z S Y
I P A T K O U B W L F X T W J P D U J T
S L I R B S R A Q L L O V E W M M L I R
Y F L U Y Y N G V M H M E D C U S W B O
J R I A S S M S E T A W I S T I E A H V
R G N C W H I D E T H J S S H R E N Y S
B N G E N H A Z K C X O U F Z T D E A N
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F P L Q M A O J E R A A H X U W B O E S
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best to sing praises to the Lord for the blessings He has showered upon us because of His goodness (Psalm 13:6). **E**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday
Rick & Pam Fintel	June 1	Anniversary
Tom & Pat Woodsard	June 10	Anniversary
Lea Strunk	June 27	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And June 30, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 "Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <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	 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.
Sun–May 19	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Til Death Do Us Part</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–May 26	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Devoted Christianity</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jun 2	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Fearing The Lord</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jun 9	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Wisdom</i> – for channel: searchtv.com

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 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)
3rd Mondays	VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM 
Sun–May 12	Mother's & National Nutty Fudge Days International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day
Tue–May 14	Anniversary Of 1ST Performance of "Stars & Stripes Forever" By JP Sousa in 1897
Wed–May 15	Peace Officers Memorial Day National Chocolate Chip Day
Friday–May 17	National Cherry Cobbler & Pizza Party & Walnut & Endangered Species Days
Sun–May 19	National Devil's Food Cake Day World Baking Day
Fri Sat Sun– Sep 27-29	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]

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 For Edification —



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

SUN	May 12 - Ps 65-67; 69-70
MON	May 13 - 2 Sam 11-12, 1 Chr 20
TUE	May 14 - Ps 32; 51; 86; 122
WED	May 15 - 2 Sam 13-15
THU	May 16 - Ps 3-4; 12-13; 28; 55
FRI	May 17 - 2 Sam 16-18
SAT	May 18 - Ps 26; 40; 58; 61; 62; 64

Sam = Samuel | Ps = Psalms | Chr = Chronicles

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 —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PSALM 12 (NIV)

¹ Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race. ² Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts. ³ May the Lord silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue — ⁴ those who say, “By our tongues we will prevail; our own lips will defend us — who is lord over us?” ⁵ “Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,” says the Lord. “I will protect them from those who malign them.” ⁶ And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times. ⁷ You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked, ⁸ who freely strut about when what is vile is honored by the human race.

REMEMBER — IF THIS IS TOO BIG OF A “CHUNK” TO MEMORIZE AT ONE TIME, BREAK IT DOWN AND MEMORIZE IT IN MANAGEABLE PIECES.

Aren’t these verses so apropos to what we see happening in America today? Although these words are estimated by scholars to have been written toward the end of David’s life, around 1015 BC (about 3,035 years ago!) we see the same thing happening today... As Solomon wrote, “There is nothing new under the sun...”