



# 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

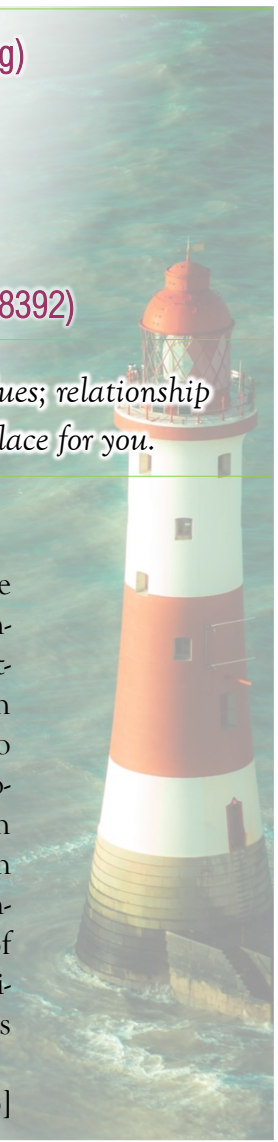
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*If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.*

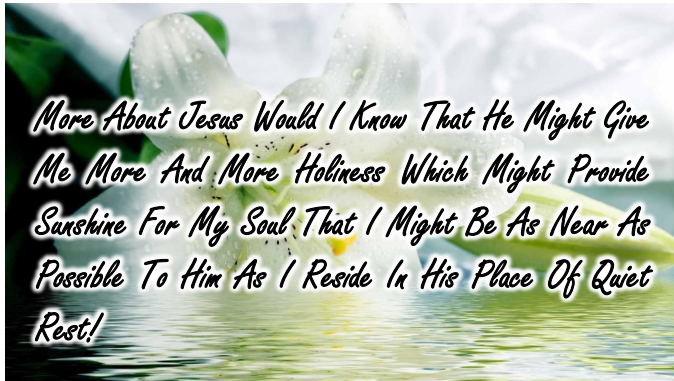
## NO PILLOW SO SOFT

There are many proverbs from many lands that talk about man's conscience: "The best asset is a clear conscience" (Polish Proverb). "No one else can represent your conscience" (Native American Proverb attributed to the Anishinabe Tribe). "In the courtroom of the conscience, a case is always in progress" (Dutch Proverb). And there is an old French proverb (or German, depending upon your source) that says, "There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience." Which means that, believe it or not, there are people whose conscience will not allow them to sleep. A sensitive conscience is God's design for man — it is one of the things that distinguishes us from God's other creatures. When we say that someone is acting like a beast, it is often in reference to the fact that his conscience has become so callous, so cruel, so hard-hearted, as to be ineffective. Examples of such are evident every night in the evening news. Man's inhumanity to man is not evidence that he has evolved from a lower form of life; it is evidence that he has, by means of a seared conscience, descended to a beastly, rotten, vile, passion-oriented existence.

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# SUN ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 299—There Is Sunshine In My Soul

Song No. 348—Nearer My God To Thee

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 350—More Holiness Give Me

Song No. 369—More About Jesus

Song No. 318—There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest

- LORD'S SUPPER •

- SERMON •

— THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL —

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Romans 11:1-10; Psalm 95:14; Acts 9:1-19; Romans 9:29;  
1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 9:27; John 1:12; Isaiah 29:10;  
Isaiah 6:9; Psalm 69:22-23

### SERMON OUTLINE:

REVIEW / INTRODUCTION

- I. Israel Was Disobedient (10:21) (v.1a-b)
    - A. Will All Israel Be Rejected? (v.1a)
    - B. God Forbid! (v.1b)!
  - II. Five Proofs Of A Remnant
    - A. Paul Part Of Remnant (v.1c)
    - B. God's Guarantees (v.2a)
    - C. Elijah Foresaw A Remnant (v.2b-4)
    - D. There Is A Present Remnant (v.5)
    - E. God's Grace Assures A Remnant (v.6-10)
      1. The Chosen Obtained Righteousness (v.7)
      2. Israel Accused By Scripture (v.8-10)
- CONCLUSION / INVITATION

Invitation Song No. 464—More Love To Thee

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 210—'Tis So Sweet To Trust...

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

# WED NIGHT STUDY

April 26 @ 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:

*HEBREWS 12:18-29*



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS  
FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

— APRIL 30TH —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal — After Morning Worship

5th Sunday Game Day — After Fellowship Meal

— MAY 28TH —

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

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The apostle Paul spoke of some who had “by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared... their own conscience as with a branding iron” (1 Timothy 4:2). He also spoke of those who had defiled both their mind and their conscience (Titus 1:15). The conscience is “the faculty of recognizing the distinction between right and wrong in regard to [one’s] own conduct” (American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language). The conscience is intended to be sensitive to its violation. However, when repeatedly offended, the conscience becomes insensitive and useless in guiding moral conduct.

“Let your conscience be your guide” must, therefore, be taken within the scope of whether or not the conscience has been properly educated by the word of God. Otherwise, morality becomes a purely subjective matter. Before his conversion to Christ, Paul sincerely believed that he was correct in persecuting those Jews who were professing Christ Jesus. He said, “Brethren I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day” (Acts 23:1). People may, in good conscience, be involved in all sorts of wicked activities. But, conscience alone is not a safe guide. For it to turn from the subjective to the objective, it must be educated by what is revealed in the



word of God. Otherwise, society degenerates into moral ambiguity, each man being his own guide.

The Scripture encourages us to “keep faith and a good conscience” (1 Timothy 1:19). A defiled conscience can be cleansed by the blood of Christ so as to serve the living God (Hebrews 9:14). By means of the conversion process, as described in Scripture, we become new creatures.

Old things pass away, and all things are made new (Romans 6:4 - “Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”; 2 Corinthians 5:17 - “There-

fore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”). There is saving power in Biblical baptism. 1 Peter 3:21 reminds us that it is “not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...” The soft pillow of a clear conscience is the result of obedience to the gospel and faithful Christian living. Therefore, we should by all means stand in the grace of God, having taken those steps that lead to a clear conscience through the blood of Christ (Romans 5:2).

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**“<sup>14</sup> BUT THIS I CONFESS TO YOU, THAT ACCORDING TO THE WAY WHICH THEY CALL A SECT, SO I WORSHIP THE GOD OF MY FATHERS, BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAW AND IN THE PROPHETS. <sup>15</sup> I HAVE HOPE IN GOD, WHICH THEY THEMSELVES ALSO ACCEPT, THAT THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST. <sup>16</sup> THIS BEING SO, I MYSELF ALWAYS STRIVE TO HAVE A CONSCIENCE WITHOUT OFFENSE TOWARD GOD AND MEN.**

**— ACTS 24:14-16**



her pelvis and hit her head causing a gash. Doctors have decided not to operate.

- ◇ Woodard Family [Tom & his sister-in-law, June] – Saturday, April 22 is the anniversary of Bubba's [Tom's brother] passing.
- ◇ Woodard, Ruth [Tom Woodard's sister] – Her doctor didn't like the results of a recent stress test so, he's putting her through another one soon.

## APRIL 16

- ◇ Cook, Charles [Laura Gardner's brother-in-law] – He had a biopsy on his prostate and is looking into a second opinion.
- ◇ Barlow, Doris [Tom Woodard's girls, Michelle and Janice's, grandmother] – **Praise GOD**, She's doing well after her move into assisted living on Friday, March 3.
- ◇ Geehan, Tiffany [Smoots' daughter] – **Praise GOD**, she's recovered from Shingles.
- ◇ Harris, Colin & Melanie [Fintels' grandson and granddaughter-in-law] – **Praise GOD!** Melanie gave birth to a health baby girl. She's named Hallie Kay and she was born April 13 at 2:36 PM. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length.
- ◇ Murphy Family [Tom's high school friend] – Phil: undisclosed surgery on June 5 | wife, Donna: she had back surgery on April 11 and she's doing very well, **Praise GOD!** | daughter, Beth: knee surgery on May 10.
- ◇ Renninger Family – Harold , our beloved brother in Christ, passed last Sunday morning, April 6, into his eternal rest. He will be greatly missed here on earth by family and friends!
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – **Praise GOD!** She had a successful humerus bone surgery and is doing well. The doctor was able to verify the nerve that runs around that bone was stretched but still intact. Her major pain is from her hand which is controlled by that stretched nerve (it tingles fiercely) and the edema in her lower arm and hand. She has a long row to hoe with PT but

her spirit is still quite good!

## APRIL 6 & 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.
- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She's doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell's coworker, Brandy – 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Orr, Myrna [Dan Orr's mother] – She's better, **Praise GOD!**, and has been instructed to see her doctor for tests relative to her heart issue.

# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

MATTHEW 27:45-54

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

<sup>47</sup> Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” <sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and of-fered it to Him to drink.

<sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

<sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

<sup>51</sup> Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, <sup>52</sup> and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

<sup>54</sup> So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

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# GREAT NON-RESPECTOR

God doesn't do it. Preachers of the Gospel are commanded not to do it. Members of the Lord's church are warned against it. Yet, in nearly every (if NOT every) congregation it happens! What am I speaking of? Being a respecter of persons.

In the Greek, the phrase “respecter of persons” is a single compound word literally meaning, “receiving of face.” In other words, how we treat an individual depends upon whose face it is. The word or phrase involves partiality and favoritism.

It is against the nature of God to be a respecter of persons. He is the almighty Creator of all humanity therefore, He treats all people in the same manner – there is no bias with Him. This is especially true in the matter of salvation. Every single human has the ability to be forgiven of their sins for all have access to the blood of Jesus through which we can be cleansed of iniquity (sin). The Jews of the first century had a difficult time with this concept. They considered themselves to be God's favorites – all non-Jews were heathens and dogs. When the Gospel began to be preached, it was clear that this concept of favoritism was false, but the Jews persisted in holding to it. Even the Apostles struggled with it. It took a vision from God and the baptism of the Holy Spirit to convince Peter that the Gentiles could become God's children (Acts 10:34-35).

God is also no respecter of persons when it comes to His judgment – He will judge ALL fairly. Our Heavenly Father doesn't have one standard of judgment for one person and another standard for someone else. Paul wrote that God “will render to every man according to His deeds:

to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality – eternal life: but unto them that are contentious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness – indignation and wrath . . . for there is no respecter of persons with God” (Romans 2:6-10).

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# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Cris Street	April 27	Birthday
Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday
Gene Vierling	May 31	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And May 31, 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                      — <i>APRIL 30, 2023</i> —</p>
Every Monday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters –</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.</p>
Sun–Apr 30	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY –</b> <i>Can A Christian Be Lost</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–Apr 30	<b>Fellowship Lunch</b> after morning worship service & <b>Games</b> after fellowship lunch
Sun–May 7	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY –</b> <i>Finding The Truth</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–May 14	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY –</b> <i>I Am Not Ashamed</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–May 21	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY –</b> <i>Rejoice In The Lord</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–May 28	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY –</b> <i>Can I Repent?</i> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–May 28	<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>
Sun–Apr 23	<b>National Cherry Cheesecake Day &amp; National Picnic Day</b>
Thu–Apr 27	<b>National Prime Rib Day &amp; Teach Children To Save Day &amp; Babe Ruth Day</b>
Sun–Apr 30	<b>National Oatmeal Cookie And Raisin And Bubble Tea 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	2 Kgs 24; 2 Kgs 25; 1 Chr 1; Matt 15; Matt 16
MON	1 Chr 2; 1 Chr 3; 1 Chr 4; Matt 17; Matt 18
TUE	1 Chr 5; 1 Chr 6; 1 Chr 7; Matt 19; Matt 20
WED	1 Chr 8; 1 Chr 9; 1 Chr 10; Matt 21; Matt 22
THU	1 Chr 11; 1 Chr 12; 1 Chr 13; Matt 23; Matt 24
FRI	1 Chr 14; 1 Chr 15; 1 Chr 16; Matt 25; Matt 26
SAT	1 Chr 17; 1 Chr 18; 1 Chr 19; Matt 27; Matt 28

## 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 MATTHEW

**Matthew 15:10-11** — <sup>10</sup> When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: <sup>11</sup> Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

**Matthew 18:1-5** — <sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, <sup>3</sup> and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

**Matthew 19:13-15** — <sup>13</sup> Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” <sup>15</sup> And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

**Matthew 23:25-26** — <sup>25</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.