



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.

TOO LONG AT THIS MOUNTAIN —

BY GLEN ELLIOTT, GREENBRIAR COC, AR



Their story had its roots in a decision made some 40 years previous — a fateful decision made by their parents and grandparents at a place called Kadesh-Barnea. Delivered from bondage by ten mighty acts of judgment against Egypt — rescued from the army of Pharaoh, miraculously crossing the Red Sea and

subsequently watching as enemy forces were buried beneath walls of water — these are but a few of the events the memory of which would surely have been etched indelibly on the hearts and minds of the children of Israel. But their colorful past only heightens our sorrow at their painful decision.

What decision was that? It was a decision to do nothing — to do nothing when God
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ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 36—*The Love Of God*

Song No. 535—*Sing To Me Of Heaven*

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 187—*In Heavenly Love Abiding*

- LORD'S SUPPER •

Song No. 303—*Heavenly Sunlight*

- SERMON •

— THE ROLE OF THE LAW —

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Galatians 3:23-29; Romans 1:18-21; James 4:7-10;
Colossians 2:14-17; Hebrews 7:18; 8:13; John 8:24; 6:69;
1 Corinthians 15:1-2; Romans 10:9; John 1:12; Romans 6:3-8

SERMON OUTLINE:

REVIEW

- I. Added Because Of Transgression — 3:23
- II. Pointed To Christ — 3:24-25
- III. Becoming Sons Of God — 3:26-29
 - A. Faith In Christ
 - B. Baptism Moves Us Into Christ

CONCLUSION —

- (1) Who Are The Heirs Of Abraham?
- (2) The Seed Promise Trumps The Law

Invitation Song No. 477—*Earth Holds No Treasurers*

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 276—*Higher Ground*

- PRAYER FOR OFFERING & CLOSING •

- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

WED NIGHT STUDY

March 1 @ 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 9:1-14



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS
FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

MARCH 26TH —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal
After Morning Worship

APRIL 30TH —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal & Game Day
After Morning Worship

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told them to go up and take the land He had promised to give to the descendants of Abraham. Their refusal to do as God had commanded was an act of rebellion (Deuteronomy 1:26 — “Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God”). Those immersed in today’s culture find it difficult to think of failure to act as a decision. How could their failure to obey be called rebellion unless it was a[n active] decision not to carry out the will of Lord? The Hebrew author has plenty to say about their rebellion calling it an act of disobedient unbelief (Hebrews 3:18-19 — “And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”).

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Moses described the days following their rebellion saying that they remained in Kadesh for many days and then turned out to the wilderness where they encircled Mt. Seir for many days. [Mt. Seir is part of a north-to-south mountainous region originally given to Esau and his descendants, comprising approximately 1,500 to 2,680 square miles depending upon how far out from the hilliest areas the Israelites walked.] With the exception of Joshua and Caleb, it was [nothing short of] a death march – until the unfaithful generation perished. Then the Lord spoke and said, “You have circled this mountain long enough” (Deuteronomy. 2:3). It was now time for them to act – to do as the Lord commanded. The promised land was for those who had the faith to obey God’s commandments.

Are we so removed in time [place, and culture] that we can no longer see faith’s promise? Heaven is for those who have the faith to obey God’s will (Matthew 7:21 – “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”). This certainly applies to God’s plan of salvation and our need to comply with God’s conditions of pardon. But, does it not also apply to other aspects of Chris-

tian living, including our call to share the good news of the gospel? Sin is not just a transgression of the law (1 John 3:4 – “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”). It is also failing to do as God has commanded (James 4:17 – “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”). The danger is that, in waiting for just the right moment, we may fail to act altogether. Perhaps, in addressing our [primary] mission and purpose as His people, [to go forth, gospelize people, baptize people, and teach people (Matthew: 28:16-20 – “Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”)] God is saying, “You have circled this mountain long enough.” It is time to move forward in obedience to the commands of the Lord.

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DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING — BY GLEN ELLIOTT, GREENBRIAR COC, AR



The only way that Christianity can become truly meaningful is for us to incorporate it into our daily activities. The idea of a once-a-week, or once-a-month religion is unheard of in God’s word. As the people of Israel gathered manna in the wilderness one day at a time (Exodus 16:4 – “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.”), so also the Christian must live for Jesus one day at a time (Acts 2:46 – “So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart” & 1 John 2:28 – “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”).

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Most Current Printout Of
On-Going Concerns Is

MAR 5, 2022

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

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

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

MARCH 5

- ◇ Barlow, Doris [Tom Woodard’s girls, Michelle and Janice’s, grandmother] – She’s was to move into assisted living on Friday, March 3.
- ◇ Barron, Pat [Laura Gardner’s sister-in-law] – She’s to have her second AFib procedure on Thursday, March 9.
- ◇ Burris, Tonya [Joyce Burris’ daughter-in-law] – She was to have had surgery in February due to tearing her ACL & MCL in a skiing accident after having undergone PT to diminish swelling and bruising.
- ◇ Fintel, Pam – She was to have had her second cataract surgery back on Saturday, February 11.
- ◇ Lyra LeeAnn Conran-Meador [Watkins’ newborn great-niece] – Her procedure to open her nasal passages on Tuesday, February 28 at University Hospital went very well. She may have to have another procedure Tuesday, March 7 depending on how much scar tissue is found.
- ◇ Renninger, Harold – He’s been definitely diagnosed with leukemia and is currently in Audie Murphy VA hospital. He’s hopefully of coming home as his strength improves.
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She’s exhausted.
- ◇ Stevens Family [Stevens, Steve – Mitch Watkins’ barbershop friend] – He passed into eternity several days ago.
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She is suffering from heart issues.

FEBRUARY 26

- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She’s suffering from 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.
- ◇ Kyler, Terry [Melanie McMeans’ cousin’s wife] – She stopped breathing, was rushed to the hospital were much fluid was discovered in her lungs, but no mention of pneumonia at this time.
- ◇ Last Unknown, Brandy [Wendell McMeans’ co-

worker] – 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.

- ◇ Orr, Lori – She's been placed in palliative care whose goal is focused upon improving the quality of life for individuals suffering from serious and/or longtime health issues.
- ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda Spicer's daughter-in-law, Barbara Brown's nephew] – He was diagnosed with leukemia in November. He also had his gall bladder removed and is now at home doing well. He's still being driven into San Antonio four times a week for his chemo. Additionally, he'll have a bone marrow transplant in the near future.
- ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] – She fell down steps and broke 6 ribs and her collarbone. She's was also having respiratory issues and was kept in an induced coma. She's now out of the coma but still has a long row to hoe.

FEBRUARY 19 & 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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard's football official friend] – He's dealing with prostate cancer.
- ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts' (former member) sister] – She's in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has "given up."
- ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot's cousin's

spouse] – She's been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer. She's been gaining fluid but her treatments seem to be working as she's now lost some of the excess fluid and is responding super well to treatment.

- ◇ Stephenson, Amber & Ben [Tom Woodard's friends] – They have been fostering a little girl (since she was seven months old) but have recently been able to adopt Rainy Grace, now age 18 months. They threw a big adoption party Friday, February 3.
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – Her hips and knees still give her pain when she moves and her left arm between the elbow and shoulder is still painful. She's was admitted to home health care and home PT on Tuesday and Thursday respectively.
- ◇ Wyrick, Harold [Gardners' neighbor] – He was to have knee surgery but it's been postponed because he had a temperature and flu-like symptoms.

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Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23). Each day presents new challenges for us to face for the cause of Christ. Before we can effectively face these



challenges, we must resolve to give the Lord first place in everything (Colossians 1:18 – "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." & Matthew 6:33 – "But seek first the kingdom of God

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SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3-8

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceeding-ly, and the love of every one of you all abounds to-ward each other, ⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, ⁵ which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted wor-thy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suf-fer; ⁶ since it is a righteous thing with God to re-pay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”). Taking up the cross of Jesus involves more than carrying a miniature cross around our neck or having its emblem tattooed on our body. Taking up the cross of Christ means that we will take our stand with Jesus and live for the One who died on our behalf (2 Cor. 5:14-15 – “For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”). It means that we will hold up the cross every day by showing the world what it means to live for Jesus. When this becomes a consistent part of our daily lives, faith in Jesus will have become a truly meaningful experience that will influence the lives of those around us.

Fuel for daily Christian living is supplied in the manna of God’s word. Overcoming spiritual



obstacles and hindrances is impossible for those who are spiritually malnourished. The Bible commends the Christians at Berea, saying that they “were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11). May we be so noble-minded as they in searching the Scriptures daily and relying on God’s wisdom and strength for help in daily Christian living.

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Joyce Burris	March 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	March 12	Birthday
Lori Orr	March 31	Birthday
Darrell Raine	April 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	April 16	Birthday
Harold Renninger	April 24	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And April 24, 2023,
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4th OR 5th Sundays	 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
Every Monday	 Sewing Sisters – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy.
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
4th Tuesdays	 Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM
TODAY	National Cheese Doodles And Poutine (Fries Covered In Cheese Curds & Brown Gravy) Days
Mon–Mar 6	National Frozen Food And Oreo Cookie Days & Remember The Alamo Day
Tue–Mar 7	National Cereal And Pork Crown Roast And White Chocolate Cheesecake Days & Peace Corps Day & Appreciate Your Dentist Day
Wed–Mar 8	National Peanut Cluster Day & Discover What Your Name Means Day
Thu–Mar 9	National Crabmeat And Meatball And Popcorn Days & World Kidney Day
Fri–Mar 10	National Blueberry Popover And Ranch Dressing Days & International Bagpipes Day & Pack Your Lunch Day & Salvation Army Day
Sat–Mar 11	Johnny Appleseed Day & Oatmeal Nut Waffle Day
Sun–Mar 5	 IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>“Without God”</i> – see searchtv.com for chan.
Sun–Mar 12	Daylight Saving Time Begins & Baked Scallops Day & Girl Scout Day

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	Jos 3; Jos 4; Jos 5; Php 3; Php 4
MON	Jos 6; Jos 7; Jos 8; Col 1; Col 2
TUE	Jos 9; Jos 10; Jos 11; Col 3; Col 4
WED	Jos 12; Jos 13; Jos 14; 1Th 1; 1Th 2
THU	Jos 15; Jos 16; Jos 17; 1Th 3; 1Th 4
FRI	Jos 18; Jos 19; Jos 20; 1Th 5; 2Th 1
SAT	Jos 21; Jos 22; Jos 23; 2Th 2; 2Th 3

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”):

- ◇ Fill out the *front and back* of 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

- ◇ Place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

BEST MEMORY VERSES FROM 1 THESSALONIANS

1Th 3:12 – *And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you.*

1Th 4:14 – *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*

1Th 4:16-17 – *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

1Th 5:6 – *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

1Th 5:11 – *Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.*

1Th 5:15 – *See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.*

1Th 5:16-18 – *Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Th 5:21-22 – *Test all things; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.*

1Th 5:24 – *He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.*