



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.

THE FUTURE (PART ONE) — THE SIGNS OF MATTHEW 24

— BY RAYMOND SIEG, GREATER DAYTONA COC, FLORIDA

In Matthew 24:1-35, Jesus talked about a number of disturbing signs that would occur in the future. For example, He said that His followers would “hear of wars and rumors of wars” (vs.6). He also mentioned conflicts between nations and kingdoms, as well as “famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.” (vs.7). Although these signs are often applied to the Lord's return, Jesus related them to the occasion when the Jewish temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed.

Beginning at Matthew 24:36 and continuing through chapter 25, Jesus did talk about His return. As He discussed His return He had this to say: “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” (Matthew 24:36). Did you hear what the Lord said? He declared that no man or angel knows the time of His return. Only the Father knows. Because no one knows when Jesus will return, we must

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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. 26—For The Beauty Of The Earth
Song No. 21—The Spacious Firmament On High
Song No. 37—Can You Count The Stars?

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 11—God Holds The Future In His Hands
Song No. 176—Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?



- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 39—Be Not Dismayed

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 466—I Need Thee Every Hour

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

- GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

SERMON



- *SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES* •

Ephesians 6:10-24; Luke 1:37; John 8:44; Luke 22:31;
John 1:14; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Hebrews 11:6;
Romans 8:6; Hebrews 4:12; James 5:13; Acts 20:4

- *SERMON OUTLINE* •

— REVIEW & INTRODUCTION —

- I. Strong In The Lord (6:10-13)
 - A. The Charge
 - B. The Enemy
 - C. The Warfare
 - D. The Duty
- II. Equipped With The Armor Of God (6:14-20)
 - A. The Soldier's Armor (vv. 14-17)
 - B. The Provision: Prayer - (18-20)
- III. Conclusion - (6:21-24)
 - A. The Soldier Tychicus (vv. 21-22)
 - B. The Soldier Paul (vv. 23-24)

— CONCLUSION & INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

March 13 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Corinthians 10:32-11:16 —



— MARCH 17 —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
ANNUAL CHURCH "PICNIC"

— APRIL 28 —

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

— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
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listen to the instructions that He gave. "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" (Matthew 24:42). "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Matthew 24:44). "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 25:13). It is imperative that we follow these instructions because, when Jesus returns, "the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

There will be no signs leading up to the Lord's return. Two inspired apostles, Paul and Peter, stated that the day of the Lord will arrive "as a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10). In other words, the Lord's return will be sudden and unexpected. So, when you hear of natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, forest fires, and volcanoes erupting, and when you hear of conflicts throughout the world, do not be alarmed. Such things do not mean that Christ is about to return.

The Lord wants us to get ready for His return by obeying the Gospel. He wants us to stay ready for His return by remaining faithful to Him. By being prepared we can actually look forward to the Lord's return, and we can join the apostle John in saying, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20). Are you ready?

THE FUTURE (PART TWO)

— THE RETURN OF CHRIST

In Matthew 24:36-41 Jesus said: 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of [a]l heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two

men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left."

Earlier in this chapter Jesus had talked at length about the destruction of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. He gave a number of signs to His followers so they would know when this tragedy was about to occur. He also gave them some instructions to follow so they would not lose their lives. In the above verses, however, Jesus began to discuss some important matters relating to His return.

Jesus emphatically stated in verse 36 that no one, including men and angels, knows the time of His return. Only the Father knows the time of this special event. This principle is also stressed in Acts 17:31 where the apostle Paul said that God "has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

As an illustration, Jesus compared His return to the great flood in Noah's day. Although God had said that the flood would certainly occur, people went about their daily activities without making preparation. There were no signs to indicate that the flood was about to occur. When the ark was closed and the rain began to fall, the time to prepare was gone.

Similarly, prior to the Lord's return, people will be going about their regular activities because there will be no warnings that He is about to return. The fact that some will be taken and some will be left indicates that a separation will occur. This separation is discussed in more detail in Matthew 25:31-46. Are you ready for the Lord's return? **E**

THE FUTURE (PART THREE)

— ARE YOU READY?

In the 24th and 25th chapters of Matthew, Jesus addressed two very important events. He began by dealing with the destruction of the Jewish

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Tom's 12th great grandchild. ^[1]

- ◇ Smith, Betty – She's been under the weather. ^[1]
- ◇ Smoot, Randy [Roger Smoot's brother] – His Parkinsons is really taking a toll on him. ^[1]
- ◇ Villarreal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] – He's now on a trial drug for 18 months for his stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasized to several areas of his body (lymph nodes and bones). ^[1]
- ◇ YWAM Kids Killed or Injured [Youth With A Mission – Where Bailey & Dan'iel, Smoots' granddaughters are attending] – On a mission trip to Tansania, Africa, 8 kids were killed and 3 injured when they were hit by a truck. The injured remain in the hospital. ^[1]

FEBRUARY 25

- ◇ Burris, Gloria [Joyce Burris's sister-in-law, married to Ken] – She's been diagnosed with a large tumor on her brain. An eight to ten hour surgery is scheduled at St David's Hospital in Austin. ^[2]
- ◇ Wife's Name Unknown – While at Chucky Cheese's, Pam Flatequal's granddaughter, Isabel (2-years-old) ran up to a little boy her age and gave him a big hug (Pam said it was Isabel's new boyfriend! lol). Pam started talking to the gentlemen (to whom the little boy belonged) who revealed that he was in San Antonio for his wife's cancer surgery ^[2]
- ◇ Orr, Dan – He's been battling allergies and has had some stomach issues. ^[2]
- ◇ Para, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] – He had developed blisters in his eyes, possibly from a medication(s) he's taking. He also needs knee surgery desperately but he can't until some time in June. ^[2]
- ◇ Smoot, Cody [Smoots' grandson] – He and his fiancée Emily were wed yesterday, February 24. Congratulations! ^[2]
- ◇ Vierling, Carlene & Carol – *Praise To GOD!* They both received good reports from their doctors. ^[2]

FEBRUARY 18

- ◇ Gorham, Robert [Member of Rose Hill CoC or possibly Pearsall CoC] – He thought he was having a heart attack and took himself to the hospital. Tests revealed he had pneumonia. He is/was to receive some imaging tests. ^[3]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She has to have an MRI, possibly Feb 21 ^[3]
- ◇ Richardson, Cheryl & Preston [Formally members of Natalia CoC, now living in Tyler] – Prayers for the family – their 16-year-old and legally blind granddaughter disappeared for 3 days. When she returned she refused to divulge where she'd been. ^[3]

ONGOING

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

Bippert, Cheryl ^[14]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[14]; Boldt, Sandy ^[14]; Brown, Hunter ^[4]; Brown, Scott ^[21]; Brown, Stephanie ^[7]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[22]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[9]; Corren, Jan ^[9]; Davis, Randy Family ^[16]; Davis, Preston ^[4]; Davis, Preston Family ^[22]; Delaney, Sophie ^[10]; Dye, Joyce ^[17]; Evans, Steve ^[10]; Fintel, Pam ^[17]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[7]; Green, Marvin ^[11]; Green, Sonia ^[7]; Halverson, Rich Family ^[23]; LeFluer, Miranda ^[6]; Mays, Alice Family ^[11]; McLay, Carla ^[4]; McLay, Gary ^[4]; McMeans, Velma ^[6]; Montalvo, Louie ^[18]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[16]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[16]; Neal, Larry ^[4]; Noble, David Family ^[20]; Norris, David Family ^[9]; Orr, Lori Family ^[25]; Parra, Rudy ^[22]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[4]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[8]; Sensat, Miriam ^[23]; Shaw, Nancy ^[9]; Slaughter, Ron ^[22]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[6]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[8]; Smoot, Bailey ^[4]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[4]; Torres, Donna ^[14]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[12]; Turnbow, Gary ^[12]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[6]; Welsby, Chris ^[6]; Wentreck, James Family ^[12]; Woodard, Sue ^[25]



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ish temple in Jerusalem (24:4-35). He continued by dealing with His return (24:36-25:46). The Lord presented all of this information because He wanted His followers to be prepared for these great events.

According to historical records, the temple was destroyed in 70 AD when the Romans ransacked Jerusalem. However, concerning His return, no one knows the day or the time (24:36). Consequently, the Lord repeatedly warned His followers to get prepared and to stay prepared (24:42, 44; 25:13).

As Jesus concluded His discussion of His re-



turn (25:31-46), He emphasized the fact that a separation will occur. He began by saying: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the [c]holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left." (vs.31-33).

Those on the Lord's right hand will receive a great reward (vs.34-40). These are the ones who will have ministered to the Lord through the service they performed on behalf of others: "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (vs.40). The reward given to these righteous people is described as "life eternal" (vs.46b).

Those on the Lord's left hand will be punished (vs.41-45). These are the ones who will have failed to minister to the Lord by failing to serve others:

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4

¹Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, ²that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

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"Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me" (vs.45). The penalty assessed to these people is described as "everlasting punishment" (vs.46).

To be prepared for the Lord's return we must obey the Gospel (Mark 16:16), and we must remain faithful to Him (Revelation 2:10). He wants us to use the blessings, talents, and abilities that He provides. He also wants us to minister to Him by taking advantage of opportunities to serve others. Are you ready for the Lord's return? **E**

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



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| Joyce Burris | March 12 | Birthday |
| Mitch Watkins | March 12 | Birthday |
| Darrell Ranne | April 13 | Birthday |

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And April 13, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

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| 4th OR 5th Sundays |  <p>"Table" Fellowship Annual "Picnic" Lunch – After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM Play Games After Lunch!</p> |
| Every Thursday |  <p>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.</p> |
| Sun–Mar 17 |  <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Spiritual & Religious – for channel: searchtv.com</p> |
| Sun–Mar 24 |  <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Walking With The Lord – for channel: searchtv.com</p> |
| Sun–Mar 31 |  <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – Our Adversary – for channel: searchtv.com</p> |
| Sun–Apr 7 |  <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – I Know I Am Loved – for channel: searchtv.com</p> |

— Non Church Stuff —

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| Every Tuesday |  <p>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)</p> |
| 3rd Mondays |  <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p> |
| 4th Tuesdays |  <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p> |
| Sun–Mar 10 | <p>National ¹Ranch Dressing & ²Blueberry Popover ³Pretzel Sunday </p> |
| Mon–Mar 11 | <p>¹Johnny Appleseed Day ²Oatmeal Nut Waffles Day ³Eat Your Noodles Day</p> |
| Wed–Mar 13 | <p>National ¹Good Samaritan & ²Chicken Noodle Soup & ³Coconut Torte Days</p> |
| Thu–Mar 14 | <p>National ¹Popcorn Lovers & ²Potato Chip & ³Reuben Sandwich & ⁴Science Ed Days</p> |
| Sat–Mar 16 | <p>National ¹Artichoke & ²Corndog & ³Maple Syrup & ⁴Panda Appreciation Days</p> |
| Sun–Mar 17 | <p>¹Corned Beef And Cabbage Day ²St. Patrick's Day </p> |
| Sun–Mar 31 | <p>Easter Sunday </p> |

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

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| SUN | Mar 10 - Num 35-36 |
| MON | Mar 11 - Deut 1-2 |
| TUE | Mar 12 - Deut 3-4 |
| WED | Mar 13 - Deut 5-7 |
| THU | Mar 14 - Deut 8-10 |
| FRI | Mar 15 - Deut 11-13 |
| SAT | Mar 16 - Deut 14-16 |

Num = Numbers | Deut = Deuteronomy

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 2 THESSALONIANS 1

³We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, ⁴so 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,

⁵which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; ⁶since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

⁷and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸in 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.

⁹These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

