



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

Believers are 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 - Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

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.

ALL AUTHORITY, ALL THE TIME

— BY JIM ELLIFF, BULLETININSERTS.ORG

“All things have been handed over to me by my father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal him.” Matthew 11:27

It is almost impossible for us to fathom what Jesus is saying in the above statement. All things? Really?

Yes, he means all things have been given over to him. A study of the Scripture will reveal that this world, and this universe, are the Son's project. The Father has given him authority, including the authority to create and sustain the universe itself. He spoke the worlds into existence. The writer of Hebrews, the Apostle John and the Apostle Paul make clear that Jesus was the agent of creation (Heb 1:2; John 1:1-2; Col 1:16). So, when Moses wrote in Genesis 1:1, “God created the heavens and the earth,” the New Testament teaches that this was the Son's work in tandem with the Father's decree. Jesus said, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18).

As Redeemer of his people, he has been exalted as the God/man to the highest position of authority possible:

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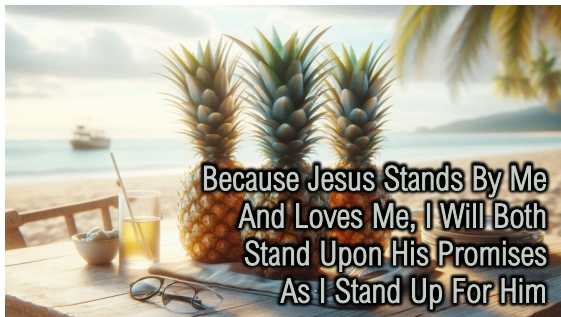
WELCOME VISITOR!

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. 262—Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Song No. 347—Standing On The Promises

- MINISTER’S INTERCESSORY PRAYER ●

Song No. 415—Stand By Me

Not In Song Book—He Loves Me



- LORD’S SUPPER ●
- SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN ●

Invitation Song No. 580—Why Keep Jesus Waiting?

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ●

Closing Song No. 505—Some Day The Silver Cord...

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING ●

GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

PHARAOH—A MAN IN REBELLION EXODUS 5:1-15

● SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES ●

Exodus 5:1-15; Proverbs 22:2; 2 Chronicles 36:16; Proverbs 5:12; Luke 10:16; Proverbs 14:31; Ecclesiastes 5:8; Nehemiah 5:7; Deuteronomy 16:20; Ezekiel 28:2, 6-8

● SERMON OUTLINE ●

INTRODUCTION — (1) Exodus: A Book About God’s: (A) Mercy - Making Slaves Free; (B) Man - Moses The Deliverer; (C) Might - Miracles Of Deliverance | (2) Moses And Aaron Before Pharaoh | (3) Let My People Go (v. 1)

- I. Pharaoh Rebels Against The Plan Of God—v.2
 - A. Questions God | B. God’s Plan Revealed
 - C. Pharaoh Rebelled
- II. Pharaoh Rebels Against The Person Of God—v.2
 - A. Denies The Lord | B. Reveals His Soul
 - C. Sad To Not Know God | D. Can We Know Him?
- III. Pharaoh Rebels Against The People Of God — vv.2-15
 - A. Pharaoh Refuses To Release Them | B. Pharaoh’s Anger Stirred | C. Increases Israel’s Burden
 - D. Fellowship Of The Saints

CONCLUSION — (1) Rebellion Always Brings Regret | (2) Must Submit To Satisfy God | (3) God Will Have His Way

- INVITATION ●

WED NIGHT STUDY

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

Please Join Us When Possible!

— *Prophecies Concerning the Church: —*
Daniel 2: 1-49; Part 3



— JULY & AUGUST —

- NO FELLOWSHIP MEALS ●

THE LADIES HAVE OFF FOR JULY & AUGUST!

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Therefore, God also highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:9-11*

He reigns now in heaven. In Ephesians 1:21, Paul says that Christ is:

... far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

So, what does that mean for you? Let me ask another question. Do you realize how foolish it is to resist such authority? Do you? In a Psalm which speaks of authority, Psalm 2, the writer speaks to earthly authorities with these words.

So now, O kings, show insight; take warning, O judges of the earth. Serve Yahweh with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he become angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

The most powerful authorities in this world are under Yahweh's wrath and will one day experience the power of that wrath in a place of eternal punishment. If you are a believer you have to take this warning seriously, worship the Son, and live in him with both joy and fear. We are those who are blessed because we have taken refuge in Christ, the one who died and rose again!

Submitting to his Lordship, rather than our own, is not just a one-time event, but a lifestyle. We fail too often, yes, but the heart of the one

who looks to him as Lord of all displays both submission to him in substantive ways and longing to submit perfectly. That will only happen fully in the eternal future, but for now, in this weak body, our failures disappoint us while our hearts simultaneously are tuned to his Lordship. We identify as his people, submitting to his authority forever. The Christian life is characterized not only by a beginning with Christ as Lord, but an ongoing progression of submission to the true Lord of the universe. The center of our devotion is to this Lord. We obey because we want to. Does that describe you?

True Christians are changed people, and are given a new heart that loves this obedience even though we fail out of weakness.

A story was told about a young child who was told not to spit in the house, a new and novel habit he had acquired. When finally disciplined the child said

in defiance, with tears, "I'm not spitting on the outside [of my body], but I'm [sure] spitting on the inside!" This reveals something of the stubbornness of the human heart. More discipline may create conformity, but it is the heart that matters. Those who take refuge in him love to obey, and are broken-hearted when they disobey. They do not chafe at the concept of submitting to Christ's lordship.

Mankind is divided into two categories: those who submit to Christ's lordship and those who don't. That's for now. One day, as Paul said, "every knee shall bow." We will not escape the authority of Christ, but we are wise to submit, from the heart, before that day when it will no longer be possible. **E**



¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
— *Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV)*



CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *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
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

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ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME
*A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,
[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW
MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED
IN THE BULLETIN*

JULY 7

- ◇ Dye, Joyce [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law's mother] – She passed into eternity Friday, June 28 at age 89. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Families Affected By A Camden, Arkansas explosion at a weapons facility Wednesday, July 3 where Tim Sparks [Tom Woodard's son-in-law] works. Tim was uninjured but two were injured and one was killed. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Green, Dory Ann [Tom Woodard's 29-year-old granddaughter] – The procedure to implant tubes in her ears was Tuesday, June 25. All is well and she is recovering nicely, hoping her ears will finally “pop.” ^[NEW]
- ◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] – She was supposed to have had the brain floor rebuild this past Wednesday, July 3. ^[NEW]
- ◇ McMeans, Wendell – He's contracted Covid. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Meeks, David [Brother of Deanna Glaze, a friend of the Watkinses'] – He's very recently been diagnosed with over 30 separate brain cancer tumors making his cancers inoperable. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Neill, Mason [Marble Falls CoC's minister's son] – He's been very recently been diagnosed with a cancer tumor on his left shoulder. He will have to have surgery as his cancer (Chondro Sarcoma) is the type that is extremely resistant to chemo and radiation. Mason is 20-years-old ^[NEW]
- ◇ Saldana, Dan [The father of Casey Cole, a friend of the Watkinses'] – He is scheduled on July 8th or 9th for colon cancer. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – She's to have cataracts surgery. She had her preop clearance Tuesday, July 2.

Her surgery is scheduled for Friday, July 12. Afterwards (2 weeks) she'll have her other eye done. ^[NEW]

◇ Vela, Alix [Ruane Renninger's grandson] – He was out walking his dog when both were hit by a car. Alex's dog was killed and Alex suffered a concussion and other injuries – he is not doing well according to Ruane. ^[NEW]

◇ Woodard, Pat – Update: She actually blacked out and THEN fell at the airport in Ireland. She hit her head, requiring stitches. She saw her doctor last week who ran some tests but nothing conclusive was detected to explain her black out. She's at home doing fairly well. ^[NEW]

JUNE 30

◇ All have been updated and moved to a more recent date. ^[01]

JUNE 23

◇ Dadd, Jaime [Tom Woodard's co-worker at Castle Hills] – She's just learned that she has breast cancer at age 30. ^[02]

◇ Shaw, Nancy [Betsy Watkins' longtime friend] – Her cancer markers have not been good. She's started a different infusion for her liver as the old one wasn't working. ^[02]

◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – She headed back to Arkansas this past Friday. ^[02]

JUNE 16

◇ Brown, Jason [Ronda Spicer's son] – He is currently looking for employment. ^[03]

◇ Evans, Kamryn [Tom Woodard's great niece] – She recently had sinus surgery and *Praise To GOD!* all went well. ^[03]

◇ McMeans, Velma [Wendell McMeans' mom] – Since she fell while gardening a few weeks ago, she's fallen twice more – once while getting out of bed and once when stooping to pick something off the floor. Needless to say, she continues to have considerable pain in her back. She's scheduled to have an MRI on Tuesday, Jun 18. ^[03]

◇ Spicer, Ronda – She is to have right knee replace-

ment surgery on Wednesday, August 7. ^[03]

◇ Torres, Donna [Laura Gardner's son's girlfriend's mother] – She was released from her hospitalization due to her operated upon lung filling with fluid and running a temperature. She's still in a significant amount of pain. ^[03]

ONGOING

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

Alderman, Roy ^[10]; Barron, Pat Family ^[14]; Bentley, Sage ^[10]; Bonin, Danny ^[11]; Bonin, Donna ^[11]; Bridgewater, Rebecca ^[12]; Brown, Hunter ^[19]; Brown, Stephanie ^[20]; Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling ^[08]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[24]; Burris, Gloria ^[17]; Burris, Joyce ^[14]; Vela Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia ^[14]; Corren, Jan ^[24]; Delaney, Sophie ^[25]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[07]; French, Missae ^[10]; Green, Marvin ^[26]; Green, Sonia ^[22]; Haby, Casey ^[12]; Gail Kuehler's sister ^[09]; Gibbon, Tucker ^[09]; Lloyd-Brown Family ^[07]; Lopez, Emily ^[16]; McLay, Carla ^[19]; McLay, Gary ^[19]; McMeans, Justin ^[05]; Misty-Last Name Unknown ^[06]; Montalvo, Louie ^[10]; Norris, David Family ^[24]; Orr, Dan ^[05]; Parra, Rudy ^[11]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[20]; Renninger, Ruane ^[05]; Slaughter, Ron ^[11]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[23]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[23]; Smoot, Bailey ^[11]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[16]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[12]; Smoot, Jeremy ^[11]; Smoot, Randy ^[16]; Sparks, Janice ^[13]; Street, Brian ^[06]; Strunk, Billy ^[05]; Strunk, Lea ^[05]; Vela, John & Cheryl ^[12]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[16]; Vierling, Gene ^[10]; Watkins, Betsy ^[10]; Watkins, Mitch ^[10]; Welsby, Chris ^[21]

⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. – Matthew 6:9-13

HUMOR DOES THE SOUL

GOOD

Miss Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite bible stories. As she walked around the room, she paused when she came to a little boy named Kyle, puzzled by his picture, which showed four people on an airplane. So, she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

“The flight to Egypt,” said Kyle.

“I see... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus here in the back of the plane,” Miss Terri said. “But who’s the fourth person up front?”

Kyle explained, “Oh, that’s Pontius the Pilot!”



Little Johnny went to Sunday school where the lesson for the day was from Genesis where “God opened up Adam’s side, took a rib from him, and created Eve from it.”

Later, that afternoon, Johnny started feeling sick, and his side began to hurt. His mother told him to go lay down on the couch for awhile. Johnny did so, holding his side. After about half an hour, his mother came over and asked him if he was feeling okay. He said, “Not really, Mommy - I think I’m gonna have a wife.”



SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

JOHN 17:1-3

¹ *Jesus spoke* these *words*, *lifted* up His *eyes* to *heaven*, and said: “*Father*, the *hour* has *come*. Glorify Your *Son*, that Your Son also may *glorify* You, ² as You have *given* Him *authority over all flesh*, that He [a]should *give eternal* life to as *many* as You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal *life*, that they may *know* You, the *only true God*, and Jesus *Christ* whom You have *sent*.”



ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Wendell & Melanie McMeans	July 20	Anniversary
Pam Fintel	July 27	Birthday
Tom Woodard	August 1	Birthday
Carlene Vierling	August 7	Birthday
Gene & Carlene Vierling	August 8	Anniversary

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And August 8, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

———— Church Stuff ——— Church Stuff ——— 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–Jul 14		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Is God Active Today</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jul 21		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>The New Covenant</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jul 28		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Are You Persuaded?</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Aug 4		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>What Happens At Death?</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Fri Sat Sun– Sep 27-28-29		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]

———— Non-Church Stuff ——— Non-Church Stuff ——— 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–Jul 7		National ¹ Chocolate & ² Strawberry Sundae & ³ Macaroni Days
Mon–Jul 8		National ¹ Freezer Pop & ² Blueberry & ³ Ice Cream Sunday & ⁴ Milk Chocolate Days
Wed–Jul 10		National ¹ Kitten & ² Take Your Teddy Bear On A Picnic Days
Thu–Jul 11		National ¹ Rainier Cherries & ² Blueberry Muffin & ³ Cheer Up The Lonely Days
Fri–Jul 12		World Kebab Day Simplicity Day National Pecan Pie Day
Sun–Jul 14		National ¹ Mac & Cheese & ² Tape Measure Days Barn 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 For Edification —



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

SUN	Jul 7 - Jonah 1-4
MON	Jul 8 - 2 Kgs 15; 2 Chr 26
TUE	Jul 9 - Isa 1-4
WED	Jul 10 - Isa 5-8
THU	Jul 11 - Amos 1-5
FRI	Jul 12 - Amos 6-9
SAT	Jul 13 - 2 Chr 27; Isa 9-12

Kgs = Kings | Chr = Chronicles | Isa = Isaiah

WANT TO BE

Part Of The Local Family Of Christ?

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 —

VARIOUS SCRIPTURE VERSES CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST JESUS

Zechariah 14:9 - ¹ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.

Isaiah 9:6 - ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Philippians 2:9-11 - ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:16 - ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.