



# 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 CHURCH

I was recently (well, this past week) reading an article written back in 1978 on the Ray Stedman: Authentic Christianity website about how he had recently (back then) visited a congregation who had built a new church building in Austin. The visit was for a dedication ceremony for the brand new building. And Ray was actually there to preach so, though he admitted it was an exciting time as the congregates gathered to set aside the building for God's purposes, he decided to take the opportunity to seize the occasion to point out what they all well knew – that a church is not a building and buildings do not really represent the church as such.

As we all know, a church is people, not buildings, and, though the building may be beautiful, useful and necessary in carrying out the program that God has given their church, it was and is not what Jesus had in mind when he said, “I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18b). Our Lord, of

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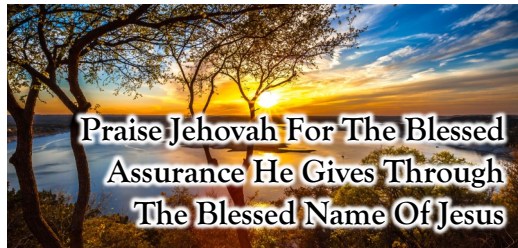
# WELCOME VISITOR!

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 On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

## SUN ORDER OF SERVICE



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

Song No. 17—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 473—Break Thou The Bread Of Life

- LORD'S SUPPER •

Song No. 61—Blessed Assurance

Not In Song Book—Blessed Be The Name

- SERMON •

Invitation Song No. 588—Nothing In The Blood

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 395—Blest Be The Tie...

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING & MEAL •

- DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE •

OR STAY TO

- FELLOWSHIP & EAT WITH THE SAINTS •

# SUN SERMON

— WALKING TOGETHER IN UNITY PART ONE —

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Ephesians 4:1-6; Philippians 2:3-4; Numbers 12:3;  
Matthew 11:29; Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Corinthians 15:19-23;  
1 Thessalonians 5:8; 2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:2;  
Acts 2:38; 10:47-48

### SERMON OUTLINE:

#### REVIEW | INTRODUCTION

- I. Maintaining Unity (1-3)
    - A. Beseached To Walk Worthy Of Calling
    - B. Lowliness
    - C. Gentleness
    - D. Long-Suffering
    - E. Bearing with One Another In Love
    - F. Endeavoring To Keep Unity Of Spirit
  - II. "Basis" of Unity (4-6)
    - A. One Body
    - B. One Spirit
    - C. One Hope of Your Calling
    - D. One Lord
    - E. One Faith
    - F. One Baptism
    - G. One God and Father
- CLOSING | INVITATION

## WED NIGHT STUDY

JUNE 21 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us If At All Possible!  
(Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Thessalonians 1 —



THESE ARE OUR NEXT OCCASIONS

FOR "TABLE" FELLOWSHIP:

— TODAY —

4th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

— JULY 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal  
After Morning Worship

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course, meant people, and the remarkable thing about the church is that it is a growing building – growing through the centuries – made up of people whom Peter calls “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5) who are built into this mighty temple of God.

If you think about it, a building is an excellent symbol for the church and Scripture even uses it in this metaphorical way.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is building His church which He started back in the first century when the foundation was laid. That building has been going on, stretching through the centuries ever since and now, who knows, perhaps we are finishing off the roof – the building nearly complete. And it is one

building, one church. Paul describes this in verses 10 and 11 of 1 Corinthians, chapter three: “According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.<sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

And what a strange building the church is! It is not made of wood, or of stone, least of all of glass. It’s made of people and it consists of an invisible union among visible people, so, in some sense, the church is both visible and invisible. You can see the church because the people of God gather in one place and yet you cannot see the church because it’s made up of only that spiritually-wrought tie that binds us together in sharing the life of Christ. That’s what constitutes the church. That union is manifest in three distinctive ways: First, we can refer to the church as the total union of all believers of all time, both on earth and in heaven. And, yes, there are refer-

ences to that church in Scripture. Then there is the manifestation of that church as the local congregation. We are meeting here this morning as a congregation. And somewhere down the street another congregation of the Lord’s people have met or are meeting or will be meeting in a short while. We are parts of them; we belong together; we are all one congregation, and yet we meet at

separate times and in separate places as well. In this sense, the church consists of any two or three Christians gathered in the name of the Lord (Matthew 18:20 – “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them”). This two or three could be a home church which deserves the name of a church

just as much as one that meets in a huge building and has a membership of three or four hundred because it’s a manifestation of this strange living union of which our Lord is talking. Every congregation is that kind of church. Still further, there is a sense in which every individual believer among us is a picture of that church. Paul will say in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?<sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” In that sense every individual one of us is a church, a dwelling place of God by the Spirit, so, when Scripture speaks of the church it has all three of these in mind: 1) the church worldwide, 2) the church locally, and 3) the church individually.

So, the Bible presents the church as an entity made up of redeemed followers of Christ from every nation and era. When the Bible speaks of a

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- ◇ Burris, Joyce – She’s doing fairly well considering her foot pain due to tendonitis.
- ◇ Burris, Joyce’s sister [From Washington state] – She fell and broke her wrist. She’ll be in a cast for the next several weeks.
- ◇ Burris, Joyce’s sister, Betty [From La Vernia, TX] – She fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and then was admitted to rehab.
- ◇ Burris, Tonya [Joyce Burris’ daughter-in-law] – She had ACL/MCL surgery on Monday, April 3. She’s doing well, **Praise GOD!**
- ◇ Campbell, Linda [Good friend of Ruane] – She passed into eternity on Friday, June 9
- ◇ Conran-Meador, Lyra LeeAnn [Watkins’ newborn great-niece] – **Praise GOD!** She’s doing well and thriving via her every-three-hour feeding through her g-tube, plus she’s started taking a bottle!
- ◇ Cook, Charles [Laura Gardner’s brother-in-law] – He had a biopsy on his prostate and is looking into a second opinion.
- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal’s son] – **Praise GOD!** He’s doing much better after the procedure to pulverize some kidney stones that were giving him issues.
- ◇ Harris, Hallie Kay [Fintels’ new great granddaughter] – **Praise GOD!** She was born healthy on April 13 at 2:36 PM. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length.
- ◇ Hubert, Donald [Deborah Smoot’s friends husband] – His cancer has metastasized and he’s planning to start a round of chemo.
- ◇ Jacob, Jay [Carol Vierling’s best friend] – He’s been diagnosed with a tumor at the base of his skull.
- ◇ Kyler, Terry [Melanie McMeans’ cousin’s wife] – She stopped breathing, was rushed to the hospital where much fluid was discovered in her lungs. No mention of pneumonia at this time.
- ◇ (Last Name Unknown), Brandy [Wendell McMeans’ coworker] – She was to have a biopsy on her leg and knee where several masses were discovered.
- ◇ McMeans, Wesley [Wendell McMeans’ brother] – He was recently released from the hospital after being admitted for food poisoning which caused other stomach problems. He’s now doing well, **Praise GOD!**
- ◇ Messinger, Sarah [Yvette Messinger’s (Former Child Member) & Pam Flatequal’s niece] – She was married Saturday, April 29.
- ◇ Morris, Barry [Tom Woodard’s football official friend] – He’s dealing with prostate cancer.
- ◇ Name Unknown [Gardners’ 82-year-old neighbor from Hondo, TX] – He’s been diagnosed with Multi-myeloma (A type of cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow).
- ◇ Potter, Edna [TOPS friend of the Watkins’] – 94-year-old Edna fell and broke three bones in her pelvis and hit her head causing a gash. She’s now in a nursing home.
- ◇ Riscon, Allysa [Betty Smith’s granddaughter] – She and Billy [Last Name Not Known] were married Wednesday, June 10.
- ◇ Renninger, Harold – He passed into eternity Sunday, April 6.
- ◇ Shermer, Betty [Barbara Felts’ (former member) sister] – She’s in a nursing home. Barbara says she believes Betty has “given up.”
- ◇ Smith, Zachary [Ronda Spicer’s daughter-in-law, Barbara Brown’s nephew] – **Praise To GOD!** He is in remission from his leukemia. Doctors will continue to monitor his condition every couple of months and continue with maintenance chemo for a the next two months or so.
- ◇ Smoot, Mary Jane [Roger Smoot’s cousin’s spouse] – She’s been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cancer. She’s responding well to her treatment(s), **Praise GOD!**
- ◇ Strunk, Lea & Billy – She suffers from heart issues and both have been feeling poorly.
- ◇ Vela, Olivia Raye [Ruane Renninger’s newest great granddaughter] **Praise To GOD!** She was born May 19 and is a healthy girl. Congratulations to the Velas and Renningers!

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# SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

## 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-15

<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. <sup>14</sup> If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved – even though only as one escaping through the flames.

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“church,” it means believers in Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:27 says, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually,” and Romans 12:5 tells us, “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” Still, we often persist in calling the building, “the church.” But actually designated church buildings are important in that they provide a consistent meeting place for Christians in a specific geographic area. They provide a neutral gathering place, an equalizer for the wide variety of lifestyles – poor to rich – that make up the Body of Christ. Many buildings are multipurpose – some house Christian schools, or outreach programs, or meals for the poor, or a refuge for travelers and those in need. The building can represent a link to God for those outside the faith and is often a drawing card for people in crisis.

Unfortunately, some church buildings lose their importance when they become “whitewashed tombs” – they are opulent, beautiful, imposing – and dead. The grandeur of a building has no connection to the faith of its people. God can and does meet with His people anywhere. A building is merely a shelter for their bodies, not a factor in their worship. A Church building can be important, but whether a church (the people) uses a building, a tent, or a grand stadium, it should teach Biblical doctrine, proclaim the gospel of salvation, and glorify Christ. Does our church (building) reflect the values of the church (people) who meet within its walls?

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- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – **Praise To GOD!** She at home receiving home health care OT & PT
- ◇ Welsby, Carol [Friend of the Vierlings] – She still has a long row hoe recovering from her fall.
- ◇ Woodard, Kelly Renee [Tom Woodard’s 45-year-old niece] – She passed into eternity on June 12.
- ◇ Woodard, Ruth [Tom Woodard’s sister] – She had a heart catheter procedure on Wednesday, May 24 and her physician was pleased with the results, **Praise To GOD!**
- ◇ Young, Betty [Gardners’ friend] – Because her husband, Gary (see below), has diabetes and is very large, she will be having a difficult time with his care and convalescence.
- ◇ Young, Gary [Gardners’ friend] – He had his lower leg amputated due to necrosis this past Tuesday, June 13. The surgery went well, **Praise GOD!** but recovery will be long.

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Tom & Pat Woodard	June 10	Anniversary
Lea Strunk	June 27	Birthday
Wendell & Melanie McMeans	July 20	Anniversary
Pam Fintel	July 27	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And July 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</p>
Every Monday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) –</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 Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun–June 25	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Whatever</i></b> – for channel: <a href="http://searchtv.com">searchtv.com</a></p>
Sun–June 25	<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–Jun 25	<b>4th Sunday Fellowship Meal &amp; National Strawberry Parfait Day</b>
Mon–Jun 26	<b>International Day In Support Of Victims Of Torture &amp; Forgiveness Day &amp; National Chocolate Pudding Day</b>
Tue–Jun 27	<b>National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Day &amp; National Ice Cream Cake Day</b>
Thu–Jun 29	<b>National Almond Buttercrunch Day &amp; Ice Cream Bomb Pop Day</b>
Sat–Jul 1	<b>National Creative Ice Cream Flavor</b> And <b>Gingersnap</b> And <b>Chicken Wing Days</b>
Sun–Jul 2	<b>Made In The USA Day &amp; Special Recreation For The Disabled Day</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	Psa 27; Psa 28; Psa 29; Rom 10; Rom 11
MON	Psa 30; Psa 31; Psa 32; Rom 12; Rom 13
TUE	Psa 33; Psa 34; Psa 35; Rom 14; Rom 15
WED	Psa 36; Psa 37; Psa 38; Rom 16; 1 Cor 1
THU	Psa 39; Psa 40; Psa 41; 1 Cor 2; 1 Cor 3
FRI	Psa 42; Psa 43; Psa 44; 1 Cor 4; 1 Cor 5
SAT	Psa 45; Psa 46; Psa 47; 1 Cor 6; 1 Cor 7

## 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 —

### VERSES FROM ROMANS & 1 CORINTHIANS

**Romans 10:11-15** — <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**1 Corinthians 1:20-25** — <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.