



# TRUE LIGHT

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:105*

**April 5, 2020**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30AM  
Worship.....10:15AM  
Worship.....5:00PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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*"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Psalms 118:24

**We Welcome You  
To All Of Our  
Services**

## FEAR NOT!

In a portion of First Peter 2:17, Peter simply said, "Fear God." God has demanded reverential, godly fear throughout the ceaseless ages of time ( Deut. 10:12; Eccl. 12:13). Fear is a very powerful, motivating force. It has caused many to run and hide from God, including Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:8), Jonah (Jonah 1:9-10) and all who sin against the divine will of God (Heb. 10:27). It has also caused many to obey Him, including Noah (Heb. 11:7), Abraham (Gen. 22:12), the midwives of Egypt (Ex. 1:17-19), the early church (Acts 5:11) and all who are mindful of the coming judgment (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

While we are commanded to fear God, we are also encouraged in numerous passages not to be afraid. In fact, we find the expression, "Fear not," more than sixty times in the Bible. Therefore, let us notice more carefully these words of encouragement: fear not.

We should not fear because God promises to bless us through our journey in life. God appeared to Abraham in a vision and told him not to fear, promising to bless him and his generations to follow (Gen. 26:24). While the Israelites battled with King Og at the battle of Edrei, God comforted Moses with the words, "Fear not" (Num. 21:33-35).

We should not fear because God will protect us when in peril. God said in Genesis 15:1, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield." Elisha told his servant, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them" (2 Kings 6:16).

We should not fear because God strengthens us when we are weak. Moses encouraged the Israelites and Joshua with words, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not" (Deut. 31:6-8). God reiterates to Isaiah several times, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee" (Isa. 41:10).

We should not fear because God is our companion in our trials. David charged his son Solomon, "Fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord" (1 Chron, 28:20). Isaiah prophesies of the church's promise by God, "Fear not: for I am with thee" (Isa. 43:1-7).

We should not fear because God cares for his children. Jesus said in Matthew 10:31, "Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." He also said in Luke 12:32, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

We should not fear because God has given life beyond the grave. Jesus told John in Revelation 1:17-18, "Fear not...I am he that liveth, and was dead." The angel told the women at the tomb, "Fear not ye...for he is risen" (Matt. 28:5-6).

What a great comfort for God to say to his children, "[Fear not], for I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13:5-6).

While we give reverential, godly fear to God, let us put our complete trust and faith in Him so that we "Fear not!"

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## Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long, long time ago.  
Looking up, I saw a sign that read,  
Heaven's Grocery Store.  
As I got a little closer, the door swung open wide,  
The beauty that radiated quickly drew me right inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere,  
One handed me a basket and told me to go shop with care.  
Everything a Christian needs is found inside this store,  
And all you cannot carry, come back tomorrow for more.

First I got some patience; love was on the same row,  
Further down was understanding, needed everywhere we go.  
I got a box or two of wisdom, a bag or two of faith.  
One could not miss the Holy Spirit, It was every place.

I picked up some strength and courage for things I must face,  
By then my basket was getting full, but I didn't forget the grace.

I did not forget salvation, for salvation was there for free.  
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.  
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill.  
For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle I saw a prayer and just had to put it in,  
For I knew right when I stepped outside I would run right into sin.  
Peace and joy were plentiful; they were on the very last shelf,  
Songs and praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself

Then I asked the cashier angel, "How much do I owe?"  
The angel smiled and said, "Just take them wherever you go."  
Again, I smiled and asked, "How much do I really owe?"  
The angel said, "Jesus paid your bill a long, long time ago."

Author Unknown

*Spring is made of solid, fourteen-karat gratitude, the reward for the long wait. Every ... tradition from the Northern Hemisphere honors some form of April hallelujah, for this is the season of exquisite redemptions, a slam-bang return to joy after a season of cold second thoughts.*  
---Barbara Kingslover

### CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

#### BIRTHDAYS

April 6 - Alan Robinson  
April 11 - Levi Thompson  
April 12 - Maura Thomason

#### OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Contribution \$3120

#### CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Cold Cereal \* Rubber Gloves \* All  
Fabric Bleach \* Aluminum Foil \*  
Non-aerosol Bathroom Cleaner \*  
Bottled Apple Juice

#### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal \* canned spaghetti sauce \*  
crackers \* canned vegetables  
*Monetary donations are appreciated.*

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*"...I was sick and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36*

**Remember:** **Morris Karnes** will have surgery Wednesday at St. Francis to remove a cancerous tumor from his tongue \* **Jeff McGowan** had a PET scan Tuesday and saw his doctor April 3. Two spots were found on his tongue at his last checkup \* **Curtis McClard** continues to improve at home \* **Helen McGowan** did not get a good report at her last doctor visit \* **David Carson** is waiting on test results from his MRI; his bloodwork only showed mild anemia \* **Trish Baldwin** continues to improve and will see her surgeon Tuesday for a follow up visit \* **Sharlette Watson**

**Continue praying for these members of our church family:** Louella Akers \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Pam Claeys \* Billie Cooper \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Grant Howard \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Kevin Mickey \* Reba Owens \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Jane Smith \* David Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Joy Watson \* Marty Watson \* Pansy Zimmerman

#### Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Kristi Altman \* Roxanne Carson \* Sherry Chambers \* Dale Eaton \* Carole Eubanks \* Bill Fitzpatrick \* Kim Goins \* LeAnn Jacques \* Tommy Jacques \* Pam Jeralds \* Andy Kelley \* Connie Lemmons \* Annette Lumsden \* Phil McKuin \* Ponna Mahan \* Paula Mason \* Betty Nicholson \* Donnie Rawlings \* Gerald Robertson \* Deanna Rogers \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton

#### Other health issues (non-congregational):

Megan Brenna \* DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Renee Goodman \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Nikki Lawrence \* Sonja Mays \* Alvin Miller \* Tom Provance \* Gene Rowland \* Traci Suiter \* Paige Tanner

#### Our Shut Ins

Lois McKuin \* Marty Watson \* Joy Watson \* Elwood Rush \* Sue Flowers \* Travis Cooper \* Shirley Johnson \* Isaac wheeler \* Fern Botsch

For the time being, Amy will be in the office on Fridays from about 8:30 to 1 or 1:30 and will be available to assist you with getting communion supplies or dropping off your contribution. She will come to your vehicle if you would prefer not to leave it. Also, if you are in need of any other supplies please let us know and we will do our best to help fill that need.

#### REMINDER:

All activities/meetings at the building have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. You can watch Stan present a live devotional Sunday mornings at 10:15 and Wednesday evenings at 6 on his Facebook page, and we will try to share it on the Bernie church of Christ page, as well as the Bernie church of Christ Youth Group page. Everyone stay safe as we weather this storm together.