



TRUE LIGHT

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

May 31, 2020

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study..... n/a
Worship.....10:15AM
Worship..... n/a

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**

LESS THAN CONVENIENT

Less than convenient stuff happens all the time. There were water meter inspections in our neighborhood, followed by bright blue paint on the curb marking meter locations. We initially missed the fact that new meters were installed.

We knew something was wrong when we heard a strange sound near the washing machine. It wasn't the machine, and we saw no water leaking in the house. I'm way too old and inflexible for a trip under the house to check the pipes. Besides, the dust under there does crazy things to my breathing.

Found the leak. We know that air got into the lines during the installation of the new meter. Our theory is that the air caused vibration, which caused a weak spot to give way. As we tried to turn our water off, we discovered the valve at the curb had no handle. We also discovered that none of the wrenches in the house would fit the spindle. We resorted to vice grips. By this time it was dark, and Laura was holding the flashlight for me. As I turned the spindle, water sprayed me in the face like a scene from The Three Stooges. With help from a neighbor, we finally got the water off for the evening. What we paid the plumbers was impressive and worth every penny.

Being frugal, we had save a few little plumbing jobs for the next big occasion. None of them merited its own service call. It's one of those situations of, "While they're here, we may as well have them fix the other malfunctioning things so we get our money's worth." We have learned that all things plumbing-related are way beyond my talent level.

And all this was happening on Laura's birthday and the next day (her "day off" from school). We generally have this kind of timing.

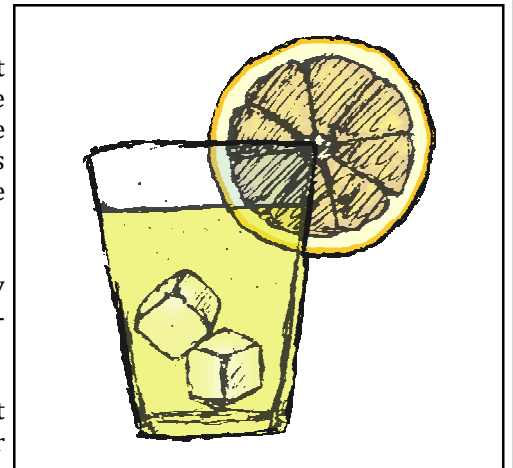
Life is often less than convenient. Cars won't start, locks won't open, and lifetime bulbs burn out. Favorite restaurants close or delete their best dishes. The cheap shirt at the discount store comes in every size but yours. Your dog gets fleas. Laura went for a checkup with one of her doctors only to learn that he is no longer with the practice. The nice lady asked, "You didn't get a call?" We don't know if we got a call or not. The answering machine part of our home phone is very independent. Sometimes it deletes messages for us. Sometimes it hides them from us.

Most of us have been taught the lemonade principle: If life gives you lemons, make lemonade. We all know that's easier said than done. But here's my effort: the leak didn't wet a thing inside our house. We were slightly inconvenienced for only one day. At least we have a house. We tend to get along and enjoy living together in our house. The plumber will still come when we call. We were able to pay the bill. Sinus meds may get me back to normal (at least as close as I get) soon.

The only thing better than the lemonade principle is the thanksgiving principle found in Colossians 3:15 and 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18.

Bottom line: for most of us the blessings far out number the challenges every single day. Even when they don't, the land of rest, peace and joy is coming. The inconveniences can help us long for that land. They can help us appreciate the people who help us day by day. They can remind us not to get too comfortable here. They can remind us to be good to the folks around us as we seldom know all the ways that life is ganging up on them. And they remind us not to be the source of inconvenience to others, especially to those we love.

Bill Bagents, Mars Hill Messenger



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CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

June 2 - Glen Burch, Joe Watson
June 3 - Kay Wiley
June 4 - Pam Claeys, Julie Garner, Avery Schwent, Lara Simmons
June 5 - Joy Watson
June 6 - Luke Tanner
June 7 - Zander Northern

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

PICK UP DATE JUNE 8

ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 - David & Loretta Carson
Tim & Kim Flowers
June 5 - Wes & Bonnie Howard

SUMMER SERIES SPEAKERS

June 3.....Johnny Hester
June 10.....Jeremy Pierce
June 17.....Art Smith
June 24.....Brent Newton
July 1.....Kevin Lawrence
July 8.....Keith Parker
July 15.....Keith Olbricht
July 22.....Jay Lyles
July 29.....Chase Almond
August 5.....Adam Noles
August 12.....Matt Drake
August 19.....Austin Holiman
August 26.....Spencer Furby

Attendance for May 24: 96
Contribution for May 17: \$4395

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: **Sonja Mays** recently broke her hip and had to have surgery, and is not doing well. * **Kathy Caudle** has had considerable hip pain for the past several weeks that has kept her homebound * **Helen McGowan** had a port placed in her arm for dialysis and the procedure went well * **Janet Wood** will be having knee replacement surgery in the near future * **Woody Wood** had gallbladder surgery Thursday and is recovering at home * Cathy Provance's dad, **Tom Provance**, is having some issues * **Roxanne Carson** got good results from her scan, but will still need a gamma knife treatment * **Rita Burch** is having some health issues * **Johnny Dauck**, Stan's brother, is still testing positive for COVID 19 and cannot have the mass in his stomach treated until it clears up * **Diane Dauck**, Stan's sister in law, had gallbladder surgery Friday * **Sharlette Watson** * **Helen McGowan** as she continues with dialysis treatment

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 * Morris Karnes * 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 *

Those dealing with cancer (non congregational) :

Kristi Altman * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * 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 * Fern Botsch

A Note of Thanks:

"For all the kindness you have shown, We thank you very much, For sympathy in sorrowing days, For friendship's healing touch. With gratitude our hearts are full, Though words cannot convey, The tender thoughts and thankfulness We hold for you today, By the family of Pansy Zimmerman. Thanks to all who had a part in serving us the day of the funeral. We love you all.

The Perfection of God's Way

I had a conversation with a gentleman a few days ago about an interest we both hold in common. As we were discussing the advancements in technology and software, he introduced me to a new camera app he had downloaded on his smartphone.

He attempted to show me one of the many features the app was capable of performing but was having trouble because he had forgotten how to operate it. Instead of referring back to the tutorial (built into the app) he confidently stated, "Give me a second, I will figure it out!"

I have to admit, I have been guilty of the same faulty confidence. Thinking I could just "figure it out" I have assembled things, then disassembled them because I failed to follow the included instructions. Thinking I knew the way, I have driven miles off the desired course because I failed to follow the written directions.

I do understand that failure can be an amazing motivator, and there is value in figuring some things out on our own. But the sad truth about trying to figure things out on our own is sometimes we fail when we could have succeeded by following the provided instruction.

When thinking spiritually, we should never try to figure things out on our own. Why would we? With something as critical as living faithfully to God, and for God, why would we attempt to figure it out on our own when God has given us His perfect written instruction? Psalm 18:30 says, "As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him."

Those who try to figure out life and godliness on their own are doomed for failure. And how sad that is when they could have just followed God's perfect instructions for success in both this life and eternity (1 Peter 1:1-11). Give me a Bible. God has already figured it all out.

Chris Moran, Mars Hill Messenger