



TRUE LIGHT

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

June 7, 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**

LIVING WHERE YOU LOOK

By most people's standards, they were country hicks. Their names were Nan and Vail. They spent most of their adult life scraping by with very little, but as they neared retirement, he sold some family land in the Austin area and made a fortune.

They retired to a nice, but not extravagant, house about 30 miles from Austin, Texas. Because of their generous and loving hospitality, my wife, Donna, and I ate some great ole' country cookin' - much of it fresh from their garden! In addition, we picked up a couple of funny phrases that have stuck with us.

Vail drove everywhere. That didn't mean he was a good driver, just that Nan couldn't see well, so she drove even worse than Vail. He was easily distracted, and that made him dangerous. He also had a very bad habit. As Nan put it, "He drives where he looks!" Once she said the phrase, she instinctively repeated it several times, laughing a little more each time she said it.

Nan told us several different stories and each illustrated her point. With each new story, she would repeat, "He drives where he looks!" Then she would cackle out a laugh, then tell another story. By the time she was finished, all she had to do was say, "He drives where he looks!" and we were laughing so hard we thought we would pass out, even Vail.

In today's world of distracted driving, Donna's pulled out this treasured phrase from nearly forty years ago and used it on me. She will use it to remind me to keep my eyes on the road. Sometimes we will say it, or at least think it, when we see people driving while messing with their phones. Of course, the bitter truth is, we all drive where we look. That's why there are so many campaigns about distracted driving - texting or eating or talking on the phone or looking for stuff in the car while we drive. We all drive where we look!

For us as Jesus' followers, the truth is pretty much the same: We live where we look! That's why Jesus told us to love the Lord with all heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). What we treasure, where we place our focus, changes us (Matthew 6:21). We pursue what we treasure and live where we look!

Rather than a threat, however, this principle holds great promise for us as God's children in whom the Holy Spirit dwells (Romans 8:9-17). Notice what Paul told the Corinthians: *For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord - who is the Spirit - makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image* (2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT).

Paul promised the Corinthians, and at the same time promised you and me, that if Christ is our focus, if Jesus has our heart and we focus upon him, then the Holy Spirit gives us the freedom and power to become like Jesus a little more each day.

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Paul says something similar to the believers in the churches of Galatia when he talks about the fruit of the Spirit. There are things that naturally happen in the physical world and in a similar way, there are "spirit-natural" things that happen for those who have the Holy Spirit living inside them: we begin to take on the character and compassion of Jesus by displaying in our lives the Spirit's fruit: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law* (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV).

These are the character qualities of Jesus! The Spirit is at work to make us more like Jesus. To say that we live where we look is a spiritual reality - a promise given to us by Paul that is assured by the presence of the Spirit. However, we determine how much of this transformation by the Spirit happens in us. Where we focus and what we treasure owns our hearts and sets the directions for our lives. We live where we look.

So, let's focus upon Jesus! Let's unleash the Spirit's power of transformation most of us who love Jesus desperately seek in our lives. But how do we best focus upon Jesus? Here's a couple of things I want to suggest:

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CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

June 7 - Zander Northern
June 9 - Darri Thompson
June 11 - Ethan Flowers
June 12 - Kynlie Allen
June 14 - Jason Shelton

ANNIVERSARIES

June 12 - Joe and Sharlette Watson
June 13 - Scott and Judy Flannery

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

PICK UP DATE JULY 6

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal * canned spaghetti sauce *
crackers * canned vegetables

Monetary donations are appreciated

Attendance for May 31: 88
Contribution for May 31: \$4361

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: **Ronnie Mays** is in Southeast Hospital with an infection * **Sonja Mays** remains in the hospital following hip surgery * **Janet Wood** will be having knee replacement surgery in the near future * **Woody Wood** recovering at home from gallbladder surgery * Cathy Provance's dad, **Tom Provance**, is having some issues * **Roxanne Carson** had a gamma knife treatment Wednesday * **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, recovering from gallbladder surgery * **Sue Jester** (Amy Thomason's mother) scheduled for knee replacement surgery July 7 * **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

*Our Summer Series speaker
this week will be Jeremy Pierce.
There is a schedule of speakers
on the table in the foyer.*

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june*

"In early June
the world of leaf
and blade and
flowers ex-
plodes, and
every sunset is
different." --
John Steinbeck



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Read Jesus' story; then follow his example and put into practice his words.

I recently received an email from someone who had emailed me several months ago wanting to know Jesus better. I suggested she begin a yearlong journey with Jesus. Each day, I encouraged her to read one chapter from a gospel - Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. It takes about 3 months to read through all four of them one chapter a day. I encouraged her that before she read the chapter, to pray something like this: Father in heaven, I want to know and honor Jesus more completely in my life. Please have the Holy Spirit help me hear Jesus' voice from today's reading. O Father, I want the Spirit to help me hear what Jesus wants me to know from what I read today. I want to feel what Jesus wants me to feel from the things I read today from His earthly ministry. I want the Spirit to help me put into practice what Jesus wants me to do. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

This lady had emailed me and wanted me to know what a huge blessing this daily practice had become for her. Over the years, many people have told me the same thing. They found out that we do live where we look!

Ask for help, guidance, and strength from Jesus' grace.

Every prayer we utter to the Father has the imprint of Jesus' love. He lives to intercede for us at the Father's side (Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 4: 14-16). However, this doesn't mean our conversation has to always take the shape of a formal prayer. Having an ongoing conversation where we talk with the Lord is not only healthy, but it is also transforming. Jesus called his disciples friends (John 15: 12-15). He wants us to draw close to him and let him shape our lives. As the old hymn says:

And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am his own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.
(In the Garden, by Charles A. Miles)

Talk about Jesus' presence in your life.

Don't be afraid to talk about what Jesus has done and is doing in your life with others who are open to that conversation. We easily forget all the ways the Lord blesses our lives and talking about Jesus' footprints in our lives not only encourages other believers, but it also reminds us of Jesus' ongoing presence and work in our lives. It is important to remember what the Lord has done in us, with us and for us.

My prayer for you, and I hope your prayer for me, is that Jesus can become real to you and be seen in you a little more each day. The Holy Spirit is at work to help this transformation happen. We just need to keep our focus on Jesus, because we live where we look!

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