



# TRUE LIGHT

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

**July 19, 2020**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Worship:  
9 a.m. (masked)  
10:30 a.m. (masks optional)

### 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**

## ONE DEFINING NOTE

In the movie *Amadeus*, Mozart is anxious to hear how Emperor Joseph II liked his music. The Emperor's stunning response has been proven wrong over the centuries. What was his response? "Too many notes!" For many, much of Mozart's music was like listening to the sounds of heaven.

For most things in life today, however, the Emperor's critique fits all too perfectly. Our daily world serves us an overabundance of notes, choices, opinions, features, processes, emails, advertisements, interruptions, unsolicited calls, messages, and tweets. We are drowning in information. We are saturated with experiences. We are bombarded with all sorts of SPAM, data mining schemes, phishing attacks, and robocalls.

When it comes to Christianity, there also sure seems to be too many notes - hobbies, quarrels, denominations, scandals, embarrassments, politics, and irrelevant discussions about our preferences - while our world devolves into an ever-expanding mess that surrounds us. What Christianity often portrays to the world is a bunch of squabbling, narrow-minded, and entitled groups that relish majoring in minors. On top of everything else, many end up branding those with whom they disagree, calling them hypocrites, heretics, and those hell-bent on destruction. For outsiders, there are simply too many notes!

We forget the words of Jesus, words of gentle correction to Martha as she scolded her sister, Mary, for sitting at the Lord's feet: *Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her* (Luke 10:41-42 ESV).

**Our goal as Jesus' disciples is to tune our lives to his.**

Mary had found her "defining note" - that one thing that mattered most - and would not chase after the noise that surrounded her.

The New Testament points us to one person. Jesus is the defining note of our faith. All other notes find their tone, their meaning, their relevance, their importance, their place in God's symphony of grace, in him. Our goal is to tune our lives to him - to let Jesus be our one defining note!

Jesus said it this way: *The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like [his or her] teacher* (Luke 6:40).

**To be called by Jesus, and get to follow him as his disciple, is an honor and a gift of grace**

The apostle Paul said it multiple times: *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ* (1 Corinthians 11:1) \* *He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may*

*present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me* (Colossians 1:28-29) \* *My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...* (Galatians 4:19).

Paul even reminded us that this was the goal of the Holy Spirit's work in us: *And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate [and reflect] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:18).

So, what's the point? When we choose to follow Jesus, to become his disciple, we are choosing to become like our Teacher, our Savior, and our Lord. We are choosing to commit our lives and make every effort to become like Jesus. Jesus becomes our one defining note!

To be called by Jesus, and get to follow him as his disciple, in an honor and a gift of grace. Now the real question for each of us is this: "Will I choose to follow Jesus and be his disciple?"

If we say, "Yes!" to Jesus' great invitation, there should be a singularity of focus to our lives. **Continued on back**

## CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

### BIRTHDAYS

July 20 - Cindy Williams  
July 21 - Addie Shelton  
Dakota Adams  
Dylan Adams  
July 23 - Sharon Durham  
Johnny McGowan  
Cameron Shipman  
July 24 - Cathy Provance  
July 25 - Donna Layton  
Ronnie Mays

## CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Bottled Apple Juice \* Assorted Spices  
\* Dishwashing Detergent \* Almond  
Bark \* Batteries \* Sugar

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 21 - Jonathan & Lara Simmons

Attendance for July 12: 123  
Contribution for July 12: \$5425

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**Remember: Sonja Mays** has been in Dexter Hospital with dehydration and some other health issues and was expected to be released Friday \* **Sharlette Watson's** test results have all come out good \* **Kathy Caudle** is undergoing therapy for her hips \* **Roxanne Carson's** recent scans all came back clear \* **Janet Wood's** knee replacement surgery has been postponed \* **Sue Jester** is doing well following knee replacement surgery \* **Linda Morgan** has been released from the hospital and will quarantine for 14 days \* **Leon Smith's** knee replacement surgery went well \* **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 \* Jackson Howard \* Morris Karnes \* Sonja Mays \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Kevin Mickey \* Reba Owens \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Jane Smith \* Kevin Steed \* 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 \* Deanna Rogers \* Tammy Telker \* Bobby Thornton \* Paula Walls

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

Megan Brenna \* DeeDee Burch \* Mary Burke \* Clyde Jacques \* Lola Johnson \* Beckie King \* Nikki Lawrence \* 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



*I only deepen the wound of the world  
when I neglect to give thanks for the  
heavy perfume of wild roses in early July  
and the song of crickets on humid summer  
nights and the rivers that run and the  
stars that rise and the rain that falls and  
all the good things that a good God gives.  
--Ann Voskamp*

Our Summer Series speaker  
this week will be Jay Lyles.

## Continued from front:

We will choose to become more like Jesus each day. We will conform our lives, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to reflect Jesus' gracious compassion and righteous character. We will faithfully learn and obey what Jesus taught and modeled in his life. We will choose to treat people as he did - not as our flesh wants to react toward them or as those around us do. As Jesus demonstrated with his life and calls us to do as his disciples with his last words (Matthew 28:18-20), we will be open to all people so that we can help them follow him and become his disciples, too!

James Nored and Phil Ware, [www.heartlight.com](http://www.heartlight.com)

## RUBBER STAMP PARENTS

Have you ever teetered on the fence not knowing whether to loosen up or tighten up on your children? Any conscientious parent spends a lot of time on that fence.

Maybe this will help us: Mr. Lee Robins, Professor of Sociology at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, has researched this problem. He studied the lives of 500 misbehaving kids, continuing the study of them on into their forties. He found that kids whose parents are "too lenient" are much more likely to go bad as adults than kids whose parents are "too strict." One quarter of the 500 became anti-social. The clincher is that only 9 percent of the anti-social had parents who were "too strict," but 30 percent had parents who were "too lenient."

Of course, the above is only one way of looking at the issue. It does, however, seem to confirm what the Bible has said all along: "The rod of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to itself disgraces his mother" (Proverbs 29:15). To be sure we do not wish to err in either direction. We cannot be so hard on our kids that we "embitter" or "discourage" them (Colossians 3:21), nor do we want them running wild.

The next time you're caught on that fence maybe this will encourage you to opt for strictness. Most have found that you can always loosen up, but leniency is difficult to tighten. For every child embittered by too tight parental control, we hear dozens later praise their parents for sticking to their guns no matter how hot the battle.

An Asian visitor was asked what surprised him most about America. His immediate reply was, "How well American parents obey their children!" Are you merely a rubber stamp parent?

Glenn Gleim, reprinted from 1990 True Light