



TRUE LIGHT

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

August 23, 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**

LEFT ALL ALONE?

Years ago, we were going to a new congregation. When it came time to head home one evening, we could not find our 22-month-old son. He had been with us just a few moments earlier, but as they were turning off the lights and closing up the building, Zach was nowhere to be found. This was new turf for him. He didn't know his way around. We didn't know his favorite places in the building. All the lights, except a few in the foyer, were off.

Donna and I were frantic! What if he made it to the street with it already dark outside with busy streets on both sides? Where could he be? How had he gotten away so quickly? Why wasn't he crying if the lights had been turned off on him?

I went out and began a search of the parking lot and the street. Donna began a search through all the classrooms in the children's wing. She found him in his Sunday morning classroom with the lights off. A window was letting the light from the parking lot filter through the vertical blinds.

Zach was perfectly happy playing with a few toys in near-total darkness as he talked and sang, unaware of his crazed parents looking for him. He didn't feel alone in that room because it is where he had been taught to talk to God in prayer and talk about God loving little children. This Bible classroom was home for him. How could he be alone or afraid in a family place? We had telescoped our fear for our lost son into a moment where we expected him to be frantic because he was alone. We had placed our adult fears for being alone onto him.

Most of us know the terror of a child being momentarily lost, or of being left alone as a child. Adults who are left alone and left behind collide with even deeper pain. Think of these jarring adult realities:

*** left at the altar * left alone in ER after a beloved one dies * left alone to pay the bills after a business partner has stolen funds * left by a rebellious child who has run away from home determined to leave behind all the values a parent holds dear * abandoned by a parent who left you alone as a child so they could have a fresh start on life * left alone after being served divorce papers by an officer of the court, surprised, devastated, and in shock.**

Jesus' disciples were about to be left behind by their Lord. So Jesus shared with them some of the most beautiful and comforting words ever recorded: [Jesus said] *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.* (John 14:1-3).

As beautiful as these words can be in times of death, our question remains: "What do we do when we feel alone today?" Jesus' words of comfort didn't stop with the promise that he is preparing a place for us with the Father and coming back to take us home with him later. Jesus makes the following promises based upon the Holy Spirit's coming to us and living in us, NOW:

- *I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you* (John 14:18).
- *I too will love [you] and show myself to [you]* (John 14:21).
- *My Father will love [you], and we will come to [you] and make our home with [you].* (John 14:23)
- *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you* (John 14:26).

Because of the Holy Spirit within us, Jesus reminds us that we will never be alone. The Spirit will live in us and make our heart the home for *all the fullness of God* living within us (Ephesians 3:16-19). We are never abandoned, forgotten, or on our own. God is not only near, he is also present within us. Until the Father is ready for us to come home to him, He chooses to make his home in each of us! We are never left behind. The Spirit is always there with us, within us, to do God's work and being God's blessings to us!

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CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

August 24 - Donna McKuin
August 25 - Justin Beard
Billie Cooper
Bettie Thurston
August 26 - Pat Ingle
August 27 - Charlie Garner
Karen McGowan
August 30 - Larry Summers



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Olives * BBQ Sauce * Bleach *
Country Gravy Mix * Tortilla Chips *
Brown Gravy Mix

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

August 26 - Leon & Jane Smith

Attendance for August 16: 126
Contribution for August 16: \$11028

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Baby Jett (Alyson Mickey's infant son) was hospitalized Tuesday with possible heart issues. He has also tested positive for COVID, but was asymptomatic * **Sonny Ingle** is home and doing well. No visitors at this time, please * **Pam Claeys** will see a hematologist Tuesday * **Sonja Mays** is home * **Matt Jones** family (Linda Jones son) recovering from COVID * **Sharlette Watson** will have a procedure August 28 * **Helen McGowan** had a procedure Tuesday which will enable her to have home dialysis in a few weeks

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Pam Claeys * Isaiah Collier * 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 * Leon Smith * Kevin Steed * David Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Sharlette 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):

DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Bob Garner * Dana Jo Jackson * 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

LADIES DAY

There will be a 2020 Bootheel Ladies Day Saturday, September 26, from 9 -noon at the Cape Girardeau West End church of Christ. The Theme will be "Do Not Be Afraid". This ladies day can also be viewed online. If you would like to attend, pre-registration is required. There is no cost to attend. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to the Brian Thomason family in the loss of his uncle, Ronnie Thomason. Ronnie passed away Tuesday, August 18. His funeral was held Friday at Malden.

**OUR SUMMER SERIES
SPEAKER THIS WEEK WILL
BE SPENCER FURBY**

SOME OF THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES TODAY!

The Holy Spirit is poured into our hearts not only when we are born of God, but also continually fills and empowers us (Titus 3:3-7; 1 Thesalonians 4:8).

The gift and presence of the Holy Spirit is something only Jesus' disciples have and something the world cannot have (John 14:15-18; 1 Cor. 2:12).

Cleanses, washes, and makes us right with God (sanctifies us) (1 Cor. 6:9-11; 2 Thess. 2:13).

Indwells in us and makes us God's holy temple (Acts 2:28-39; 1 Cor. 6:18-20).

Pours God's love into our hearts (Romans 5:5).

Fills us when we worship (Ephesians 5:15-21).

Gives us spiritual gifts to use to bless the Body and honor the Father (1 Cor. 12:7-11).

Helps us cry Abba Father and testifies that we are children of God (Romans 8:14-17).

Strengthens with power in our inner being with the same strength used to raise Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 3:16, Ephesians 1:17-20).

Empowers us to put to death sin in our flesh (Romans 8:13).

Opens our minds to know the things of God and to know God better (1 Cor. 2:10-18; Eph. 1:17-20).

Make known and guide us into the truth about Jesus (John 16:12-15).

Inspires joy in us (Acts 13:52; 1 Thess. 1:5-6).

Teach us and help us remember and know the truth about Jesus and what Jesus said (John 14:25-26; 1 John 2:20-27).

Be able to discern truth from what is false (John 14).

Give us reassurance (1 John 2; John 15).

Intercedes for us in sighs too deep for words (Romans 8:26-27).

Intercedes for us according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27).

Helps us have spiritual discernment (1 Cor. 2:10-15).

Give us 24-7 always-on instant access to God (Ephesians 2:18).

Convict the world of sin and judgment (John 16:8-11).

Help us confess Jesus as Lord (1 Corinthians 12:3).

Give us words to say when we are faced with threats, uncertainty, and persecution (Mark 13:11).

We are led by the Spirit (Gal. 5:18, 25; Romans 8:14).

Gives life to our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11).

Is our guarantee of salvation (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13).

Help us to witness and testify about Jesus (John 15:26-27; Acts 1:8; Acts 5:32; 1 John 5:7-8).

Brings forth the fruit that shows the character and compassion of God (Galatians 5:22-23).

Transforms us little by little to become like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

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