



TRUE LIGHT

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

September 27, 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**

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

Recently we had someone pass through our town, and they stopped at our church to receive some help. We were able to help them, and this person attended a couple of our church services.

God reminds us to reach out to those in need:

"When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?" And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:38-40).

The Holy Spirit says, *He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished (Proverbs 17:5).*

This person also joined us one afternoon for our weekly prayer time. At the end of it, he said, "It's so nice to come to a place where you are loved, no strings attached."



Do we offer love with strings attached?

What if we helped people with the requirement that they come to church?

I have heard of churches that discontinued their benevolence programs because the people never came to church. That sure wasn't "no strings attached" help.

Do we expect something in return when we do things for people?

Let's love with, "no strings attached," as unto the Lord. I once was a part of an outreach program that did "Random Acts of Kindness." We handed out cold drinks to teens on the street and even gave roses to all the women in an office. We would say, "This is a gift from...(add the name of the church) with no strings attached."

Some churches have outreach programs to children and teens mid-week. Sometimes they have a difficult time getting them to church on Sunday. Is that OK? Are we willing to reach out to them anyway, if they don't come on Sunday?"

Jesus said, *But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back. What credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful (Luke 6:32-36).*

Mikes Barres, www.heartlight.org

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

September 27 - Pam Collier
 September 28 - Wyatt Adams
 Sue Flowers
 October 4 - Faye Dockins
 Kalee Howard



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Olives * BBQ Sauce * Bleach *
 Country Gravy Mix * Tortilla Chips *
 Brown Gravy Mix
PICK UP DATE OCTOBER 12

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned fruits and vegetables *
 spaghetti noodles and canned sauce
 *canned tomato products * cereal
 * monetary donations appreciated!

Attendance for September 20: 103
Contribution for September 20: \$4291

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Don Jackson will be having knee surgery Tuesday * Billie Cooper had surgery Wednesday to repair two broken bones in his leg * Jane Smith has been released from the hospital and is improving * Casey Karnes is recovering from COVID * Jerry Don McGowan is home from the hospital and improving * Pam Claeys will be seeing a cardiologist in the near future * Sharlette Watson's scan came back clear! * Sonja Mays * Kristi Altman has begun treatments for her cancer * Alan Robinson is slowly improving *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burlison * Pam Claeys * Billie Cooper * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Morris Karnes * Ronnie Mays * 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) :

Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Bill Fitzpatrick * Kim Goins * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Andy Kelley * Connie Lemmons * Annette Lumsden * Phil McKuIn * Ponna Mahan * Paula Mason * Betty Nicholson * 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 * Pam Claeys

Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

— Lauren DeStefano, *Wither*



In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Cathy Provance in the loss of her aunt, Patricia Provance, who passed away September 19. Her funeral was held September 23 in Mal-den.



The internet buzzes with sensational predictions of looming disaster. Titles read, "Collapse of the Dollar," "Food Shortages Ahead," "Polar Icecaps Melting," "Hyperinflation on the Horizon," "Terrorism on the Rise" and so on. YouTube especially has numerous videos telling how to prepare for the imminent and abrupt end to life as we know it in America.

Could such prophesies of doom come about? Well, yes.

Ponder these questions. Are there any Divine guarantees that these things cannot happen? Have such catastrophes occurred in the past? Has money, education and government ever rescued a culture such as ours from bleak tomorrows?

You are as aware of the correct answer to these questions as anyone. There are no promises for the future.

Oh, it would be safe to say, however, that while there are no guarantees, there are possibilities. The chances of hyperinflation is probably greater than, say, a gigantic meteor striking the earth. I admit to personally having a greater concern that the stock market will crash than that global warming is going to decimate the earth.

In Luke 13:1, Jesus was given a news report about some fellow Galileans of their day who apparently incurred the wrath of Pilate's soldiers who fell upon them and mixed their blood with the blood of their own sacrifices. The aim of this report was probably the same as similar examples of "bad" news today: they are given to stir fear.

However, Jesus' response was quite different. He did not deny the fact that such tragedies might befall anyone. He did not urge His audience to prepare themselves physically for whatever the report might mean for them in the future. He did not tell them to begin stockpiling food and water. He did not tell them to arm themselves or invest in gold.

What Jesus said to His audiences, I imagine, was done in a non-excited, matter-of-fact fashion. He said about possible disasters, *I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish* (Luke 13:3).

Jesus was not a fear monger. He did not teach for sensational aims. He was simply providing all men with an understanding of what is REALLY important. He was telling us of preparation that REALLY matters.

My friend, unless one turns from sin, disaster is inevitable. The greatest threat to anyone's future is his own unrighteousness.