



TRUE LIGHT

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

November 1, 2020

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship:

8:45 a.m. (masked)

9:50 a.m. Sunday school

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**

WORSHIPPING AT HOME

Sometimes we hear people ask the question, "Why can't I worship God just as well at home by praying privately and listening to sermons on radio and television? Why should I attend church services?"

Those who ask this question are usually ones who do not meet with others to worship God publicly. They want to be counted as Christians, but they do not want to be a part of the church and its corporate worship.

It is true that we can worship God in our homes. In fact, the Lord wants us to. The Christian life is one of daily worship and service to God in many ways. Jesus taught that *men ought always to pray and not to faint* (Luke 18:1). Paul told Christians to *pray without ceasing* (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

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There is nothing in this world as important to our salvation as a life walked daily with Christ. If He is our constant companion and we are found taking our requests and problems to God in prayer, this is exactly what God desires of us. In this Christian age, there is no particular geographical spot or building which is holy. Christians are on holy grounds at all times as God surveys their hearts 24 hours a day. We do not have to hurry off to the church building before we can pray.

On the other hand, we cannot live acceptably to God if we avoid worshipping and working with other Christians. We sin when we do this. This is because the Christian life is not only one of individual relationship to God, but also a collective, cooperative walk with other Christians. It was said of the church which Christ established in Jerusalem that the disciples continued steadfastly *in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers* (Acts 2:42). The word "fellowship" means sharing with one another in a common cause.

Since its beginning, there have been those who have stayed away from the public assemblies of the church. Christians are commanded not to forsake the assembling of themselves together

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(Hebrews 10:25). God has decreed that His people work and worship together. Several acts of worship were designed by Him to be performed together by His people, such as partaking of the Lord's Supper, singing together, and taking up a financial collection for the Lord's work. Peter called the church *an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light* 1 Peter 2:9. Those who stay home and avoid the church's worship services are not doing this. Since they are doing what unbelievers do when the doors of the church building are open - that is, staying away - they are not showing forth the praises of God.

We shall reap what we sow. If we live as the world does, we shall share the world's fate in the judgment. If we live as God wants, we shall inherit eternal life. But we can't sow one thing and reap another. We must make up our minds to follow Christ first. We can't have one foot in the kingdom of God and another foot in the kingdom of Satan.

In conclusion, Christians cannot deliberately choose to stay home without good reason when the church is worshipping and still be pleasing to God. By all means, we should be worshipping God in our homes as well, but when the saints are assembled, and we deliberately absent ourselves, our prayers will not be acceptable to Him because we have been disobedient.

John Thiesen, church of Christ, Buffalo, MO

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

November 1 - Kathy Caudle
November 2 - Jerry Burleson
November 3 - Ted Jacques
November 4 - Mary Forman
Jeff Rodgers
November 6 - Jennifer Howard



CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Dry Spaghetti * Chili Mixes *
Large Freezer Bags * Microwave
Popcorn * Kidney Beans * Ranch style
beans

Pick Up Date February 1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

November 4 - Ted & Karla Jacques
November 7 - Darrin & Lana Shipman

QUOTING THE BIBLE, AND DIDN'T KNOW IT

A drop in the bucket (Isaiah 40:15).
A thorn in the side (2 Corinthians 12:7).
Forbidden fruit (Genesis 2:17).
Eat, drink and be merry (Luke 12:19).
The powers that be (Romans 13:1).
The handwriting on the wall (Daniel 5).
Holier than thou (Isaiah 65:5).
Woe is me (Isaiah 6:5).
Like a lamb to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7).
Do not throw pearls before swine (Matthew 7:6).
Fire and brimstone (Genesis 19:24; Rev. 21:8).
Can a leopard change its spots? (Jer. 13:23).
The skin of our teeth (Job 19:20).
A land flowing with milk and honey (Ex. 3:8).
Feet of clay (Daniel 2:33-34).
Fly in the ointment (Ecclesiastes 10:1).
Salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13).
Taking a sabbatical (Leviticus 25:1-7).
Spare the rod, spoil the child (Proverbs 13:24).
By the sweat of your brow (Genesis 3:19).
Better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).
Let he who is without sin cast the first stone (John 8:7).
Nothing new under the sun (Ecc. 1:9).

Attendance for October 25: 100
Contribution for October 25: \$3793

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Janie Burleson is home following a stay in the hospital for blood clots in her lungs * **Tim and Michal Woods**, both home with COVID * **David Carson** recovering from hernia surgery * **Sue Flowers, and Travis Cooper** have tested positive for COVID but so far have been asymptomatic * **Bob Garner** is in Dexter Hospital with COVID and a spot of pneumonia on his lung, but is feeling fine * **Jack and Helen McGowan** diagnosed with COVID * **Don Jackson** doing therapy at home * **Pam Claeys** will begin a treatment regimen soon for cancer found in two lymph nodes * **Wanda Thomason** will have a lumpectomy November 18 * **Roxanne Carson** returned home from Houston Saturday, and should begin starting new chemo medication this week

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burleson * 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 * 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 * Angie Smith * 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 * Jerry Don McGowan * Alvin Miller * Tom Provance * Gene Rowland * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * Heather Whitehead

Our Shut Ins

Lois McKuin * Marty Watson * Joy Watson * Elwood Rush * Sue Flowers * Travis Cooper * Shirley Johnson * Fern Botsch * Pam Claeys

JUST FOR LAUGHS

A man was chosen for jury duty, and he wanted very much to be dismissed from serving. He tried every excuse he could think of, but none of them worked. On the day of the trial he decided to give it one more shot. As the trial was about to begin he asked if he could approach the bench.

"Your Honor," he said, "I must be excused from this trial because I am prejudiced against the defendant. I took one look at that man in his fancy blue suit and with those beady eyes and that dishonest face, and I said to myself, 'He's a crook! He's guilty, guilty, guilty!' So, your Honor, I cannot possibly stay on this jury!"

The annoyed judge replied, "Get back in the jury box. That man is the defendant's lawyer."

THANK YOU, FATHER!

Thank You so much, Father, for the faithful few
Who at every assembly come to worship You.
Those who still long for what makes them alive
That divine food and drink by which they survive.
Found only in the Book of books from Your own hand
That freed us from sin and by which we stand.
Please keep them and guide them each and every day
That they stray not from the strait and narrow way.
My prayer to you, Father, is for those who were once true
Who by the world and Satan are no longer strong for You.
Things have taken Your place in the hearts of some
And no longer to the Fount of love and life do they come.
You gave us the choice at the assemblies to be
But how we choose decides life with or without Thee.
Dear God, please strengthen the hearts of the faithful few
That in Heaven their journey will end living with You.

Everette Bohler

Now is the time to be praying for our

**Friends and Family Weekend
with BRAD HARRUB!**

January 2 and 3,
2021*

*subject to change

