



TRUE LIGHT

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

October 18, 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**

SHARING LIFE WITH CHRIST

[Jesus told his disciples,] *A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher* (Luke 6:40 NRSV).

The goal of every Christian is to be like Jesus. We want the life of Christ to come alive in us (2 Corinthians 4:10-11). We want Jesus to be as real in our lives as the clothes we wear (Romans 13:14; Galatians 3:26-27). Transforming us to Christ is the goal of the Holy Spirit for us (2 Corinthians 3:17-18). Seeing disciples become mature in Christ was the apostle Paul's goal for those he led to Christ (Galatians 4:19; Colossians 1:28-29).

Jesus is not only our Savior and Lord, but he is also the model on whom we are to build our lives! How he treated people is how we must treat people. How the Lord handled criticism is how we should handle criticism. As Christ gave himself passionately to the work of God, we must also devote ourselves to the work of God. How Jesus carved out time to be alone with the Father, so too must we.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4).

As a disciple of Jesus, we not only are becoming like our Teacher, we are sharing in his life! We joined Jesus in his death, burial, and resurrection in faith, through our baptism with him, so that our future is found in him (Romans 6:3-14). We unite our lives with him, and not even death can separate our connection with Jesus (Philippians 1:19-24; Romans 8:32-39). Because we are God's children like Jesus and with Jesus, we seek to become like him in this life because we will be like him in the next (1 John 3:1-3).

So, I believe the next question for each of us is clear: What do I need to do today to deepen my life in Christ?

- Do I need to join my life with Jesus in his saving death, burial and resurrection through baptism? (Colossians 2:12; 3:1-4; Romans 6:3-14)
- Do I need to get up each morning, remind myself that I am clothed with Christ, and go live demonstrating the faithfulness, righteousness, and compassion of Jesus? (Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 13:14)
- Do I need to turn from sin and seek to live a life of holiness, honor and purity in Christ? (1 John 3:1-3)
- Do I need to reach out to the lost, broken and marginalized like Jesus did in his earthly ministry? (Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 1:35-45; Luke 7:1-17, 36-50; John 4:1-42)
- Do I need to kneel before the Father and say, "Father, not my will, but yours be done"? (Mark 14:32-36)
- Do I need to look beyond the troubles and trials of the moment and trust that glory awaits me in the presence of my Lord? (Romans 8:18, 28-29)

You see, sharing our lives with Jesus is a life-long journey, an exciting and challenging adventure. This life is far more than a bunch of religious-sounding trite clichés. Sharing our life with Jesus has practical implications for how we live each day. It is rooted in decisions that help us leave a Jesus-impact on others. We are seeking to leave a grace-filled trail of stepping stones that help others find their way to Christ. So, like Paul, let's recommit ourselves to sharing our life with Jesus:

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:7-14).

James Nored and Phil Ware, www.heartlight.org

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

October 18 - Don Jackson
October 19 - Sam Howard
October 20 - Alyson Mickey
Karsyn Smith
Marcus Suiter
October 22 - Robin Mays
October 24 - Bronwen Young



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:

October 23 - Johnny & Betty McGowan
October 24 - Glen and Rita Burch

Attendance for October 11: 112
Contribution for October 11: \$4177

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: David Carson will have hernia surgery Friday * Sonja Mays is at Winchester Place in assisted living * Ronnie Mays isn't doing well * Don Jackson is improving and will likely be in rehab for three more weeks * Pam Claeys will meet with her onologist tomorrow * Wanda Thomason will have carpal tunnel surgery Wednesday, and a lumpectomy November 18 * Tom Provance (Cathy's dad) is in his final days * Cindy Baugh (Gaye's sister) continues to improve following a COVID diagnosis * Sonny Allen (Pauline's husband) is improving, but still not eating much * Larry Smith (Brian Thomason's uncle) diagnosed with COVID, was hoping to be released from the hospital over the weekend.

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 * 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

LOSING OUR SENSES

When unusual behavior is observed in another, someone may say, "They have lost their senses." It seems proper, based on certain observations, to say that many people today seem to have lost their senses! Some have lost their:

Sense of God. More and more a practical atheism is getting around (Titus 1:16). People admit they believe in God, but act as if He did not exist. Like God's people of old, they have "pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears" (Zech. 7:11).

Sense of Sin. Sin isn't sin anymore! It has changed to "a mistake," "maladjustment," "sickness," etc. One writer pointed out that since Eisenhower (1953), no president has used the word "sin" in addressing our nation's problems!

Sense of Shame. In Jeremiah's day the ability to blush had been lost. "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush..." (Jeremiah 6:15).

Tragically, these losses lead to a greater loss yet: the loss of the soul. Reader, have you lost your senses? Obeying the truth is the sensible thing to do (1 Peter 1:22-23; 3:21).

Bill Dillon, bulletindigest.com

IF I SHOULD DIE...

"If I should die before I wake, " prayed young Tommy. "If I should die before I wake...If I should die."

"Go on, Tommy," urged his mother. "You know the rest of your prayer."

"I'll be back," blurted the youngster. Scrambling to his feet, he ran into the next room. Dropping to his knees, he rattled off the familiar bedtime prayer without a bobble.

Tucking little Tommy into bed, his mother issued a gentle rebuke for the interruption, insisting that he should think about what he was saying when he prayed.

"Mom, I was thinking about what I was saying," said the boy defensively. "That's why I had to stop. You see, I stood all of Ted's wooden soldiers on their heads, just to see how mad he'd be in the morning. If I should die before I wake, I wouldn't want him to find them that way, so I had to go and fix them the right way."

"You're right, dear," said a happy mother, voice quivering. She thought of herself, and many other adults who should stop in the middle of their prayers and undo some wrong against another.

There are lots of things that may seem like fun if you are going to keep on living. But you do not want them that way at the end.

It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away (James 4:14)



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

**Sunday School resumes November 1.
See you there!**