

TRUE LIGHT

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

October 25, 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

LIFE TO OUR MORTAL BODIES

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this, he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time, the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified (John 7:37-39).

When we look at the book of Acts, we consistently see three moves in the life of those who come to Christ:

- Public confession of Jesus as Lord and Messiah, the Son of God
- Baptism in water
- The coming of the Holy Spirit

The order of these three moves may vary (compare Acts chapters 2, 8, 9-10, 19, 22 for variations). However, these three movements of grace and faith are found consistently through the story of the early church in Acts.

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, also emphasized each of these three moves when he taught about conversion. He pointed to three core truths for saving faith in Jesus. These three were the authoritative message of the early church from the beginning (1 Corinthians 15:1-4):

- 1. Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures.
- 2. Iesus was buried.
- 3. Jesus was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures.

Paul then emphasized that in baptism, the believer participated in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6:3-14; Colossians 2:12; 3:1-4).

Paul also stressed the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in conversion (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). The Spirit's power gave the repentant and believing person new birth into God's family (John 1:10-12; 3:3-7; Titus 3:3-7). This new birth made them a new creation of God (2 Corinthians 5:17). Paul also emphasized that the Spirit, who began this new life of the believer, would continue to be at work in each follower of Jesus throughout his or her life (Romans 8:1-39; Galatians 5:22-23). The Spirit was the power behind the living witness of Jesus in his disciples' lives. The Spirit in Jesus' disciples was also the ongoing testimony to the Lord's resurrection from the dead!

Paul completely reoriented his life around Jesus because of his conviction that the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus' resurrection and appearance to witnesses validated him as the Son of God in power (Romans 1:4). Jesus of Nazareth's resurrection from the dead also demonstrated that he is Lord - Lord of all things and Paul's personal Lord. The resurrection of Jesus was the foundation for Paul's unique call to take the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles (Romans 1:5; 1 Corinthians 15:8-9). Paul proclaimed this truth for all of us:

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you (Romans 8:11).

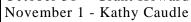
The Holy Spirit brings us God's life now and ensures that life will extend beyond the boundaries of time and mortal bodies. He is saying in different words what Jesus had promised in John 7:37-39. the resurrected Jesus, who poured out the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Act 2:33) and on each of us at our baptism (Titus 3:3-7), is alive within us. That same Spirit of the living God who raised Jesus from the dead ensures that this life is eternal for all of us who belong to Jesus. A true believer's life lasts beyond the death of her or his mortal body. The Holy Spirit within each of us ensures our resurrection from the dead! We have eternal life that begins when we come to Christ (John 5:24), and it is a life that will never end:

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CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

October 26 - Millie Dauck October 27 - Mark McKuin October 31 - Grant Howard





Attendance for October 11: 88 Contribution for October 11: \$8680

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

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

Pick Up Date February 1

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal * Crackers * Canned spaghetti sauce * rice * dried beans Monetary gifts also appreciated

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: David Carson had hernia surgery Friday * Sue Flowers, Bob Garner and Travis Cooper have all tested positive for COVID but so far all have been asymptomatic * Brian, Valarie and Jordan McGowan have all been diagnosed with COVID * Don Jackson was released Friday and will have in-home therapy * Pam Claeys will begin a treatment regimen soon for cancer found in two lymph nodes * Morris Karnes is recuperating from a procedure on his tongue * Gary Summers has been placed on comfort care * Wanda Thomason had carpal tunnel surgery Wednesday, and will have a lumpectomy November 18 * Cindy Baugh (Gaye's sister) continues to improve following a COVID diagnosis * Larry Smith (Brian Thomason's uncle) diagnosed with COVID has been released from the hospital and is slowly improving * Roxanne Carson has been experiencing severe headaches

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 • Whitehead

Our Shut Ins

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

In Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to Pat Cooper in the loss of her husband and our brother in Christ, Billie. Billie passed away October 18, and his funeral was held Thursday at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter

Sympathy is extended to Judy Duley in the loss of her father, Alvin Miller. Alvin passed away October 18, and his funeral was held Wednesday at Richards Funeral Home in New Madrid

Sympathy is extended to Cathy Provance in the loss of her father, Tom Provance. Tom passed away October 18 and a gravesite service was held for him Saturday.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. (Psalms 116:15)

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Jesus said to [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26).

The transformational work of the Holy Spirit began at our conversion (I Corinthians 6:9-11). It continued through the Spirit's ongoing work to morph us into full Christ-likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:22-23). This transformation, however, will not be fully realized until we are given our new immortal bodies to be with Jesus, and have an immortal body like his, forever (I Corinthians 15:48-49; 1 John 3:1-2).

The Holy Spirit is the water of life welling up into eternal life. The resurrected Jesus poured out his Spirit on us (Acts 2:33; Titus 3:5-6). The Spirit is alive in us to guarantee our life forever with Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:14). Jesus wasn't just raised from the dead two thousand years ago. The Lord is now alive in us through the Holy Spirit , ensuring that we will one day be like him and see him face-to-face. James Nored and Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com



Sunday School resumes next week, November 1. See you there!

Daylight Saving Time ends November 1. Set your clock back one hour before bed Saturday Night