



TRUE LIGHT

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

November 8, 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**

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Jesus had a plan to change the world with his message of the good news of the Kingdom of God. Most of us would have scoffed. Jesus' plan depended upon the eleven apostles who had failed to stand by him in his Passion. How could such a small number of seemingly powerless men, along with a handful of faithful women, make such a massive difference in the world?

Jesus shared his plan to reach the world with his grace through his disciples. He did this shortly before he left to return to the Father: *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight (Acts 1:4-9).*

Jesus' plan to make disciples of all people emphasized several essential elements to accomplish his world-changing mission for them (Acts 17:6), their power, their message, and their method.

1. The power to execute Jesus' plan and tell his story across the world: the Holy Spirit.
2. The message they were to use to share this good news: they were to be witnesses, testifying of all that Jesus had said and done.
3. Their method would be simple: begin here (Jerusalem), reach out nearby (Judea and Samaria), go faraway (ends of the earth).

While the Holy Spirit led the apostles to execute Jesus' strategy effectively, we learn that they repeated this vision in the major cities of their world. Jerusalem was the starting place and where they began. However, once they reached Antioch, the church began in earnest to reach out beyond its merely Jewish roots to include Gentiles (Acts 11:19-21). Before long, they were repeating the strategy, sending witnesses out from among them to share the message of Jesus using the "here - near - far" plan (Acts 13:1-4).

As the gospel radiated out from Jerusalem and Antioch, Jesus' disciples then managed to bring the message to the influential city of Ephesus. Once again, they began where they were (here), then began to reach out to neighboring areas (near), and eventually shared in the global mission of Jesus (far) with the other two strategic churches in influential cities, Jerusalem and Antioch (Acts 19:10,26).

As we seek to know and follow Jesus about two thousand years after his birth, death, burial, and resurrection, we need to remember Jesus' plan. God has always wanted all people to know about his love and grace so they could receive his blessing (Genesis 12:1-3). John's vision of the end of time includes *a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language* worshiping Jesus together (Revelation 7:9-10). His plan for us to accomplish God's dream is the same plan the Lord gave to his followers before he left them:

1. The power of the Holy Spirit released through prayer.
2. The testimony of Jesus' followers about what Jesus did in his ministry and what he has done in their lives.
3. The strategy to begin where we are, then reach those near us and then reach out to the ends of the earth.

The gospel story came to life with an angel's visit to a young woman, named Mary, in despised Nazareth. The story will end with a chorus of angels. This time, however, they will be joined by people from all over the world. This gathering of people from many different languages and cultures will be a joyous celebration. The message of Jesus will have brought them together to say that Jesus is Lord and Savior of all.

This same Jesus calls to us today. He invites us to embrace his plan to ensure all people know him, *to the ends of the earth!* What a glorious hope for our divided world. And, we get to be part of the plan!

James Nored and Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

November 10 - Michael Moore
James Wood
November 13 - Loretta Carson
Karlie McQuin
November 15 - Jase Foster



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

PROMISES

"Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst; he promises honor, and pays with disgrace; he promises pleasure, and pays with pain; he promises profit, and pays with loss, he promises life, and pays with death. But God pays as he promises; all his payments are made in pure gold." -Thomas Brooks



BLIND MEN OF HINDUSTAN

Most are conversant with the famous poem concerning the blind men of Hindustan who went to "see" an elephant. Since each was sightless and stationed at a different vantage point surrounding the huge creature, the six men came away with vastly different concepts regarding the elephant.

The first said, "An elephant is like a rope," because he had felt the tail. Another, stationed at the ear, concluded it was like a fan. Another, feeling of its leg, said it was like a tree. Another thought an elephant was like a wall.

A partial view of the Bible is like that. Prejudice blinds many a person to the whole truth: Sectarian dogma, shallow teaching, emphasis on tradition, parochial thinking, and emotional persuasion contribute to spiritual blindness.

As John Saxe said of the blind men in his striking poem:

Each in his own opinion exceedingly stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right,
And all were in the wrong!

We must pursue "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27) and desire to be fully instructed on every Bible subject. The sum of God's Word is truth (Psalm 119:160). Taking all that the Bible says on any doctrine forms the best commentary on the sacred Scriptures. This allows us to see the harmony and blend in God's grace and man's obedience.

Thoughts from the Heart, housetohouse.com

Attendance for November 1: 85
Contribution for November 1: \$3494

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Morris Karnes will have surgery Thursday to remove a cancerous lymph node in his neck, followed by a series of radiation treatments * **Ken Durham** is at Poplar Bluff hospital with suspected severe intestinal virus. A scope scheduled for last Thursday had to be cancelled * **Judy Snyder** is at home with COVID and is very weak * **Judy Duley** had cataract surgery last week and is doing fine * **Tim** and **Michal Woods**, both home with COVID, and doing much better * **Sue Flowers**, and **Travis Cooper** have tested positive for COVID but so far have been asymptomatic * **Bob Garner** has taken a turn for the worse * **Jack** and **Helen McGowan** diagnosed with COVID * **Pam Claeys** will begin a treatment regimen soon for cancer found in two lymph nodes * **Clyde Jacques** has a heart issue but it is treatable with medication * **Ben and Omega Reid** (Marietta's sister and brother-in-law) both diagnosed with COVID. In addition, Ben has some melanoma * **Wanda Thomason** will have a lumpectomy November 18 *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Don Jackson * 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 * Betty 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 * 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 * Lem Hubbard * Dana Jo Jackson * Clyde Jacques * Lola Johnson * Beckie King * Nikki Lawrence * Jerry Don McGowan * Gene Rowland * Kevin Steed * Traci Suiter * Paige Tanner * Heather Whitehead

Our Shut Ins

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

A NOTE OF THANKS:

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent for Alan's funeral. We so appreciated the delicious meal prepared for our family following the service. It brought us a great deal of comfort during this difficult time. With love, Jeanie, Dawn, Daniel, Jeanna and Brant.

Now is the time to be praying for our

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

January 2 and 3,
2021*

*subject to change

