



TRUE LIGHT

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

January 10, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Worship:

8:45 a.m. (masked)

Sunday School 9:50 a.m.

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**

FEELINGS WARP THE JUDGMENT

(The following is a reprint written by R.L. Whiteside, and published in the Gospel Advocate March 29, 1934)

To have respect of persons in judgment is not good (Proverbs 24:23). And thou shalt take no bribe: for a bribe blindeth them that have sight, and perverteth the words of the righteous (Exodus 23:8).

This language does not mean that a judge is dishonest in all things, but a gift creates in him a feeling of obligation that renders him unfit to judge in a matter wherein the giver is involved.

A personal favor has the same effect as an intentional bribe. Our feelings are almost sure to warp our judgments; our feelings even influence our estimate of the weight of testimony. Evidence against a devoted friend does not seem so weighty as does the same evidence against a known enemy. We are inclined to excuse, or even defend, a friend in a matter for which we would condemn an enemy.

Some people are almost wholly controlled by their feelings. Such can see no wrong in a friend nor any good in an enemy. They are blinded to justice and right, being equally flattering to those they like and slanderous to those they dislike. Consider this: You have a friend who has stood by you and helped you when you sorely needed help. Now a personal matter has come up between him and a man who has been your severest critic and most pronounced opponent. It is a matter that you cannot ignore, but your friend is in the wrong. What are you going to do about it? Will you allow feelings for a friend to triumph over justice and right? Would not true gratitude to this friend cause you to seek to lead him out of his wrong, even at the expense of your feelings?

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Many people accept false doctrine because it is taught by a man that they admire. Some people fall in love with the man and then with his teaching. Most false teachers understand this, and, therefore, make themselves as agreeable as possible so as to get a favorable hearing. *For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly, and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent (Romans 16:18).* By such methods Absalom stole the hearts of the people of Israel and led a host

of them in rebellion against his father, David. It seems that people will never learn that no man ever flatters others for their own good.

Others may not accept false teaching, but may not actively oppose it because it comes from a friend. Somehow, false teaching does not seem so bad when it comes from a dear friend.

It is not likely that anyone can be entirely free from bias in judging men and their doctrines. To arrive at a correct estimate of a doctrine it is generally essential that we lose sight of the person who advocates the doctrine and view it solely in the light of Bible teaching; otherwise we may find ourselves excusing a false theory, or closing our eyes against an important truth.

Ahab did not want to hear anything Micaiah had to say, because he hated Micaiah; and when Micaiah did speak, Ahab would not heed what he said. Ahab was not a suitable person to sit in judgment on Micaiah and his teaching. A man should be very cautious in expressing a judgment when he has considerable feelings in the matter; he might gain a reputation for not being reliable in his judgments. I put little stress on a person's judgment when confessedly his feelings play an important part in what he says. He is not to be blamed for having the feelings, but is to be blamed for not recognizing that his feelings warp his judgment. That is a fact universally recognized - that a man's feelings can make his judgment unreliable. Even the courts of our land recognize this.

A man might be perfectly fair in passing judgment on one thing and utterly unreliable in passing judgment in another matter. To reject a man from jury service in one case does not disqualify him in all cases. To condemn a man's judgment when it is known that his feelings entered largely into what he said does not mean that he should not have a respectful hearing in matters concerning which he could qualify as a juror.

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

January 12 - Janie Burleson
Phyllis Howard
January 13 - Jason Karnes
January 17 - Sue Jester
Larry Layton



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

WE HAD NO IDEA

Volunteers from a local church spent a frigid evening distributing food to people in a low-income apartment complex. One woman who received the food was overjoyed. She showed them her bare cupboard and told them they were an answer to her prayers.

As the volunteers returned to the church, one woman began to cry. "When I was a little girl," she said, "That lady was my Sunday school teacher. She's in church every Sunday. We had no idea she was almost starving!"

Clearly, these were caring people who were seeking ways to carry the burdens of others, as Paul suggests in Galatians 6:2. Yet somehow they hadn't noticed the needs of this woman - someone they saw every Sunday - and she hadn't shared her needs. This can be a gentle reminder for all of us to be more aware of those around us and, as Paul said, to *do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers* (Gal. 6:10).

People who worship together have the privilege of assisting one another so no one in the body of Christ goes without help. As we get to know each other and care for each other, perhaps we won't ever have to say, "We had no idea."
David Branon

ALL TOGETHER NOW

While Nicholas Taylor was boarding a train in Perth, Australia, his leg became wedged in the gap between the platform and a commuter car. When safety officials could not free him, they coordinated the efforts of nearly 50 passengers who lined up and, on the count of three, pushed against the train. Working in unison, they shifted the weight just enough to free Taylor's leg.

The apostle Paul recognized the power of Christians working together in many of his letters to the early churches. He urged the Roman believers to accept each other the way Christ had accepted them and said, [May God] *give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ* (Romans 15:5-6).

Unity with other believers enables us to broadcast God's greatness and also helps us to endure persecution. Knowing that the Philipp0ians would pay a price for their faith, Paul encouraged them to strive *together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you* (Phil. 1:27-28).

Satan loves to divide and conquer, but his efforts fail when, with God's help, we *make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace* (Eph. 4:3). Jennifer Benson Schuldt

Nothing costs as much as caring - except not caring.

Attendance for January 3: 100
Contribution for January 3: \$3583

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: * **Pam Claeys** will begin her cancer treatments tomorrow * Jeanie Robinson's sister-in-law, **Brenda Robinson**, who is on a ventilator at St. Francis Hospital and not doing well * **Morris Karnes** as he undergoes treatments * **Ryan Greer** (Pam Claeys' son) recovering from COVID * **Don Jackson** is at home and doing better. He would appreciate calls and visits

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 * 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 * Ponna Mahan * Paula Mason * Betty Nicholson * Tammy Telker * Bobby Thornton * Paula Walls

Other health issues (non-congregational):

DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * 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 * Eva Latham

Our Shut Ins

Fern Botsch * Pam Claeys * Travis Cooper * Sue Flowers * Don Jackson * Shirley Johnson * Elwood Rush * Bettie Thurston * Marty Watson * Joy Watson

Remember in prayer our missionary Nathan Ferguson, his wife; Kristi, and their two daughters, Eden and Emmy, as they embark on their long-term mission to Chimala, Tanzania. The Fergusons are scheduled to depart January 20.

The Arnold church of Christ will be having a creation seminar January 15-17. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery. Masks are required to attend.

Little January

Tapped at my door today
And said, "Put on your winter wraps,
And come outdoors to play."

Little January

Is always full of fun;
Today we coasted down the hill,
Until the set of sun.

Little January

Will stay a month with me
And we will have such jolly times
Just come along and see. *Winifred C Marshall*