



TRUE LIGHT

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

February 14, 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**

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ The Ultimate Valentine ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

In one of his earliest books, Max Lucado tells the story about a concerned mom who journeyed to Rio de Janeiro to find her teenage daughter. This ambitious young woman had left their small boring village to find work and the exciting life of the big city. But the mom, knowing the only work available for young peasant girls in the big city, gathered up all of her money, bought a bus ticket and as many small pictures of herself as she could afford.

In Rio, this determined mom went into every sleazy hotel she could find. She placed pictures of herself on the corner of bulletin boards, bathroom mirrors, and on the front door of many a lobby. On the back of each picture she wrote a few words.

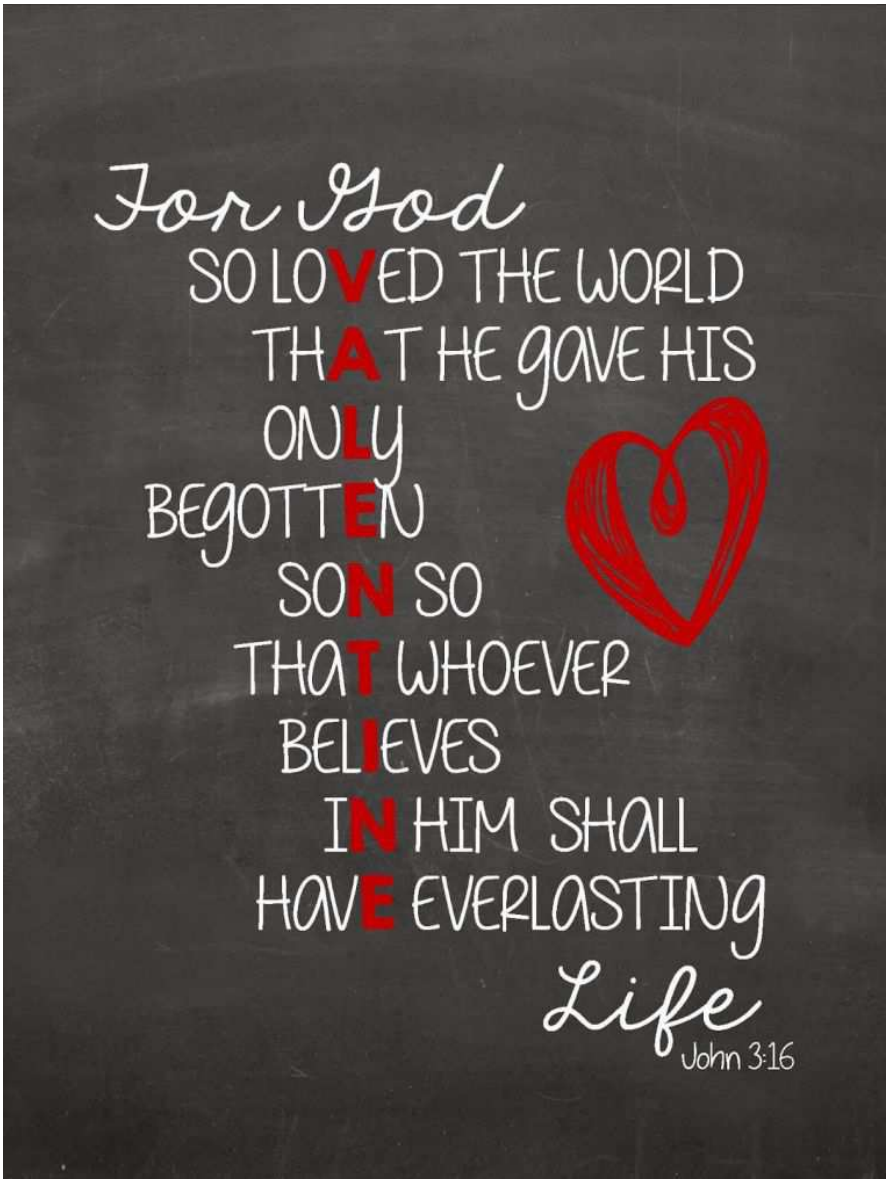
Rio is a big city, filled with many houses of desperation. Soon the money and the pictures ran out and the loving mother had to return home to her familiar little house in her peasant village. One day, drawn by some unknown grace, a broken young woman entered the lobby of a run down hotel, saw a familiar face in a picture on the corner of the bulletin board. She slowly removed the picture and read the words on the back: "No matter what you've done, no matter where you've been, I still love you! Please come home." She did.

God was not content to let us ruin our lives in rebellion. While as God he could have denied us the choice to rebel, he chose instead to give us the opportunity to return. Love without choice is not love, just like a god who would not risk rejection could never be a true Father. So God sent us the ultimate valentine. Jesus came and died on the cross to be that unmistakable message from a loving parent to his rebellious children: "No matter what you've done, no matter where you've been, I still love you! Please come home."

What are you waiting for?

For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son...to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17)

Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

February 14 - Helen McGowan
 Jeff McGowan
February 15 - Morgan Pfeffer
February 17 - Derek Mays
February 19 - Travis Cooper
February 20 - Gabe Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 19 - Bill and Beverly Pruitt

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Cleaning Supplies (non-aerosol) * Furniture Polish * Grape Juice (bottled) * Small Freezer Bags * Spaghetti Sauce * Taco/Burrito Mixes
PICK-UP DATE APRIL 26

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal * Crackers * Canned Spaghetti Sauce * Rice * Dried Beans
Monetary gifts also appreciated

Terrible and Beautiful Things

Fear can leave us frozen. We know all the reasons to be afraid - everything that's hurt us in the past, everything that could easily do so again. So sometimes we're stuck- unable to go back; too afraid to move forward. I just can't do it. I'm not smart enough, strong enough, or brave enough to handle being hurt like that again.

I'm captivated by how author Frederick Buechner describes God's grace: like a gentle voice that says, "Here is the world. Terrible and beautiful things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you."

Terrible things will happen. In our world, hurting people hurt other people, often terribly. Like the psalmist David, we carry our own stories of when evil surrounded us, when, like "ravenous beasts," others wounded us (Psalm 57:4). And so we grieve; we cry out (vv 1-2).

But because God is with us, beautiful things can happen too. As we run to Him with our hurts and fears, we find ourselves carried by a love far greater than anyone's power to harm us (vv 1-3), a love so deep it fills the skies (v 10). Even when disaster rages around us, His love is a solid refuge where our hearts find healing (vv 1,7). Until one day we'll find ourselves awakening to renewed courage, ready to greet the day with a song of His faithfulness (vv 8-10).
Monica LaRose

Attendance for February 7: 90

Contribution for February 7: \$4534

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: **Pauline Allen** remains at Poplar Bluff with COVID and pneumonia but is improving * **Sonny Allen** is now at home and recovering from COVID and pneumonia * **Pam Claeys** is still waiting on test results * **Jerel Jester** got good results from his echocardiogram Tuesday * **Bob Burch**, (Loretta Carson's brother) diagnosed with cancer * **Charles DeBerry** (friend of Gloria Moore) was scheduled for open heart surgery Thursday * Jeanie Robinson's sister-in-law, **Brenda Robinson**, * **Morris Karnes** as he undergoes treatments

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 * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * 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) :

Gina Bogle * Roxanne Carson * Sherry Chambers * Randy Cravens * Bill Fitzpatrick * Jo Carolyn Flowers * Kim Goins * Ronnie Goins * LeAnn Jacques * Tommy Jacques * Pam Jeralds * Holly Johnson * Andy Kelley * Connie Lemmons * Annette Lumsden * Ponna Mahan * Paula Mason * Betty Nicholson * Charles Powell * 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 * Paul Maddox * 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

All Things New

Junkyards intrigue me. I enjoy working on cars, so I frequently make trips to the one near our home. It's a lonely place, where the wind whispers through discarded hulks that were once someone's prized possession. Some were wrecked, some wore out, and others simply outlived their usefulness. As I walk between the rows, a car will sometimes catch my eye, and I'll find myself wondering about the adventures it had during its "lifetime." Like a portal to the past, each has a story to tell - of human hankering after the latest model and the inescapable passage of time.

But I take particular pleasure in finding new life for an old part. Whenever I can take something discarded and give it new life in a restored vehicle, it feels like a small victory against time and decline.

It sometimes makes me think of Christ's words at the end of the Bible: "I am making everything new!" (Rev. 21:5). These words refer to God's renewal of creation, which includes believers. Already, all who've received Jesus are a "new creation" in Him (2 Cor. 5:17).

And one day we'll enter into His promise of unending days with Him (John 14:3). Age and disease will no longer take their toll, and we'll continue the adventure of an eternal lifetime. What stories each of us will have to tell - stories of our Savior's redeeming love and undying faithfulness.
James Banks.

BIBLE PEOPLE PAIRS

Teachers:
The Spring Quarter will begin March 7. New materials will be ordered February 22. If you know what you will need, please give the information to Amy before that date. Thank you!

Try to untangle well-known Bible pairs of people in this unusual word game. Two names have been woven together in each line. Can you separate them? You do not need to change the order of any of the letters. Example: JOMASERPHY - Joseph & Mary

- 1. ADEAVEM: _____
- 2. GODALVIAITDH: _____
- 3. BROUTAHZ: _____
- 4. JESACAOUB: _____
- 5. SIPLAUASL: _____
- 6. DESLAIMSLOANH: _____
- 7. CABAIELN: _____
- 8. ABSRAAHRAHMAH: _____

