



TRUE LIGHT

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

February 28, 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**

BECAUSE YOU KNOW!

God says: There is no race too long, no wall too high, no gap too wide, no shattered thing too broken to strip you of my HOPE

As for you, I'll come with healing, curing the incurable, Because they all gave up on you and dismissed you as hopeless... (Jeremiah 30:17 Message).

Satan:

The key to all this is hopelessness.

If they feel overwhelmed by division, disease, disasters, hatred, if the mountain casts too big of a shadow, they won't know where to start or what to do. They won't know how to fix any one single thing. Everything will feel too shattered. Their whole world will feel splintered into a million tiny shards.

They'll feel **hopeless**.

If they stay isolated and lonely, convinced no one cares about them or feels the way they do, they won't have the energy to dig themselves out of their dark holes because they'll believe no one will be there when they get out.

Then, they'll feel **hopeless**.

Suppose they keep taking what we hand them, stuffing themselves with what we know will leave them empty and drained, these steady diets of counterfeit relationships, counterfeit food, counterfeit love, counterfeit success. In that case, they'll stay insatiable, always striving for the next best thing, always thinking satisfaction is just one ladder rung away.

But eventually, they'll give up. Because they'll feel **hopeless**.

That's the key: hopelessness!

God:

NOPE.

Just bring me the pieces.

Sister, YOU are my child. Brother, YOU are whole, strong, and beloved.

There is no race too long, no wall too high, no gap too wide, no shattered thing too broken to strip you of my **HOPE**. For your **HOPE** is not in flesh and blood, nor in your own abilities.

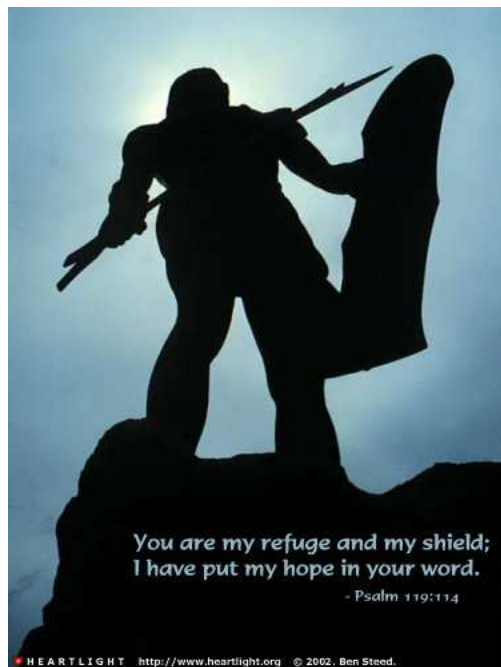
Your **HOPE** is in ME, the God who brings dead things to life, who seals the mouths of lions, who slays giants and brings walls down at the sound of a trumpet, who heals and resurrects and restores and makes all things new.

I've done it over and over and OVER again. YOU KNOW THIS. If I was enough to overcome the world then, why wouldn't I be enough now? Am I not the same today as I was yesterday? And because you know MY power...because you've read about my power...because you've seen my power...because you've proclaimed my power...

You will have **HOPE** in this moment. And because you know MY power lives within you...you will walk in **HOPE** towards the shattered pieces. You will pick them up, one at a time, knowing others are picking up the pieces too, right alongside you.

You can be put back together. You are not alone. You can be filled back up. I will stitch your **HOPE** back together. Just bring me the pieces.

Jordan Harrell, www.heartlight.com



*You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.*

- Psalm 119:114

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

March 2 - Mark Clayton
 March 8 - Esau Forman
 Joy Greer



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

FOR OUR FRIENDS

In Emily Bronte's novel *Wuthering Heights*, a cantankerous man who often quotes the Bible to criticize others is memorably described as "the wearisomest self-righteous Pharisee that ever ransacked a Bible to rake (apply) the promises to himself and fling the curses to his neighbors."

It's a funny line; and it may even bring particular people to mind. But aren't we **all** a bit like this - prone to condemn others' failures while excusing our own?

In Scripture some people amazingly did the exact opposite; they were willing to give up God's promises for them and even be cursed if it would save others. Consider Moses, who said he'd rather be blotted out of God's book than see the Israelites unforgiven (Exodus 32:32). Or Paul, who said he'd choose to be "cut off from Christ" if it meant his people would find Him (Romans 9:3).

As self-righteous as we naturally are, Scripture highlights those who love others more than themselves.

Because ultimately such love points to Jesus. *Greater love has no one than this, Jesus taught, than to lay down one's life for one's friends* (John 15:13). Even before we knew Him, Jesus loved us *to the end* (13:1) - choosing death to give us life.

Now we're invited into the family of God, to love and be loved like this (15:9-12). And as we pour into others Christ's unimaginable love, the world will catch a glimpse of Him.

Monica LaRose

ENGRAVED ON HIS HANDS

In Charles Spurgeon's many years at his London church during the 1800s, he loved to preach on the riches of Isaiah 49:16, which says that God engraves us on the palms of his hands. He said, "Such a text as this is to be preached hundreds of times!" This thought is so precious that we can run over it in our minds again and again.

Spurgeon makes the wonderful connection between this promise of the Lord to His people, the Israelites, and God's Son, Jesus, on the cross as He died for us. Spurgeon asked, "What are these wounds in Your hands?...the engraver's tool was the nail, backed by the hammer. He must be fastened to the Cross, that His people might be truly engraved on the palms of His hands." As God promised to engrave His people on His palms, so Jesus stretched out His arms on the cross, receiving the nails in His hands so we could be free of our sins.

If and when we're tempted to think that God has forgotten us, we only need to look at our palms and remember His promise. God has put indelible marks on His hands for us; He loves us that much.
 Amy Boucher Pye

Attendance for February 21: 107
 Contribution for February 21: \$3511

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Pauline and Sonny Allen have both been moved to Cypress Pointe in Dexter for rehab * **Mike Duley** has been having trouble with his hip and leg and will see a doctor Monday * **Bruce Jeralds** (David Burleson's brother-in-law) had back surgery Tuesday * **Don Jackson** continues to have trouble with his knee, and will be meeting with his doctors to discuss options * **Jerry Don McGowan** remains in the hospital * **Diana Gavel** (friend of Pam Claeys) had part of her tongue removed Tuesday * **Cathy Bennett** (one of our long time food pantry patrons) has been diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer * **Jerry Grimes** (friend of Trish Baldwin) collapsed last week and has been undergoing tests for unexplained blood loss*

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 * 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 * Brenda Robinson * 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

Attention ladies:

Ginger Beaird is collecting money for a gift to be send to Hannah (Dauck) Compton from the Bernie ladies for her upcoming baby shower March 6, to be held in Texas. Hannah and Riley are expecting a baby boy.

Inspiration 2021

March 12-13

Dexter church of Christ

"Living and Defending the Faith"

With guest speaker

Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press

The youth rally is geared for youth ages 5th through 12th grade. There is no cost to attend **NOTE:** All youth younger than 18 who are attending **MUST** have a waiver signed by a parent. There are some copies of the waiver on the table in the foyer. There is more information posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.