



TRUE LIGHT

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

SET FREE

We celebrate freedom. We struggle for freedom. We long for freedom. We search for freedom. We fight for freedom. Many have died and others will die to defend freedom. That is who we are. Freedom is one of our most valued gifts.

God is a God of freedom. He understands our desire for freedom. His desire is for us to live as free people. Consider His words:

Jesus returned to Galilee with the power of the Spirit. News about him spread everywhere. He taught in the Jewish meeting places, and everyone praised him. Jesus went back to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as usual he went to the meeting place on the Sabbath. When he stood up to read from the Scriptures, he was given the book of Isaiah the prophet. He opened it and read,

The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers...

Jesus closed the book, then handed it back to the man in charge and sat down. Everyone in the meeting place looked straight at Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "What you have just heard me read has come true today" (Luke 4:16-21 CEV).

On another occasion, Jesus tells us how to be free:

Jesus told the people who had faith in him, "If you keep on obeying what I have said, you truly are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered, "We are Abraham's children! We have never been anyone's slaves. How can you say we will be set free?"

Jesus replied: "I tell you for certain that anyone who sins is a slave of sin! And slaves don't stay in the family forever, though the Son will always remain in the family. If the Son gives you freedom, you are free! I know that you are from Abraham's family. Yet you want to kill me, because my message isn't really in your hearts" (John 8:31-37).

Then, later Jesus reminds us that He is the truth: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father" (John 14:6).*

The message from Jesus seems clear: "I have come to bring you freedom. Freedom is found in the truth. I am the truth. If you know me, if you follow me, if you obey me, you will be set free."

Freedom is found in knowing Jesus. The truth will set you free. Jesus is truth. Jesus will set you free.

Praise God that in Jesus we can find the truth that sets us free.

Tom Norvell, www.heartlight.com

Happy Independence Day!



July 4, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Sunday School :

9:30 a.m.

Worship:

10:15 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

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**

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS

July 5 - Sam Garner
Vickie McClard
July 7 - Sylvia Mayberry
July 9 - Louella Akers
Chloe Collier



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 7 - Jason and Casey Karnes

CHILDREN'S HOMES NEEDS

Velveeta Cheese * Disinfectant Spray
(i.e. Lysol) * Light Bulbs * Nuts * Toilet
Tissue * Spaghetti Sauce

PICK UP DATE AUGUST 16

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Currently operating on an "as needed" basis.
Prepackaged food and monetary
contributions are always appreciated

Attendance for June 27: 119
Contribution for June 20: \$3766

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: * **LaRhonda Billingsley** had hip replacement surgery Monday * **Mary Barnett** fell Sunday and has some bumps and bruises * **Pam Claeys** remains in St. Louis, waiting for a bed at a skilled nursing facility *

Continue praying for these members of our church family: Louella Akers * Kristi Altman * John David Barnett * David Burleson * Janie Burleson * Pam Claeys * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Patsy (Hardy) Gregg * Grant Howard * Don Jackson * Morris Karnes * Sonja Mays * Curtis McClard * 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) :

Cathy Bennett * 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 * Connie Lemmons * Ponna Mahan * Paula Mason * Betty Nicholson * Keagan Owens * Tammy Telker * Bobby Thornton * Paula Walls

Other health issues (non-congregational):

DeeDee Burch * Mary Burke * Jodi Claeys * Jerry Grimes * TJ Hester * 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

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

Looking Ahead

Our Summer Series Speaker this week will be Kevin Lawrence. There is a list of our upcoming speakers on the table in the foyer

We are in need of 10 pies and 5 cobblers Wednesday, July 14, for session 3 of camp, as well as someone to deliver the pies to camp. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you can help.

A bridal shower for Kalee Howard will be held July 18 at 1:30 in the fellowship room. Kalee and Owen are registered at Amazon and Target. Wal-Mart gift cards also appreciated!

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 18-22. We will need lots of help (and cookies!) There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer for cookies and supplies. Please make plans to be a part of VBS this year.

Summer Youth Series at Green Forest church of Christ August 2.



We rejoice with Brian McGowan in his decision to put on Christ in baptism on June 25. Make sure you take time to speak with Brian and welcome him into our family.

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Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Opening Prayer.....Jon Neely
Scripture.....Sam Garner
Prayer.....Jonathan Simmons
Closing Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Justin Allen
Scripture.....Rodney Williams
Dismissal.....Jerry Burleson

Wednesday, July 7

Song Leader.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Jeff Rodgers

July 11, 2021

Morning Worship:

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....Wayne Reams
Scripture.....Justin Allen
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Closing Prayer.....Rodney Williams

Evening Worship:

Song Leader.....Donnie Ray Brown
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton
Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

FLOURISH AGAIN

Given enough sunlight and water, vibrant wildflowers carpet areas of California such as Antelope Valley and Figueroa Mountain. But what happens when drought strikes? Scientists have discovered that certain wildflowers store large quantities of their seeds underground instead of allowing them to push through the soil and bloom. After the drought, the plants use the seeds they have saved to begin to flourish again.

The ancient Israelites thrived in the land of Egypt, despite harsh conditions. Slave masters forced them to work in fields and make bricks. Ruthless overseers required them to build entire cities for Pharaoh. The king of Egypt even tried to use infanticide to reduce their numbers. However, because God sustained them, "the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread" (Exodus 1:12). Many Bible scholars estimate that the population of Israelite men, women and children grew to two million (or more) during their time in Egypt.

God, who preserved His people *then*, is upholding us *today* as well. He can help us in any environment. We may worry about enduring through another season. But the Bible assures us that God, who "cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and [are gone] tomorrow," can provide for our needs (Matt. 6:30 NLT).
Jennifer Benson Schuldt